



ENRICHMENT NEWS

We have had an extremely busy half term, full of trips, visitors, music, dance, sport and school journeys. **All pupils at our school benefit from this enrichment** and the staff at our school believe passionately that these **life-changing opportunities must continue**. As our country enters increasingly hard economic times, and as the cost of living has a very real impact for our families, it is even more essential that our school continues to value and provide this enrichment for everyone.

Year 5 and Year 6 have each had a week-long residential trip this half term, Year 5 to the field centre at **Sayers Croft**, and Year 6 to the farm at **Wick Court**. The children learnt so much, from physical skills, to geography; from being part of a team to taking risks and succeeding! We had news recently that a former EP-er is now studying equine science having loved looking after horses at Wick Court. Life-changing indeed!

Other highlights have been Year 3's two Victorian **immersive history days**, Year 4 beginning a **dance project** with The Place and visiting **Roman Villas**, and Year 2 having an **Indian cookery workshop**.

Children from Year 1 to Year 6 have also begun the **Wellbeing Curriculum** funded by money raised through our fun run. The children have learnt about different emotions and we look forward to seeing the impact of this.

DONATE

Our aim is to raise an annual £100,000 to maintain our EP enrichment and wellbeing programme.



Thank you so much to those families who already donate. £4,700 has been raised since September from families who make regular monthly donations. Added to this we have just received the match funding for the summer fun run, bringing this event total to an amazing £15,000!

We know that it is increasingly hard for many people to donate money in the current climate, but if you *are* able to do so, this is a way of helping all the children in our community by giving our school secure predictable income. **If half our families gave £10 a month this would raise a further £11,000 a year, £25 would mean £27,000.** You can donate one off amounts, or set up a monthly direct debit... just scan the QR code above with your phone camera!

PTA & EVENTS

Thank you so much to all of you... you are the PTA!
Upcoming events are:

- Friday 4th November, 6pm-8pm, **Disco**.
- Monday 21st November, 3:45pm-4:30pm, **PTA AGM**. We will offer Club EP places to enable parents to come. More details to follow in the orange newsletter after half term.
- Friday 2nd December, 3pm-5:30pm, **Winter Fair**.
- Wednesday 14th December, afternoon, **Winter Concert** at Acland Burghley.

YOUR HELP

Helping us by offering time, skills or unwanted items:

- Club EP is looking for a dolls' house and a wooden garage (for small cars) to replace broken ones.
- Nursery and Reception would love any playmobil or play people bundles for small world play. Play food too please!
- Year 2 are looking for a globe for their geography topic. Also any play-doh please.
- We always need cushions - especially big ones - for book corners.
- Year 1 would like a play tent /teepee for their outdoor area.



MATCH FUNDING & GRANTS

Many employers offer schemes to 'match' donations you make to charity - donating pound for pound, a set amount, or for volunteer time. Eleanor Palmer is a Charitable Aid Foundation (CAF), so **donations are tax effective for employers**. Please find out if your employer has a scheme... or suggest one if they don't!

If you read or hear about a grant please let us know. If you have any experience of applying for grants we would really value your time and knowledge to help us make applications for funding.



Thank you to our new PTA collective, pictured above, who are taking the lead this academic year, and who took the time to completely tidy the PTA shed:
Andrea (Helena and Eve), **Francis** (Ariella and Rose), **Arun** (Elsie K) and **Ben** (Elsie M).



Thanks to every parent and carer who bought books at our Book Fair. **We took a record £801.16** which is testament to the rich reading culture in our community - you know how important reading is! - and means we have another £400 Scholastic voucher rewards to spend on books at EP.

Thank you to Eva (Max, Juliet and Scarlett) for inspiring the lost property rack... it's really effective!

Thank you to Steph (Leo) for reading Australian stories to Nursery and to Gayatri (Amrita) who visited Year 1 to tell them all about the festival of Diwali!

Thank you Auntie Hazel (Kamilla and Cassidy) for spider plant donations.

Thank you Lauren (Gabriella and Solomon) for leading French skipping sessions at lunchtime.

Thanks Louise and Sam (Cora) for the donation of a play kitchen for Nursery.

And finally, thank you to everyone who volunteers to come on trips, runs a club, or helps at the cake sale. **All of this Keeps it EP!**

