

ELEANOR PALMER

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Thursday 22nd February 2018

Dear Families,

TOMORROW

Cake Sale hosted by Year 6.

Year 3 have a Soil Science Workshop at the Heath.

Year 2 are off to a STEAM Workshop at Regent High School. A jam-packed day of science, technology, art engineering and maths activities! We are building up to the Lab opening!

Events in school next week, 26th February - 2nd March:

Monday 26th

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2.

Dance for Years 4 and 6.

Tuesday 27th

8am Early morning football for Years 3-6.

8am Running Club.

Year 1 have an Egyptian Theatre Workshop in school.

Nursery are visiting City Farm in the morning and Reception visit after lunch.

Coach Martin takes our boys' squad to the Camden Football Finals! 8 teams made it. First match is at 10am. If you're free to support at Talacre please come!

9am Shed Talk! Natalie Stevenson will share with parents the principles of teaching for mastery in maths, an approach we take at EP. Well worth attending!

We welcome engineer Helen Hawker in school to enthuse the children's ideas for this year's Young Engineer Award. Helen will meet Years 1, 2, 3 and 5 with another engineer visiting Years 4 and 6 next week.

3.45 Chess Club, Homework Club and Football Squad Practice.

6.30pm Film Night - see over.

Wednesday 28th

Year 6 have their first cluster rehearsal for the Royal Albert Hall concert. The actual event is on Monday March 12th. Year 6 parents will have a letter home next week about tickets. As ever we are after more for you as the official allocation is always just one ticket per family. We've never failed in the past!!

I am away for 3 days reviewing a school in Blackpool.

Thursday 1st

Year 3 and 4 football Club with Coach Martin

It's World Book Day! See over.

Strings rehearsal today for Years 3 and 5, please bring instruments in to school. The Concert is on Wednesday 14th March at 2pm.

3.45 Chess Club for Years 3 and 4.

Friday 2nd

8am girls' multi-sports club with Coach Martin

It's come round again! Stay and Play at 9am.

Cake Sale hosted by Reception.

Thank you!

To Sasha Hayling in Year 1 for this week's border design.

Young Engineers Project

Over the next two weeks Infants and Juniors will have visits from engineers talking about their careers and how they combine maths, science and art to create and problem solve. We hope that these will provide inspiration to the children to enter the Young Engineers Award. To enter the children will be asked to write a pitch letter and sketch out a design for something that they think will solve a problem, big or small. We had an amazing number of entries last year with 8 making the final exhibition! Look out for more details coming home soon on how to enter.

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World Book Day Thursday 1st

There will be lots of fun events going on in school and, as is traditional, all children and grown ups are encouraged to dress up as their favourite book character!

We will be holding a Book Swap after school - bring along a book that you no longer want and take away a new read! We have had some lovely donations so far - do please drop in any unwanted books at the entrance to school to add to our growing collection.

Well done to everyone who has entered our writing competition with a short story or poem inspired by their reading. The deadline is this Friday 23rd so get those submissions in to Miss T to be in with a chance to win a prize!

Throughout the week we will be looking for 'extreme reading' - any photos of you reading in amazing places will be posted to the school website!

Film Night for World Book Day - Tuesday 27th

Would you like some child-free time?! All children from Years 1-6 are welcome to our fund-raising Film Night for new books and World Book Day prizes. We will be showing Fantastic Mr Fox (certificate PG). Tickets will be £4 each for one child; £6 for two (same family) and £8 for three children. You need to book your 'seats' in advance and pay by end of school on Monday - cash only. Just bring it to the office or send in a sealed named envelope. **Places will be limited so book asap!** Drop off is at 6.30 and pick up at 8pm, milk and cookies provided. PJs, onesies and cushions positively encouraged.

Congratulations!

We are very proud that Najiyah Rahman from Year 6 has been chosen as one of 3 soloists at the Camden Music Festival! She will sing to an audience of over 2000 at the Royal Albert Hall! Year 6, their parents and some staff will be there too.

Well done to Year 6 who lead their year group in the Camden times tables Spring Slam after 2 rounds! Year 5 are in 2nd place, Year 4 in 5th place and Year 3 in 2nd place. The top 10 schools make the finals! It's looking good. Round 3 moves into empty boxes ($\square \times 9 = 72$) inverse facts ($24 \div 4 =$) and application to place value ($30 \times 4 =$). Keep practising!

Violin and cello concert - support our talented teachers!

Our violin teacher Jane Gillie is holding a concert this Sunday 25th February at 4pm. Playing her violin with cellist Helen Liebman, they will accompany an exhibition, The Creation of a New Violin by Tibor Szemmelweis. The concert will take place at Saint Mary's Brookfield, Dartmouth Park Road NW5 1SL. Admission is free but donations will be collected for the British Red Cross and European Refugee Crisis appeal.

International Evening 6.30-8.30pm Wednesday 7th March

Only two weeks to our International Evening - another chance for everyone at EP to come together - and lots of preparations are underway. As always we need helpers to make the party happen! Please sign up on the noticeboard in the entrance if you can help with face painting, henna, selling bracelets or serving on the food counter or bar. Help is also needed setting up and tidying at the end. We hope to have the usual fantastic spread of food so please sign up too if you can bring along a dish. We'd love those who can, to dress in their national costume or simply to borrow something international!

In addition to the food and activities we will have music and dancing led by B-Better dance company. All proceeds will be going to the charity Street Child. Please do sign up to lend a hand!

Apologies!

We are so sorry about the water crisis at the start of term. Minor asbestos removal works in our upstairs boiler room took place over half term and the workmen accidentally broke a mains water pipe. Thanks to all the staff for their positive and resourceful attitude on Monday morning and to Danny who had to manage the leaks etc. Thanks to all of you for getting packed lunches together at the 11th hour. It felt like a real celebration of our community spirit. EP never closes!

And please buck the trend!

Research released today (Nelson: understanding the children's book consumer) finds that only 51% of pre-school children now have a bedtime story. This, along with lots of chat, is **THE** best start you can give your child's literacy development. Please make time for this vital routine every day.

With best wishes, Kate Frood and staff