



March 2024

### Ask your child about...

... the **Life Skills** we learnt about in February: **resilience, kindness, integrity and self-discipline.**



... **assemblies** about **Safer Internet Day, Chinese New Year**, and our **visiting authors Ben Lyttleton** (author of *School of Football*) and **Hannah Lee** (author of *My Hair and The Rapping Princess*) who is visiting EP this coming Monday 4th March.



... **what to spot in nature this March:** the golden blooms of primroses giving nectar to bumblebees and butterflies (Red Admirals, Peacocks and Small Tortoiseshells) emerging from hibernation. Blackbirds in full song, heralding warmer days and evenings.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy month with much to celebrate in both academic and sporting achievements. Our Year 6 team competed and came 4th in the Primary Maths Challenge, an inter-school maths competition in which 21 schools take part. Our Year 4-6 football teams have had a fantastic season. The girls' team won the Camden Football League - unbeaten in all games - and the boys won the borough finals. We need a bigger trophy cabinet! Huge congratulations to the children - and many thanks to the leadership of our coaches and to families for such enthusiastic support. We're delighted also that our wonderful Coach Kadie won an award at Camden Apprentice of the Year - we are very proud.



Over the years we have developed an excellent reputation for the teaching and learning of maths. Because of this and the lead role we play in coordinating primary maths across the borough, we were approached by the **Bill Gates Foundation** who asked if their delegates could visit our school. They were full of praise for our wonderful pupils who impressed the delegates with their love of learning and ability to reason and problem solve.

With just under 4 weeks left of the Spring Term, we have many exciting and important dates for your diary coming up!



### Engineering Awards

Every year EP entrants are finalists in The Primary Engineering Award! The Leaders' Award is a competition open to children to encourage engineering and to respond to the question: *If you were an engineer, what would you do?* There are 48,000 entrants nationally and last year we had regional winners in 5 age groups- amazing! We know that our children are full of creativity and ingenuity so are sure they will have more ideas that are brilliant this year. Entry is open for children from Year 1 upwards and to enter they need to draw and annotate their invention and write a pitch letter to the judges to accompany it. More news in school next week for the children, but it's time to start exploring ideas! The deadline for entry will be **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March.**



### Egg Race!

With thoughts on engineering, the annual EP Great Egg Race will be 22 years old this year! For those new to EP, this is an end of the Spring Term tradition when children build a vehicle to carry a hard-boiled egg to race the length of the hall. It is a definite highlight of the EP year! Full rules of the race are at the end of the newsletter.

Families are welcome to come along to watch - race times are as follows:

**Nursery, Years 1, 3 and 5 race at 9.15am and Reception, 2, 4 and 6 at approximately 10.45am;**

**however, we can't be exact!** There is an adult race in the afternoon so you can get involved too!

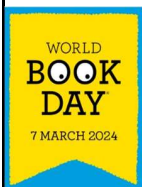
Photos from last year linked for inspiration! <https://www.eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk/news/the-great-ep-egg-race-2023/>

### Royal Academy Young Artists Summer Show

We have registered EP for the RA Young Artists' Exhibition. Competition winners show their work in the online gallery and last year Zavier from Year 3 was chosen to exhibit at the The Royal Academy itself. **The artwork can be made using any medium.** It can be a painting, sculpture, photograph, installation, video, drawing or a combination. Open to ages 4 – 19 years, Email [Sophie@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk](mailto:Sophie@eleanorpalmer.camden.sch.uk) by **Friday 22nd March** to submit. Send with a short description including title, size, and a little about the artwork and why you made it. <https://youngartists.royalacademy.org.uk/>

### Home Zone

Eleanor Palmer is at the centre of our local community and as such, we want to work with and support the Home Zone Team (who represent a collective of local residents). The team has raised the important issue of an increase in cars, often idling for some time, dropping off children in and around the Home Zone, which affects local residents, damages air quality and is a hazard with children walking and crossing these roads. If it is necessary to drive your child to school, please find a designated parking space outside of the Home Zone and turn off your engine.

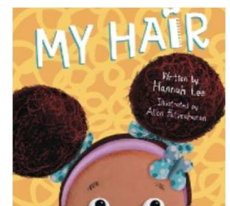


### World Book Day - Thursday 7th March

EP children love reading! To celebrate World Book Day we encourage any children who wish to, to **dress up as a favourite character from a book**. In school we will be taking part in live lessons with authors online, teachers will read stories in different classes for 'story swap', and we will ring a bell throughout the day so that *everyone* in school can 'drop everything and read'! Make sure your children have a great book on the go!

### Hannah Lee author visiting - Monday 4th March

Hannah Lee, author of 'My Hair' and 'The Rapping Princess', will be visiting EP this coming Monday and joining Reception, Year 1 and 2 for workshops. Hannah is the author of 'My Hair', a much-loved book at EP, and 'The Rapping Princess'. She will be signing and selling both books after school - priced at £6 and £7, please bring cash if possible, though a card reader will be available.



### Bingo Night - Thursdays 14th March 6:30pm

One of the most popular dates on the EP calendar, Bingo Night is a wonderfully social evening, great for swift number recognition for little ones and of course the chance to win cash prizes! The PTA will host a bar and snack stall, with Bingo blobbers on sale. Eyes down everyone!

Doors open at 6:25pm and staff will remain on the gate until 6:45pm when the games begin. Please arrive on time. We know these events are very exciting, but ask that children remain seated with their adults for the duration of the games. There will be a break for 20 minutes when children can play in the top playground.

The playground will be closed outside of these times.



## Payments

This is the final month of the financial year and we would be very grateful if we can end the year with outstanding debts for clubs paid. As you will be aware school budgets are tight and funding reduced, so we rely on prompt payments. We heavily subsidise class trips, but ask that families also contribute toward these. Midway through the year only half of our families have contributed, please make payment if you can, we do rely on your payments. These can be made on Scopay <https://www.scopay.com/login> or through the office.

## EP Hoodies and body warmers

You will have seen some EP children (and adults!) wearing EP hoodies. These are optional purchases rather than uniform, but are great quality, Team EP branded and always popular!

We are always keen to provide opportunity for the children to have their say, to understand democracy and be inspired to become changemakers. In Big School Meeting we asked them to exercise their right to vote to choose the new hoodie colour. By posting counters at the voting station, red hoodies and grey hoodies won the majority vote!

For younger children we are also introducing fleeced body warmers. These have arrived and look great!

Both hoodies and body warmers are priced at £15 and available to purchase by cash to the office or through Scopay <https://www.scopay.com/login> This link is on the app and homepage of the website too. Available to pick-up from Monday afterschool.

- **Body warmers £15** sizes 3-4 years, 4-6 years, 6-8 years
- **Hoodies** sizes 5-6, 7-8, 9-11 and 12/13 years



## EP play The Harlem Globetrotters!

In December we had a visit from the Globetrotters, some Year 6 children showed them some skills and drills. This was filmed for Sky's FYI show who have now broadcast the episode. Watch it here!

<https://vimeo.com/918400223?share=copy>

Best wishes,

Natalie Stevenson and Sally Hill





### Important dates for the year

#### Spring Term

- Monday 4th - Friday 15th March - **Year 3 swimming block**
- Thursday 7th March - **World Book Day** - children can dress up as their favourite book character
- Thursday March 14th - **Bingo Night**
- Friday 15th March **CBC planning meeting** after drop-off
- Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th March - **Parent Progress Meetings**
- Thursday March 28th - **Egg Race** and last day of term, school ending 3:30pm



#### Summer Term

- Friday May 17th - **CBC Party**
- Sunday May 19th - Run Kids Run
- Thursday 20th- Friday 21st June - **Year 3 trip to The Mill**
- Thursday 27th- Friday 28th June - **Year 4 go camping**
- Saturday 6th July - **Summer Fair**
- Tuesday July 9th and Thursday 11th - **Parent Progress Meetings**
- Wednesday July 24th - Last day of term ending 1:30pm







## RULES OF THE GREAT EGG RACE

1. The egg-mobile must carry a chicken's egg.
2. The egg must be hard-boiled.
3. The egg-mobile is to be designed and built out of school.
4. As far as possible, the egg-mobile must be made without help from grown-ups.
5. You may work on your own, in a pair, group or family, but the egg-mobile may only be entered for one class race.
6. Each egg-mobile will have an independent run on the course.
7. No mains electricity may be used to power or move your egg mobile.
8. Batteries are allowed.
9. No living creature may be used as an egg-mobile.
10. If the egg-mobile uses its own source of power, it will be released from a slope. If it uses another source of power e.g. air, battery, it will start from a flat surface.
11. Once your egg mobile leaves the start, you may not push it, pull it, control it or re-start it.
12. Please do not use any glass in your design.

Each class has their own race. There are 4 winning categories for each class

- **The most beautifully decorated**
- **The most original design**
- **The greatest distance travelled**
- **The wittiest**

**The judges' decision is final.**

**If you need advice about your egg-mobile or a piece of equipment that you don't have at home, please ask a teacher.**