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Dear Families,

Tomorrow

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! They will be accompanied by staff members Rosie Thomson, Charlie Maccormick, Coach Martin and Taynee Woods.

The Camden Schools Cross Country!

It is on the Heath all morning and all members of Year 3, 4 and 5 are taking part. The first race is at 11.15am, Year 4 girls then boys, followed by Year 3 at 11:35 and Year 5 at midday. Last year it was chaotic up there and we missed the start so we are leaving school promptly at 10am. Parent helpers and supporters much appreciated! Children need a good energy snack and their own bottle of water please. Correct footwear and a warm layer essential too. We will make it back to school for a late lunch.

Whole school Cake Sale for Macmillan Cancer Support. Please bake or buy for this fantastic charity! Staff will man the stall but parent help much appreciated. The children will deserve a cake after their cross country efforts!

Events in school next week, 1st - 5th October. Note no Coach Martin clubs as he is at Wick Court:

Monday 1st

8am Football for Years 1-2. With thanks to our parent volunteers.
Year 2 have a sculptor working with them all day! Darcy Turner will be creating something wonderful with the children.

Tuesday 2nd

8am Football for Years 3-6. With thanks to our parent volunteers.
3.45 Science Club for Year 3.

Thursday 4th

8am Ball Skills Club for Years 1 and 2 with Coach Martin - CANCELLED.
Year 5 visit the Tower of London.

Friday 5th

8am Girls Sports Club with Coach Martin - cancelled due to Wick Court. CANCELLED
Year 4 are off to the Museum of London to extend their Roman knowledge.

Parent contact details

It is now enshrined in updated national safeguarding policy that schools must have at least two additional contact numbers for every child. We ask for and receive this when you join us, but a significant minority of numbers (and emergency contact names) change and we are not notified. The only time we find out is at the exact moment that we need to contact you! This really is a critical issue that is about your own child's safety and welfare. If you think/know there have been changes do please update our office.



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School Journey payments - Years 5

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.

CBC Night - Thursday 11th October 6.30pm

Our first social is approaching fast! Please get involved with our party to celebrate black culture with live music and great food! Sign up at the school entrance to make a dish, run the bar or set up/clear up. We have a great core group of parents bringing this great event together but they depend on your support to make it happen.

Great Science Day at half term!

Great Ormond Street host a Family Fun Science Day on 20th October from 1-5pm. Extract DNA from fruit, join a science treasure hunt, visit their labs and discover how GOSH research improves child health. What a fantastic start to half term!!
Book at www.gosh.nhs.uk/familyfunday

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. This week the children looked at RIGHTS and FREEDOM.

Thank you!

To Alana Corrigan in Year 3 for this week's newsletter design.

Our PTA

Thanks to everyone who came to the AGM this week. It was great to hear just how much was raised in a single year - £24,600 - and to hear ideas for what parents would like to fund in school. Parents agreed to donate £5000 towards the final playground upgrade: re-surfacing and re-marking the playground and also to create a £5000 pot to support scientists in residence to exploit our new Lab. Do please send me suggestions! The principles are that funding should affect every child in the school. There are also threads started for future projects including a green wall and EP re-usable water bottles as we move to reduce plastic usage. Longer term, we discussed how parents can support the school as core government funding declines even further.

On a formal note, thanks to Hannah Ogilvie and Lucy Whittaker who will be co-chairs, Nancy Sun our treasurer and Chris Kurt Gabel our secretary.

Apologies!

Apologies that the phrase 'first come first served' slipped through our editing machine for Science Club! Working parents rightly challenged this and we had already realised that this is, of course, unfair. We didn't - and we would never - operate this policy! Where clubs are over-subscribed we draw out of a hat in front of the class.

With best wishes,

Kate Froid and staff