

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016

Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 7 - 11<sup>th</sup> March:

**Tomorrow**

9am 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.  
Cake Sale hosted by Reception.

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March**

8am Early morning football with parents for Years 1 and 2.  
8.50am Wake Up Shake Up!  
French Club.

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>**

8am Early morning football with parents for Years 3-6.  
The London Fire Brigade visit Years 2 and 5.  
The wonderful Ben Haggarty is back, telling fantastic stories to Year 3 and Year 2.  
Homework Club after school.  
3.30pm Kate Renna's LAMDA drama workshop in the Shed.

**Weds 9<sup>th</sup>**

8am Governors' PPC Committee.  
Y2 are visiting the CLC.  
Year 1 and 5 buddies go on their re-scheduled Thames walk.  
Art Club after school, for Year 1.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>**

8am Governors' Staffing Committee.  
Early morning football for Year 3 with Coach Martin.  
Strings Concert by Years 3 and 5 at 2pm. All parents welcome.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup>**

8am Girls Ball Skills  
A one off for Eleanor Palmer - we are hosting a national conference! This means that children are having picnic lunch in their classrooms all prepared by our kitchen! Other than that, we hope the school day will be as usual.  
Cake Sale hosted by the Nursery.

**Thank you!**

To Eben Salinger in Year 3 for this week's border design.

**How are the poems going?**

Children seem very motivated about the poetry challenge! Once the poem is learnt do find out about the poet, or illustrate it or whatever takes your fancy!

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!

**Leaplings!**

I hope your children have been regaling you with facts about Leap Years; the science and history - and about our own special leapling Ross from Playcentre, born on 29<sup>th</sup> February 1964 who therefore celebrated his 13<sup>th</sup> birthday on Monday. We have unearthed a mystery too as our namesake, Eleanor Palmer (a Tudor lady of repute who gave 'Fortys Field to the poor of the parish') died on 29<sup>th</sup> February 1558 (as written on her tombstone at Barnet Parish Church)...but 1558 wasn't a leap year!

### Solar News



We are currently on £10,173. So less than £4000 to meet our target! We'd like to secure contractors for the summer holidays so if you're not one of the 46 families who have already donated, please do! *If the remaining 130 families all gave £30 before the end of this term, we will make it, and in time to secure the best contractors and a guaranteed installation. COME ON!!!!*

On Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 11-3pm remember to join in Easter Art & Crafts at Greene & Co. estate agents opposite The Forum on Highgate Road.

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> 8.30-9.30pm is also 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 - the possibilities are endless! There's a sponsorship form attached to use and adapt for your fundraising (spare forms in school office).

This month it's Waitrose in Holloway who are supporting us through their Community Matters scheme. Please spread the word to drop any green tokens received with shopping into the EP Solar Schools box!

### World Book Day - TODAY

There are some amazingly innovative book character costumes in school today. We'll share some photos on the website soon.

Coming home today is a £1 World Book Day token for every child which entitles you to one FREE £1 World Book Day book OR £1 off a book or audio book from all participating bookshops.

Do use your token - they are valid until 27 March.

### Dates for your diary

Please make a note of **Wednesday 13 April**: a PTA meeting at 7.30pm. At this meeting we will make decisions on possible spends (we didn't have enough detail about proposed playground structures and an external sound systems back in October); we will update parents on our science block project and begin to rally as many parents as possible for our Summer Fair extravaganza (Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July). As always a glass of wine and a chance to meet other parents too!

On **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April** we will have a Shakespeare extravaganza to commemorate the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death: storyteller Xanthe Gresham will involve the children in re-tellings of Pericles, The Winter's Tale and The Merchant of Venice. Parents welcome!

### Any spare football kits?

Local CNJ journalist Dan Carrier is taking them over to South Africa for a junior league that have never played in kit. EP parent Lou Chamberlain is supporting. Please leave in the named box at the entrance or call Lou on 07930630508 for collection.

### Attendance for last week

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
6	95.67	99.33
5	97.67	99.33
4	97.33	98.67
3	100	100
2	97.42	97.42
1	98	99.33
R	94.67	98

### We are still outstanding!

You will find the report from our recent Challenge Partner's Review on the school website. This is our 4<sup>th</sup> such Review since our OfSTED outstanding in October 2011. As new legislation now decrees that outstanding schools will not be re-visited, our governors initiated this annual 'health check' review to ensure we stay on our toes. We are pleased and proud of the report which confirms that all is still well and that we are still meeting 'outstanding' criteria!

With best wishes

Kate Froud and staff.