

WICK COURSE 28th

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Dear Families,

Please keep those trip slips and donations coming in. TRIP SLIPS MUST BE BACK BEFORE YOUR CHILD CAN GO - and that is tomorrow for Year 3. We have already had to postpone a Year 1 outing due to insufficient slips returned.

After school today

The Camden Event at Haverstock School, from 4 to 6.30pm where all our secondary schools will be present to talk in detail about what they offer. This is open to all interested parents.

Tomorrow

Year 3 are off to the Ragged School!

Cake Sale hosted by Y2.

Events in school next week, 24th - 28th September:

Monday 24th

8am Football for Years 1-2. With thanks to our parent volunteers.
Acland Burghley Open Morning 9-10.30am.

Tuesday 25th

8am Football for Years 3-6. With thanks to our parent volunteers.
8am Cross Country training! Join Coach Martin (and parent volunteers please!) on an early morning jog to the Heath; training for the Camden Cross Country on the 28th.

9am Sara Creasy, the Headteacher of Parliament Hill, will be giving a Shed Talk.
Acland Burghley Open Morning 9-10.30am.

3.45 Science Club starts, this term for Year 3.

We have our PTA (Parents' Association) AGM at 7pm. This is both a formal occasion - summary of the year, financial summary, election of officers - and a chance to meet with other parents and find out how you get involved. A particular invitation to our many new parents in Nursery and Reception. Whilst having a lovely time getting us together for many occasions (fairs, the disco, BINGO...) our PTA raises over £14,000 along the way! This money always goes to 'extras' that help to make our school special.

Wednesday 26th

Acland Burghley Open Morning 9-10.30am.
Acland Burghley Open Evening 6-8pm.

Thursday 27th

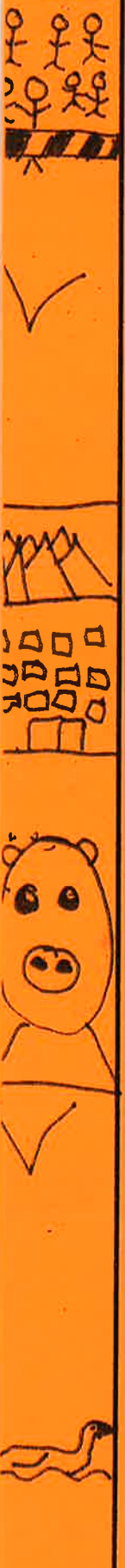
8am Ball Skills Club for Years 1 and 2 with Coach Martin.
Acland Burghley Open Morning 9-10.30am.
La Sainte Union Open Evening from 4-7pm.
Parliament Hill Open Evening from 5-7.30pm.

Friday 28th

8am Girls Sports Club with Coach Martin - cancelled due to Wick Court.
Year 6 leave for their amazing 7 day residential to Wick Court, a working organic farm in Gloucestershire where they live in an Elizabethan manor house.

The Camden Schools Cross Country! It is on the Heath all morning. Traditionally all our junior classes give this a go!

Cake Sale for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please can everyone bake and buy!



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Big ideas

In assembly, we are looking at key concepts that link children's learning journey; this term in history, next in geography and in the summer in science. We started with the word CIVILISATION. Can your child remember the 5 things that define a civilisation and name any ancient ones?!

Email nightmares and apologies

Term has started for us with a really tricky problem with our emails. Almost all of them were being blocked by our server and we have been totally unaware as we are able to send emails, and receive internal ones. There is no logic to who has been blocked; it is only affecting our school and there is a large service team working on it. It has meant parents' emails have been blocked. In the interim we have to follow a painfully slow email by email unblocking process each morning. Apologies therefore, on behalf of all staff if you haven't had the usual speedy response from EP staff. **If it's urgent do please call or speak to a teacher in person.**

Staff absence

EP staff are never sick! The current average is less than a day a year (the education average is 7). However we do allow staff to attend professional development training which is key, and many of our staff work to support other schools as part of our Teaching School work. In addition, all staff want to join our amazing residential trips and I have to manage turn-taking!

If your teacher has a training and development commitment, we always, in the first instance, use a known teacher to cover but occasionally there will be a supply teacher. Our lovely support staff are always a consistent presence who know the children well and these occasional days always go smoothly. This year Miss Mac (Year 3) gets to accompany Year 6 to Wick Court. In the main Mr G will cover the class. I know they will work closely ensure the week goes well.

And well done to the children (and parents) too. For the 3rd year running EP tops the Camden league for attendance!!!! We had a special visit to work out our secret because Camden as a borough are bottom in London. These early habits - of good school attendance and managing minor aches and pains - are so vital for a lifelong positive attitude to work. Well done everyone!

Our Lab - exciting times!

In addition to classes having their science lessons in there, we are really pleased that we are managing to run special sessions. Mr G is taking classes in small groups of 10, thus enabling much more experimentation and discussion. Both Mr G and Mr Cairns have bespoke time when they will be taking even smaller groups to pursue and unravel questions that have been asked. Last week for example, a group of 6 from Year 2 went in to investigate what rubbing balloons does. Much hair was raised! So, if there's something you want to investigate, post your question in the Lab and hope it will get picked up! We are also running a Science Club this term, after school on Tuesdays. If any parents would like to run a one-off session in the Lab please let us know!

CBC Night - Thursday 11th October

Only three weeks until our party celebrating black culture! Please sign up on the noticeboard in the entrance if you can help on the night or bring a dish. Flyer attached with more details.

School Journey payments - Years 5 and 6 only

Final instalments are due before the residential trip departs. Not long now! Year 6 leave next Friday 28th September for Wick Court Farm in Gloucestershire and Year 5 to Sayers Croft in Surrey on Monday 15th October. Please see Tania in the office if you'd like to make more payments or find out what you still owe.

Thank you!

To all the parents who immediately alerted us to the exciting Tate Britain photography project with photographer Steve McQueen. He plans to create an image of all Year 3 pupils in London - the face of the future. We were officially the 6th London primary to register! Our photo session is booked in for next February.

To Megan Herbert-Johnson in Year 6 for this week's newsletter design.

With best wishes,
Kate Froot and staff.

28th September