

How To Train Your Dragon

ELEANOR PALMER WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 3rd March 2022

In assembly this week we've been learning about the following things so do ask your child about...

... **Engineering Leaders Award competition**. We've had lots of entries (and winners!) in the past and we know EP children are great at creating and innovating!

... **World Book Day**. What was different about the day? Which costumes did your children like? Which new books did they try?

Today

We've had a brilliant time celebrating **25th World Book Day**! Thank you so much for your help in creating and organising costumes for your children. There have been some superb creations and we have photos of just a few on the website. Every child comes home today with a **£1 book token** to redeem at your local bookshop. Remember to also take home any discarded wands, cats ears, eye patches and tiger tails!

Tomorrow

The **World Book Day Cake Sale** will be a fundraiser for the EP library. Everyone please donate and buy from the stall, and any helping hands to run it most welcome.

MONDAY 7TH - FRIDAY 11TH MARCH

Monday 7th March

8-8:50am Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball / Gymnastics Club
3:30-4:30pm - Football development for Juniors

Tuesday 8th March

8-8:50am - Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics Club
Year 2 have an Indian Cooking Workshop
3:30-4:30pm Year 3 and 4 Football Squad train. Squad letters home tomorrow.

Wednesday 9th March

8-8:50am - Parent-led Basketball Club Years 3-6.
Year 6 trip to the Jewish Museum
Year 2 have Indian Cooking Workshop
Year 1 trip to see The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment at Cecil Sharp House
Year 3 and 4 - The Place Dance Company workshop in school
6:30-8pm - **BINGO** Night at Eleanor Palmer - see over

Thursday 10th March

8-8:50am - Year 3 and 4 Dodgeball / Gymnastics Club
Year 4 head to The Science Museum

Friday 11th

9am **Shed Talk on healthy sleeping habits** - see over
8-8:50am - Year 3-6 Girls Multi-Sports Club
Year 6 have an Absolute Theatre workshop
3:30-4:30pm - Gymnastics Club - Year 3-6
Year 1 host the Cake Sale

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BINGO Night - Wednesday 9th March 6:30-8pm

Bingo night is a firm favourite in the EP calendar and takes place on Wednesday in the hall. £3 entry buys nine games of BINGO, with cash prizes for each round, leading up to the grand prize of £30. There will be food on sale including pizza, waffles and hotdogs, plus of course a bar and bingo 'blobbers'. **Helping hands needed**, so please do sign up on the noticeboard in the entrance. Eyes down everyone!

Shed Talk on Healthy Sleeping Habits – 9am Friday 11th March

Gill Morris, Camden's Senior health and Wellbeing Advisor, leads a talk on the importance of sleep for ourselves and our children. Practical tips will be shared to help set up a healthy bedtime routines, as well as strategies for managing sleep issues. All welcome.

Thank you

We had a fantastic response to our Newsletter survey and we're extremely pleased that so many of you value these communications. Thank you to everyone who took the time to write detailed responses; we read them all and took lots of your thoughts on board. Overwhelmingly, the response was to keep things as they are at present, but there are a few tweaks we will consider in the coming weeks.

To Gabriella Wiffen in Year 3 for this week's border design.

Bookshop-ing

Miss Thomson would like a group of children to help her choose new books for the library. A book buyer from each class will join her on a trip to The Owl Bookshop, with children chosen for their hard work in reading progression, for their breadth of reading or simply for showing a real passion for books. Congratulations to Jubaiyer in Reception, Erin Year 1, Rawan Year 2, Benji Year 3, Rocky Year 4, Lylah Year 5 and Amelie in Year 6, who will find us some wonderful new books.

Engineering Leaders Award

Every year this national competition encourages children to look at the world around them and find engineered solutions to common problems. The question is posed '**If you were an engineer, what would you do?**' To enter the competition children need to draw their annotated invention and write an accompanying pitch letter to persuade the judging panel why their design should be made. Children will find out more about engineering and watch interviews with engineers next week, and letters with full competition details to follow. The deadline for entry is **Friday 18 March**, but we're encouraging children to get started with thinking about design solutions, and Mr Cairns is keen to hear your ideas. Last year there were 30,000 entries nationally and we've had lots of EP regional winners in the past! Can anyone follow the footsteps of previous winners Zachi in Year 3, Luca in Year 4 and Lila in Year 5?

And whilst thinking of fantastic inventions...

Our amazing solar panels

Some older EP families will remember our fundraising for 115 solar panels back in 2016. These now sit on our roof and continue to do great work both in raising money for school and reducing carbon emissions! Prompted by the latest income statement, we realised that some families may be unaware of the panels or of how to find out about the energy they generate for EP. On the Eco News page of the EP website there is a link to a solar energy monitoring site, and this gives us lots of data about daily, monthly and annual production. <https://www.eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk/school-info/eco-news/> Lots of interest here for discussions around energy, on graphs, and also around meteorology - the sunshine through April 2021 generated more power through the panels than the disappointingly dull skies in August! In school, families can also look out for the monitor box beside the big digital clock outside the hall. This gives live information about instantaneous power, so children can watch the kilowatt number shoot up on sunny days, and fall to 0kw if the panels become snow covered.

These panels have generated nearly £16,000 for the school since installation, so directly support your children's education! Solar production of energy for school has also meant that we've saved 80 tonnes of greenhouse gas CO2 from being released.

See if your child can spot the panels from Lupton St and the playground, and discuss why we might not have them on every roof. We really do have 115 panels and for those keen on counting them, Google maps gives a great view of them all!

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at next week's Bingo night! Have a wonderful weekend.

With best wishes,

Sally Hill and Natalie Stevenson.

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