



ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 29<sup>th</sup> February - 4<sup>th</sup> March:

**Tomorrow**

Cake Sale hosted by Year 6.  
 Year 6 visit The Jewish Museum.  
 Nursery visit Kentish Town City Farm.

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February**

An extra day!!! We are very excited that the 2016 Leap Year day falls on a school day!  
 8am Early morning football with parents for Years 1 and 2.  
 8.50am Wake Up Shake Up!  
 French Club after school.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup>**

8am Early morning football with parents for Years 3-6.  
 9am Nursery parents are invited to Stay and Play with their new maths packs.  
 Reception are visiting our local City Farm.  
 Years 1 and 5 buddies go on a Thames Walk.  
 Athletics Festival at Talacre with Coach Martin.  
 Homework Club after school.  
 3.30pm Kate Renna's LAMDA drama workshop in the Shed.

**Weds 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8am Governors' Curriculum Committee.  
 Art Club after school, for Year 1.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8am Governors' Resources Committee.  
 Early morning football for Year 3 with Coach Martin.  
**World Book Day.** Dress up as your favourite book character! See over.  
 Strings rehearsal for Years 3 and 5. Please remember your instrument. This term's Strings Concert will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. All parents welcome.  
 Ukulele Club after school.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>**

8am Girls Ball Skills  
 9am It is our March Stay and Play! Please stay in class from 9-9.30 and join in a classic EP maths game.  
 Year 6 are visiting RAF Hendon.  
 Year 5 are going to London Zoo.  
 Acting Bugs workshop for Nursery.  
 Cake Sale hosted by Reception.

**Thank you!**

To Maeve Salinger in Year 6 for this week's border design.

Well done to our boys' football team who were narrowly knocked out of the Camden football final by goal difference. It's been a great season with lots learnt and clear targets for next! Thanks to our teams, coaches and parent supporters!



**This half term's SOLO (self organised learning opportunity) homework!**

As a staff, we are firm believers in getting to know classic stories, rhymes and poems. Apart from the fun of then remembering it for ever, it is great discipline for memory skills, something which, with modern technologies, is a dying muscle! This half term we have been sharing some of our favourite poets and poems in assembly. For your extended homework, we would like everyone to take on the challenge of learning a poem off by heart! And where might it take you? You could find out about the poet, their culture, history....you might paint something, make something, act out a dialogue. There is so much more! Antonia (Year 4) defined poems as 'songs without music': you could say a song, or perform a rap, which is modern poetry. It doesn't have to be a long poem!

In assembly we have focussed on poets including William Blake, Lewis Carroll, Christopher Logue, AA Milne, Shel Silverstein, Michael Rosen, Robert Louis Stevenson, Alan Ahlberg, Dr Seuss and Roald Dahl. Do ask a teacher if you'd like to learn one of these that you've heard in assembly!

Coming home will be full details from each class including three suggested poems that the children have been introduced to if you'd like an idea. We would like every child to prepare to share their chosen poem in class, in an informal way, on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March. Teachers will then choose two favourite 'acts': one for performance and one for achievement to share in a whole school assembly on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March at 10.20. Parents are welcome to class sharings and/or the whole school gathering!

**Solar Weekend Fun 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> March** 

On Saturday remember to join in Easter Art & Crafts at Greene & Co. estate agents opposite The Forum on Highgate Road (11-3pm). Unfortunately we are not able to have the sponsored walk on Sunday (The Heath aren't allowing any events at the moment). However, we have a fantastic fundraising opportunity for all pupils, friends and family to take part in.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March 8.30-9.30pm is Earth Hour! This is an annual global celebration where people show commitment to the planet by turning off their lights for one hour.

Please get involved in any way you can over the Solar Weekend - get sponsored to turn off lights, have a candlelit dinner (and ask for a donation from your guests), organise an Earth Hour party, stargaze, play board games, screen an environmental documentary - the possibilities are endless! Next week we'll send out sponsorship forms which you can use.

**World Book Day - Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

Children will spend the day developing their love of books and this will culminate in our first **Book-Nic at 3pm**. The Book-Nic is an opportunity for parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles... to join the children to share and listen to favourite stories. Please try and get to school at 3pm, possibly with a book your children enjoy (we have plenty to choose from in school if not), ready to share on the picnic blankets that we will spread out. Help us in our drive to instil a love of reading in our children! As usual, children can come to school dressed as their favourite book character, if you want to embrace this too feel free, it would make the Book-Nic lots of fun!!

**Attendance for we. 12 February**

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
6	100.00	100.00
5	97.67	98.00
4	94.00	98.67
3	98.39	98.71
2	99.68	96.77
1	93.00	98.67
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With best wishes

Kate Frood and staff.