

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2014

Dear Families,

**TONIGHT**

Don't forget to vote in the Local Elections tonight! Please take your children with you.

**TOMORROW**

Cake Sale hosted by Year 6

Our 2014 Day for Change. This year's focus is 'The Right to an Education'; something 57 million children across the world do not have access to. What will your group be learning!? Please come to school in comfy clothing and trainers so that if your group does something active you are dressed for it! Importantly, please remember to bring a donation for UNICEF.....

And UKMT results in assembly too!

We finish for the half term break. Please remember that we have our last INSET day of the year on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June and so children return on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.

Events in school in the first week back after half term, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> June:

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**SCHOOL CLOSED FOR CHILDREN. IT IS THE LAST STAFF INSET DAY OF THE YEAR.**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Year 4 are going to Lords Cricket Ground to watch a day of 20:20 cricket! They will need to bring a packed lunch and a packed tea.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

Years 3 and 6 have a Strings Rehearsal all morning ready for their concert on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> (not Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> as originally planned).

Year 1 head to London Zoo.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 are taking part in the brilliant Junior Citizen Programme at Corams Fields.

Year 2 are visiting the CLC and will head straight to swimming from there!

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**

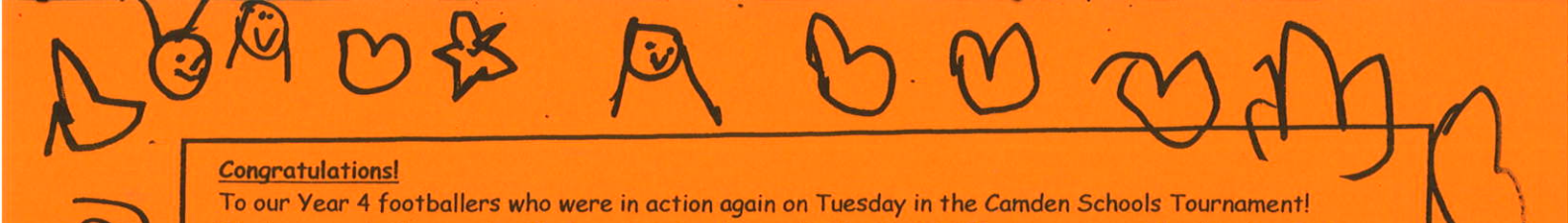
9am PTA meeting in the Shed to discuss Summer Festival.

Acland Burghley staff are visiting EP to meet pupils and staff transferring in September. Parents: please join us at 3pm in the Shed!

Year 2 Cake Sale.

**Thank you!**

To Jessica Dobson in Reception for this week's border design.



### Congratulations!

To our Year 4 footballers who were in action again on Tuesday in the Camden Schools Tournament! The boys made the quarter finals ...and the girls made the finals! After a great match, they lost 0-1 to Gospel Oak. It was a fine performance with some great defensive play and saves. Thanks to Tom Gibson and Coach Martin and all the parents there to support!

### Summer Festival - Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July

Our large and very dynamic PTA Committee is already busy planning this year's Summer Festival - or should I say Carnival - for Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July! We now need more parents to come forward with ideas and offers of help! Please come to an open PTA meeting with me and the committee at 9am on Friday 6 June (first Friday back) in the Shed! Thank you.

### Cleaner Air Community Space

We are very grateful to Camden Council for giving us a grant to transform the previous parking area round the back of our 'Shed' into a lovely Cleaner Air Community Space. As you will have noticed, we have installed planters and seating around the building - the planting is now complete and the area is being really well used by our Infant children. As part of our commitment to cleaner air space we are also taking part in a London-wide air quality control study which is being organised by Imperial College London. One of their MSc students, Vivek Deva, is working with members of our Eco Committee to set up the study. They will be using diffusion tubes around our school site (including in our newly designated Cleaner Air Space), to monitor nitrogen dioxide levels in the air. The experiment begins the first week after half term and Vivek will be leading an assembly on air quality.

### 2014 Day for Change - tomorrow, Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

We have a recently established tradition of ending this half term with a 'Day for Change' inspired by UNICEF. This year, UNICEF are asking us to focus on Article 28, the Right to an Education, and the global focus is on the 57 million children who do not have access to even a basic education.

To focus the children on this huge inequality, we have a big plan! We have organised 14 mystery workshops. Children from Reception to Year 6 will be divided into groups of 15 (at least 2 from each class) along with ALL members of staff and everyone will 'learn something new!' Groups and workshops will be revealed in a 9am assembly, workshops will then happen in the morning - both in and out of school - and in the afternoon we will gather together again to share our learning and to reflect on just how lucky we are to have access to education. And of course we would like children and parents to make donations to UNICEF. So:

- Please make sure your child comes to school in trainers and loose sensible clothes - ideally leggings or tracksuit bottoms (just in case your mystery workshop involves physical activity...)
- Please give them a donation for UNICEF and this really important cause.

It is going to be a brilliant day!

### Quad Kids

This Sunday, from 12-2pm is the next Quad Kids at Parliament Hill Running Track. Registration starts at 11.30. This is a fantastic opportunity to try out a range of athletics sports led by Highgate Harriers. Do give it a go! Contact [highgateharriers@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:highgateharriers@hotmail.co.uk) for more info.

### Half Term Playcentre

P3 are running a half term playscheme at Brookfield school. For more details speak to Ross in playcentre or email [ross.kenworthy@p3charity.org](mailto:ross.kenworthy@p3charity.org)

### 2014 Floor Election

We had a brilliant day last week re-creating a full election. The children's enthusiasm was fantastic - let's hope it lasts into adulthood! There was over 99% turnout. The winning floor was pebbles with 61%; meadows won 30% of the vote and Autumn leaves 8%. Huge thanks to the brilliant Camden Electoral Services Team who made it into a great learning experience, particularly for Year 6. Thanks to you all too, for really entering into the spirit of it all.

So, over the summer, the junior block will be transformed! The floor will include 'puddles' too: patches of the watery floor as outside the office!

Have a lovely half term break,  
With best wishes,

Kate Flood and staff.

