

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Thursday 9th March 2017

Dear Families,

TOMORROW

Year 5 and Year 1, linking their topic and their reading buddies, are doing a Thames Walk together.

Cake Sale hosted by Nursery.

Events next week, 13th - 17th March:

Monday 13th

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2.
Year 3 are visiting the CLC.
3.30pm French Club.

Tuesday 14th

8am Early morning football for Years 3-6.
Homework Club after school.
Reception are going to the Natural History Museum.
Our Choir are performing in a Camden Choir Festival! Good luck to them all. As well as singing along with 7 other schools, they will perform a song written by our own Laura!
3.30pm Drama Club.

Wednesday 15th

3.30pm Mandarin Club meets in Year 5.
Tasty Tuckshop after school!

Thursday 16th

8am Coach Martin's early morning football club is for Years 3-5 this term.
Strings rehearsals for Years 3 and 5 and then a concert at 2pm. All parents welcome!
At 7pm join us to be transported to wild and wonderful places with wildlife photographer Ben Osborne. The title of his talk will be "WILD: Life and Lands" and he will share photographs (on our huge hall screen) and tales from his travels around the world. It's suitable for adults and children but will require sitting and listening! We anticipate two 50 minute sessions punctuated by a break and a bar. Ben has visited us twice before and everyone loves it!

Friday 17th

8am Girls Sports Club with Coach Martin.
Nursery are visiting the Natural History Museum.

Thank you

To Keira Habenicht in Year 1 for this week's border design.



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Challenge Partners report

If you would like to read the outcome of our recent school review it is on our website under 'OfSTED'. Follow that link and click 'Challenge Partners 2017'. We are very proud.

Solar Campaign

Year 4 and Sarah Ewins have been busy doing their bit to reverse a ridiculous piece of legislation which means an increase in our business rate *because we have solar panels*. This is bad enough, but discovering that private schools, free schools and academies that have solar panels are exempt because of their charitable status is the last straw. We have had articles in the Times and in The Guardian online and Sarah starred on Channel 4 news last night!! We have worked with Greenpeace and Solar Schools to petition the government. See the link on our website to watch the C4 news piece and sign the petition to protest!

Times Tables Spring Slam

We have had all four rounds. Our borough final positions are:

Year 3 - 7th

Year 4 - 5th

Year 5 - 2nd

Year 6 - 2nd

So all four classes have made the finals (the top 10)!! That is a team effort so well done to all children.

The next stage is for us to find just one child per year group to represent EP at the final on 24th March. Congratulations to these children who scored 100% on at least one round (in Years 5 and 6 it had to be on the super hard rounds 3 and 4) and who thus go on to the knockout stage next week.

Year 3 - Laurie, Zion, Tom.

Year 4 - Ned, Sam, Molly-Rose, Scarlett, Assia, Iyaad, Lyla, Mabel, Lily-Grace, Kobi, Django, Jack and Eben.

Year 5 - Alice R, Beth, Abigail, Taha, Lilybet, Rafi, Sam, Ben.

Year 6 - Maceo, Bela, Sandro, Ava, Kyrah, Bibi, Theo, Sean, Izzy, Maggie, Lily, Ewan, Rosalie, Eve, Riyadh, Evie, Raffy and Honor.

Young Engineer Project

Years 3 to 6 were inspired by visits from three engineers this week. What an amazing career with so much opportunity to create, to problem solve, to work in teams and to combine maths, science and art. All junior classes have received details of the Young Engineer Award: children are invited to write a pitch letter and to sketch out a design for something that they think would solve a problem, at home, at school or in the wider world. We would LOVE some EP entries!!! Teachers are ready and willing to help.

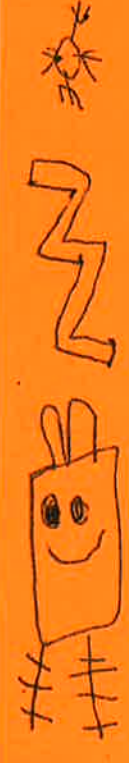
Egg Race

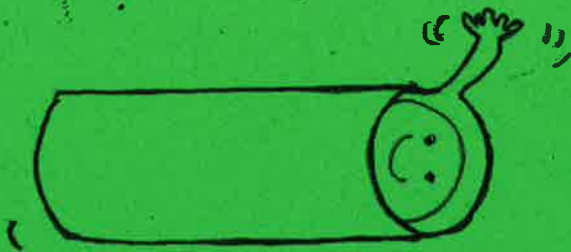
Talking of engineering, it is time for the 15th Annual Eleanor Palmer Egg Race. Attached are the rules. We have talked about these rules in class and I hope the children understand. This is one of the favourite events in the EP calendar and not to be missed! It all takes place on **Friday 31st March**, also 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! New parents - do ask Sophie and Helen if you want more details about this EP tradition.

☺ With best wishes
Kate Frood and staff



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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!

