

Thursday 21st October 2021

AUTUMN 2021 - WHOLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 7

Ask your child about...

... our assemblies on Black History in the 20th Century, and our visiting poet, TuuP.

... what a harvest is, and why we are collecting for the food bank today!

TOMORROW FRIDAY 22ND

9am - PTA Meeting to plan the Winter Fair in The Shed. All parents and carers welcomed

2pm Year 5 Cross Country Race on the Heath - come along to cheer them on!

3:30pm Breast Cancer Awareness Cake Sale! Whole school to bring cakes in support and please give generously to the collection buckets

WEEK AFTER HALF TERM - MONDAY 1st - FRIDAY 5th NOVEMBER

Monday 1st

8- 8:50am Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Club in the playground

1:30pm Year 6 start their two-week swimming programme at Kentish Town baths

3.30-4.30 Year 1 and 2 Football Club

Tuesday 2nd

8- 8:50am Year 1 and 2 Dodgeball Club

Year 5 trip to London Zoo

1:30pm Year 6 swim

3:30-4:30pm Football Squad training

Wednesday 3rd

8-8:50am Parent-led Basketball Club Years 3-6

Year 3 visit Kensington Palace

1:30pm Year 6 swimming

Thursday 4th

8:30am Dodgeball and Cricket Club for Years 3 and 4

Xanthe the story-teller is visiting Year 2 and 4

1:30pm Year 6 swimming

Friday 5th

8 - 8:50am Year 3-6 Girls Multi-Sports Club

Year 4 visit The Museum of London

1:30pm Year 6 swim

3:30-4:30pm Development football session for Juniors.

Colts do this

NEWS IN BRIEF AND REMINDERS!

Thank you

To all our parents who came to Parents' Evening over the last two days. Staff were appreciative of the chance to meet and talk face to face.

To Beau Hemings in Year 3 for this week's border design.

For the wonderful and generous collection of goods we received this morning for our Harvest Festival! Food Bank Aid are delighted and very grateful. Special thanks to parents Cordelia (Loli) and Francis (Ariella and Rose) for coordinating delivery.

Congratulations

To all the Junior children who ran with enthusiasm and resilience in the cross country races this week. We are so proud of them all. Year 5 are the final year group to race tomorrow – good luck!

Reminder to pay...

We ask that any outstanding debts for dinners, Breakfast Club and Club EP are cleared by the end of each half term. Log into Scopay to check amounts due or contact the school office. Thank you.

Year 6 swimming

After half term it is Year 6's turn to have their daily swimming lessons for two weeks. Children now receive blocks of daily lessons rather than weekly. This is based on evidence that suggests that children learn best through frequent swimming practice, and this is also the most effective way to build water confidence.

Online Safety

Last Friday all of our children had the opportunity to learn about online safety with Mary Rebelo (computing and online safety expert) - ask your child if they can remember any top tips for staying safe online. Mary also led a session for parents and talked through how we can:

- Teach our children to be good digital citizens
- Set up parental controls
- Talk to our children about what they are playing/viewing online
- Have conversations about how we can stay safe online

She shared a Padlet of wonderful resources to support us with online safety - these resources can be accessed here - https://en-gb.padlet.com/m_rebelo/gmnunklwbyz41c5e . We really do recommend taking the time to look through these.

Remembrance Day

As is tradition, we have started to sell poppies building towards Remembrance Day on November 11th. Along with the red poppies, Year 6 will also be selling white poppies for Peace Pledge Union –an option for over 80 years to remember all victims of war and a commitment to peace - and black poppies from Black Poppy Rose, which highlight the contribution of Black African and Caribbean communities within our history of remembrance.

Teaching – the best job in the world!

Are you interested in training to become a teacher – or do you know someone amazing who would make a fantastic teacher? Camden schools, led by Eleanor Palmer, run an outstanding primary teacher training programme which leads to a PGCE qualification with UCL's Institute of Education. Learn to teach in amazing local schools and see what a great place Camden is to train in. This programme brought us our own wonderful Rosie Thomson, Sara Stokes, Sophie Hartnell, Stefan Palejowski and Gemma Stansfield. Recruitment has just launched for entry in September 2022, so to hear about our programme and what we can offer, join one of our Open Mornings at EP -the first one is on Friday 5 November 9.30am-11.30am. To book your place or for more information email Vicky@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk, call her on 020 7485 2155 <https://www.eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk/school-direct/>.

Walk with Amal

Some of our children have learnt about the journey of Little Amal, a 3.5 metre puppet of a young Syrian girl - made by the wonderful Handspring Puppets, the geniuses behind War Horse. Little Amal has been walking the well trodden refugee route from Syria to the UK. She set off months ago, and her journey, The Walk, has been bringing people together in acts of welcome for refugees all along her journey. There are brilliant activities if you want to do more at home - <https://www.walkwithamal.org/education/activity-pack/> .

Little Amal will be walking through London this coming weekend -23-24 October. On Saturday she will be at St Paul's Cathedral and on Sunday in Trafalgar Square. It could be quite magical and a brilliant way to talk through some of the big questions around welcome and migration. More information can be found here - <https://www.walkwithamal.org>.

With best wishes and wishing you all a wonderful half-term!

Sally Hill and Natalie Stevenson.

Co-Headteachers, Eleanor Palmer.

Let's do this!