



ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Thursday 7th February 2013

Dear Families,

Events in school next week: 11th - 15th February:

TOMORROW
Cake Sale hosted by Year 4

Monday 11th

8am Football Club for Key Stage 1

Reception are visiting the CLC for a specialist computer lesson

3.45 Chinese Club

Tuesday 12th

8am Football Club for Key Stage 2

Year 5 are going to the Zoo to look at Amazonian creatures

Cellos today for 3, 4, 5 and 6 not Monday as music room in use Monday.

3.45pm Year 6 Football Club in school.

Wednesday 13th

8am Girls' Football Club

Year 2 are visiting the British Museum

9-11 am in the hall. Parent Gym Week 4 Creche available.

PARENTS EVENING FROM 4.30PM - SEE OVER

Thursday 14th

8am Football Club for Year 3

9am Year 3 are sharing some of their Icelandic work with us in an assembly - everyone welcome!

Friday 15th

Year 2 have a day's visit from Freshwater Theatre all about Greeks.

Year 5 are visiting Shadwell Basin for a workshop on rivers

Cake Sale hosted by Year 5.

Clio's crafty workshop here at school

Saturday 9th February 11am-12pm or 2-3pm

Newspaper crafts!

We'll be making hats, baskets, toys, Valentine's Day decorations and more, all using newspapers from the recycling bin. Most suitable for children over three and not more than three children per adult please.

Places must be booked: www.bookwhen/ampersand

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Thank you

- To Kobi O'Sullivan in Reception for this week's border design
- To Helen Hawker. Arnold's mum, who introduced us to engineer Jeremy King who worked creating structures with Year 1 and 2 last week. A great find - he will definitely be back to work with other classes!
- To Sapphire and Jacqueline, parents who relieved us of the filing cabinets. Recycling is great! I still think we should think of a way to do more through our school community - if anyone has any ideas (a website based solution?) please let me know!

Parents' Evening Wednesday 13th February 4.30-7.30

Timetables are up outside classrooms for appointments to see your child's teacher for an important mid-year review of progress. Please make every effort to find a convenient time as it is so important to meet and talk to teachers in this way. As well as the evening, teachers all offer alternative daytime appointments. Please sign up! We will be phoning parents who have not yet done so from tomorrow.

Football update

Both our boys and girls teams continue to play weekly in the Camden league. Both boys and girls won 2 and lost 2 league football matches this week. Current league tables are yet to be updated but we anticipate boys rising to 7th and girls to 2nd place in their respective leagues.

Well done to all team members and to Tom Gibson who leads them each week. WE think the girls stand a real chance of making the finals. This would be a first!

Changes to Year 6 tests

As from this year, whilst reading and maths tests remain, our Year 6 pupils will not be tested on their ability to construct and create a piece of writing under test conditions. Instead, the end of year test will focus exclusively on spelling and grammar exercises. Whilst this is important, the reality is that schools across the land will prioritise 'teaching to the test' and over time children will do less and less extended writing. Rest assured this won't happen at Eleanor Palmer and we continue to cover a broad curriculum in English as in all subjects.

However, many of our current Year 6 pupils are indignant and a group has started an online petition to Mr Gove asking him to re-consider. Please sign it by following this link (no www):
epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/44952

Sainsburys Vouchers

It's that time of the year again! Please collect as many vouchers as you can and drop them into the office. We use them to buy playground/sports equipment

Remember that half term is the week after next, 18th - 22nd February. School will be closed to children.

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff.