

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 9th - 16th May

TOMORROW

Stay and Play in classrooms after drop off. Join your child for a classic EP maths game!

Cake Sale hosted by Year 5.

It is Natalie Stevenson's last day before she starts her maternity leave. How we will miss her! Her commitment to EP, energy and capacity for sheer hard work are amazing. We wish her all the best.

Year 6 have a week of end of primary national assessment tests all next week. School is open for breakfast, chat and relaxation time every day from 8.30am. Being on time makes for a calm and confident start. The traditional EP Dairy Milk will be available throughout each test - and do bring your own water! This weekend, what matters most is to relax, get lots of sleep and enjoy the warm weather.

Monday 9th

8am Early morning football for Years 1-2.
Ice Cream Monday after school!

Tuesday 10th

8am Early morning football for Years 3-6.
It's the Camden football tournament for Years 3 and 4! Behind the Lido on the Heath and pick up from the Heath at 4.50pm. Supporters welcomed!

Wednesday 11th

3.30pm Art Club.
6.30pm Harmony Singers.

Thursday 12th

8am Year 2's early morning football with Coach Martin.
Nursery are visiting Kew Gardens.
3.30pm Ukulele Club.

Friday 13th

Cake Sale hosted by Year 6.
Reception and Year 6 buddies head to the Heath.
Year 4 are visiting the CLC.

Thank you!

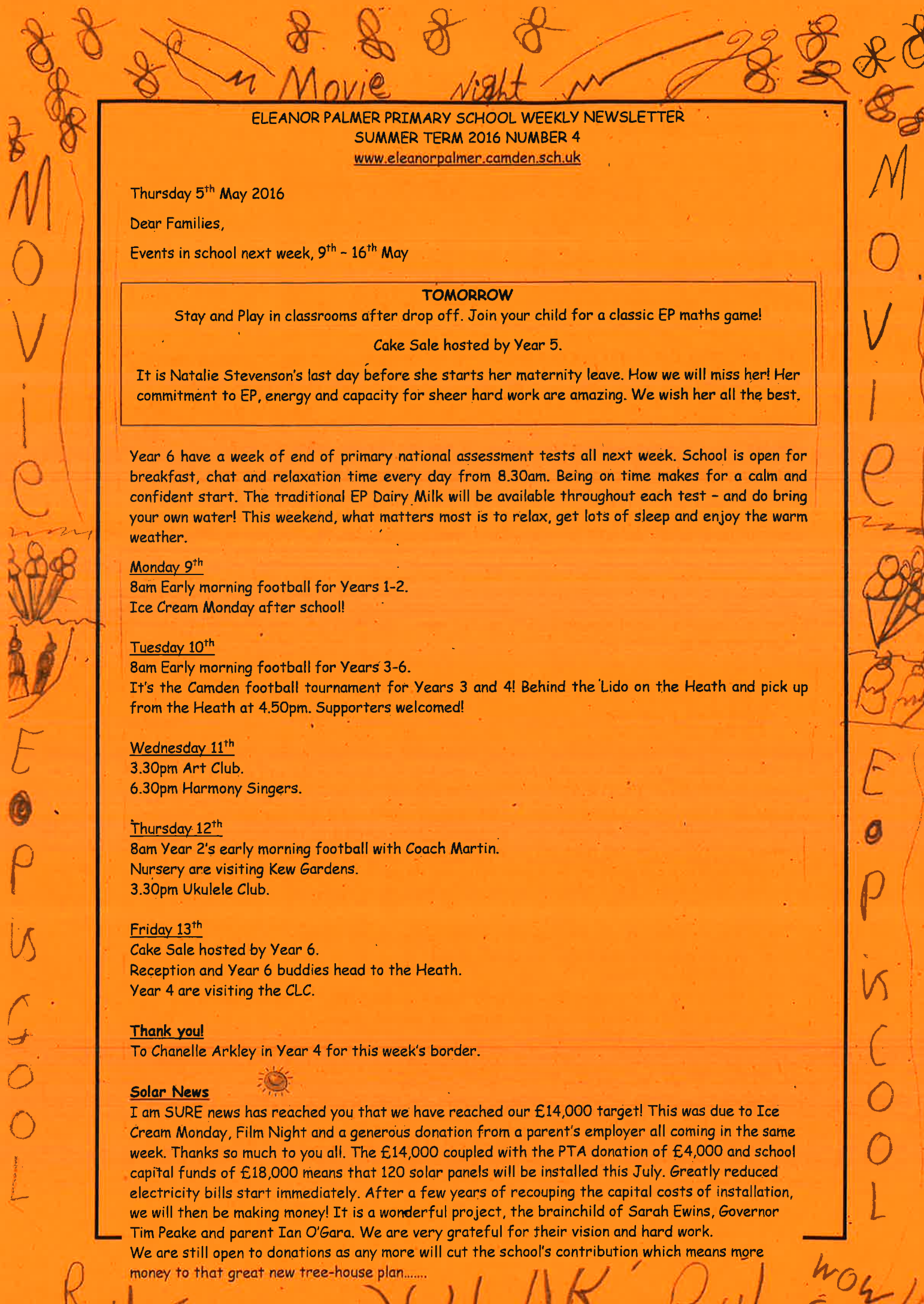
To Chanelle Arkley in Year 4 for this week's border.

Solar News



I am SURE news has reached you that we have reached our £14,000 target! This was due to Ice Cream Monday, Film Night and a generous donation from a parent's employer all coming in the same week. Thanks so much to you all. The £14,000 coupled with the PTA donation of £4,000 and school capital funds of £18,000 means that 120 solar panels will be installed this July. Greatly reduced electricity bills start immediately. After a few years of recouping the capital costs of installation, we will then be making money! It is a wonderful project, the brainchild of Sarah Ewins, Governor Tim Peake and parent Ian O'Gara. We are very grateful for their vision and hard work.

We are still open to donations as any more will cut the school's contribution which means more money to that great new tree-house plan.....



Attendance for last week

Class	Attendance %	Punctuality %
6	100	100
5	99	98.67
4	98.67	97.33
3	98.06	99.35
2	95.48	96.77
1	94.33	98.67
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"Not everything that counts can be counted, and not everything that can be counted counts"

Well said by Einstein and so very true of our work in school with young children particularly in light of the current debate about testing. At Eleanor Palmer our core aim is to instill in all children a love of learning and a desire to go on learning. I think we do this well! But no one has worked out how to assess rampant enthusiasm for ducklings or how to grade generosity of spirit.

However, we also have an aim to give all children the necessary tools and attitudes to equip them to succeed and have choices in life. If we don't aim high, and get this right - times tables, correct grammar, how to write a letter, how to revise, how to move forward from errors - we wouldn't be doing our job properly. So at EP we take national assessments seriously but as ever, make it fun and collaborative at every turn and try so hard to keep contexts real and engaging. We have been really encouraged by children's attitudes in this revision period: it all bodes well for GCSEs and beyond!

When this season's 'special quizzes' are over, we will have a Shed Talk about assessment and let parents see the standards set.



Rosh Keegan - ex EP parent - is raising funds in memory of her daughter Ani who died from Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA) on 17th October 2002 whilst at Camden School for Girls. With the support from Hand on Heart Charity Rosh is aiming to raise enough funds in the first instance to make Ani's school and 6 others Heart Safe by providing each school with a defibrillator and training. We are lucky enough to be one of the 6 schools! This means that we will have a defibrillator on site and staff will be trained in its use. As part of her fund-raising campaign, Rosh is hosting an event at Camden School for Girls on Saturday the 11th June The event includes:

- Three course Indian vegetarian supper with a complimentary drink
- Bar serving, wine, Indian beers and soft drinks
- Special guest speakers
- Professional auction of established artists work (Eileen Cooper, Ralph Steadman)
- Silent auction of goodies from local businesses and individuals
- Live musical entertainment

Tickets are available through the link on the JustGiving page
<https://www.justgiving.com/Rosh-Keegan> or contact Rosh on 07941022612.

It would be great if Eleanor Palmer parents could get on board and support this life saving cause.

With best wishes,
Kate Froud and staff.

Movie Night
MOVIE
E.P.S. SCHOOL
Ruler WOW!! SOLAR Ruler WOW!!