

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016

Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> March:

**Tomorrow**

Cake Sale hosted by Nursery

A one off for Eleanor Palmer - we are hosting a national conference on developing resilience and growth mindsets in children. 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.

Year 5 and 6 get a special orienteering trip to the Heath with Coach Martin - right clothes and footwear please!

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> March**

8am Early morning football with parents for Years 1 and 2.

8.50am Wake Up Shake Up!

3.30pm French Club.

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup>**

8am Early morning football with parents for Years 3-6.

Year 1 are going on a double decker bus trip around London.

Homework Club after school.

3.30pm Kate Renna's LAMDA drama workshop in the Shed.

**Weds 16<sup>th</sup>**

Art Club after school, for Year 1.

At some point this afternoon, class sharing of poems learnt. We'd love an audience to cheer and clap everyone! Check out in your yellow newsletters for exact times.

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>**

Early morning football for Year 3 with Coach Martin.

Swimming Trials for Years 3-6! Anyone wishing to try out for the 2016 EP team must bring swimming stuff today!

At 3.30pm and repeated at 6.30pm, a meeting for Year 6 parents about the new end of primary assessments starting this year.

3.30pm Ukulele Club.

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>**

8am Girls' Ball Skills

Solar Cake Sale. Everyone is invited to make solar/sunny/yellow cakes to help our fund-raising!

10.20 A whole school sharing of some of the poems learnt by heart. Each teacher will choose two children. Parents very welcome. It will be an informal sharing event.

**Thank you!**

To Malachy Salinger in Year 2 for this week's border design.

**The 14<sup>th</sup> Great Eleanor Palmer Egg Race**

Attached are the rules, revised to include 'eggs must not be blown!' We have talked about these rules in assembly and I hope the children understand. This is one of the favourite events in the EP calendar and not to be missed! It all takes place on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March**, also Maundy Thursday and the last day of this all-too-short term. Nursery, Years 1, 3 and 5 race at 9.15am and Reception, 2, 4 and 6 at approximately 10.45am; like the X Factor however, we can't be exact!

**Help tidy up your neighbourhood!**

The Home Zone Neighbourhood Association and Friends of St Benet's Garden will come together this Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March (10 am - 12 noon) to do a spring tidy-up. Please do join in for some weeding and planting. We will be planting an apple tree in St Benet's Garden at 11 am in memory of John Romer, an ex-EP parent, who did a great deal for our school and community. Contact Clío Whittaker on 07884-265518 for more information.

### Solar News



Thanks to the 3 families who donated after last week's shout out, and to Waitrose Camden Town whose green counter collection raised just over £300, we are now on £10,649. So just £3,351 to meet our target! We'd like to secure contractors for the summer holidays so if you're not one of the 49 families who have already donated, please do! *If the remaining 127 families all gave £26 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> from 11-3pm remember to join in Easter Art & Crafts at Greene & Co. estate agents opposite The Forum on Highgate Road. That night between 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- get sponsored to turn off lights, organise an Earth Hour party, stargaze, play board games - the possibilities are endless!

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!

### Well done mathematicians!

What a week for EP female mathematicians - and on International Women's Day to boot! Our team of Bibi, Eve, Lily and Ava from Year 5, entering a girls only Year 5 and 6 Camden Maths Challenge finished a very good 5<sup>th</sup> out of 24. Congratulations to them all!

And we heard that Alice in Year 6 attained a bronze in the national bonus round of the National Primary Maths Challenge. Over 90% of medal winners were from selective prep and international schools. If the ratio of entries to those who made the finals is the same as previous years, this puts Alice in the top 0.67% of the 80,000 who entered. Wow! We are very proud!

### Sports Relief

Coach Martin will be running fitness circuit sessions in PE next week and asks children to wear red for their PE lessons to show their support for Sports Relief. PE will be for Year 5 and Reception on Monday, Years 2 and 4 on Tuesday, Year 1 on Thursday and Years 3 and 6 on Friday.

### Little Stars - Kentish Town Community Centre

The Little Stars drop in for under 5's at KTCC is under threat due to a withdrawal of local council funding. It has provided an invaluable service to our community for 10 years and KTCC is asking for any help the local community can give. More information or to donate go to [bit.ly/1U800sp](http://bit.ly/1U800sp)

### Head lice

We have parents in several classes reporting head lice recently. Please help stop these pests from spreading by always tying up long hair in school; treating head lice promptly on detection (Hedrin seems effective) and letting the school office know so that we can text all parents in class to check heads and treat too.

### Dates for your diary

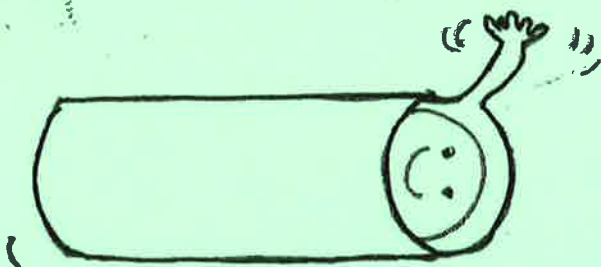
Please make a note of **Wednesday 13 April**: a PTA mtg @ 7.30pm. At this meeting we will make decisions on possible spends (we didn't have enough detail about proposed playground structures and an external sound systems back in October); we will update parents on our science block project and begin 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!

### Attendance for last week - this has been Year 3's term!

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
6	97.67	99.33
5	97.33	98
4	98.33	96
3	99.33	99.33
2	89.68	99.33
1	98.67	90
R	91.67	97.33

With best wishes,  
Kate Frood and staff.



## RULES OF THE GREAT EGG RACE

1. The egg-mobile must carry a chicken's egg.
2. The egg must be hard boiled and must not be a blown egg.
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.
11. Please do not use any glass in your design.
12. Each class has their own race. There are 3 winning categories for each class :

- The most beautifully decorated
- The most original design (for how it moves)
- The greatest distance travelled
- The wittiest

13. 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.

GOOD LUCK! GOOD LUCK! GOOD LUCK! GOOD LUCK! GOOD LUCK!

