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ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Families,

TOMORROW

It comes round so fast - it's Stay and Play again! Please stay at 9am and join in a favourite EP maths game.

Cake Sale hosted by Reception.

Nursery are visiting the CLC.

Events next week, 6th - 10th March:

Monday 6th

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2.

We have visits from engineers this week to stimulate children's interest in this exciting and vital career and hopefully inspire some entries for Young Engineer of the Year!!

3.30pm French Club.

Tuesday 7th

8am Early morning football for Years 3-6.

9 - 10am Sally Hill will lead a Shed Talk for Parents on learning to read. What's the journey to becoming a reader? How can you help? How do children learn to read?

Year 5 are going to London Zoo.

Homework Club after school.

3.30pm Drama Club.

Wednesday 8th

8am Governors' PPC Committee

Extended homework is due in!

Year 1 are visiting the Skip Garden, at Kings Cross after lunch.

The wonderful storyteller Ben Haggarty is visiting Years 3 and 5.

3.30pm Mandarin Club meets in Year 5.

Tasty Tuckshop after school!

Thursday 9th

8am Coach Martin's early morning football club is for Years 3-5 this term.

8am Governors' Staffing Committee.

Year 1 are visiting the library.

Reception open classroom from 3.10pm.

Choir after school.

Friday 10th

8am Girls Sports Club with Coach Martin.

Years 5 and 1 are having a joint trip walking a section of the River Thames.

Cake Sale hosted by Nursery.

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World Book Day

We had a great day today! We say it all the time, but the greatest start to being a great reader and writer (and thus to succeed at school) is to chat, to be read to and to read! Don't stop once your child can read!!

EP is a school where children and teachers love books and there is a real reading culture. Teachers are meeting after school today, as we often do, to share new titles.

Children will each bring home a £1 World Book Day voucher today. These can be swapped for a £1 World Book Day book or used as a £1 discount voucher on any book or audiobook. The voucher is valid until 26th March.

Thanks to London Residential for their £250 donation. It has already been spent on new books! Congratulations to these children, chosen as reading superstars to help spend the money: Lexi-Jai in Nursery, Tommy in Reception, Arlo in Year 1, Esmee in Year 2, Reece in Year 3, Kaylen in Year 4, Che Year 5 and Kyrrah in Year 6.

Ben Osborne talk

A reminder that wildlife photographer Ben Osborne is in school on Thursday 16th March talking with Year 2 and he will then stay on in the evening to talk to older children and parents at 7pm, about his career in wildlife photography including his work at the BBC with the David Attenborough series. He is a great speaker so do make a note of the date! Ben is currently in Antarctica and has sent us an exclusive video - see our website!

Hard luck

To our boys' football team who didn't progress beyond the semi-finals. A great effort by all and lots learnt.

School funding

The government are consulting on a new formula for funding schools. Their proposals will mean that nearly all schools in London will have their funding reduced. For Camden this will mean losing some £3.5million. This cut would be on top of an 8% reduction in spending resulting from a 'flat cash' settlement for schools which cannot keep up with increasing costs of pensions, insurance and salaries. Meanwhile £2 billion is set aside for purchasing land and buildings for free schools...

The Association of London Councils has estimated that Camden will lose £471 per pupil in real term funding by 2019. As a small and relatively advantaged school (thus receiving less budget), this will have a profound effect on all that Eleanor Palmer can offer.

Parents in a number of London boroughs have come together to oppose these cuts and form a new campaign 'Fair Funding For All Schools'. The website includes guides to the consultation, model letters to MPs and other resources. www.fairfundingforallschools.org

The voice of parents in this campaign will be very important. I do hope you will visit the website and voice your opposition to the scale of these cuts to London (Camden) schools. In the coming months we will begin to get a better sense of the impact both next year and into the future for Eleanor Palmer. To preserve all that we hold dear, your support for school events, wider fund-raising and campaigning is truly needed, now more than ever.

With best wishes

Kate Frood and staff

The Next Pomegranian Event!