

ELEANOR PALMER SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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Dear Families,

Events in school next week 4th - 8th February:

TONIGHT - It's BINGO!

It starts at 6.30pm and we are usually done by 8pm. Entrance is £3 which buys you 9 consecutive games of BINGO. Food (delicious hot dogs and snacks) and drinks will be on sale. Please bring plenty of change. 'BINGO blobbers' pens will also be on sale too! This is a real family event for everyone. Come and join in the fun and welcome Mr G as our new Bingo caller!

TOMORROW

Stay and Play at 9am!
Cake Sale hosted by Year 1.

Monday 4th

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2.
Dental Health Survey for participating children in Reception and Year 1.

Tuesday 5th

8am Early morning football for Years 3-6.
Remember to check texts before setting off as we will let you know this way if it has to be cancelled.
Year 4 welcome Mike Vanis at the start of their extraordinary project making CCTV cameras! Mike designed the cameras used on Springwatch. He also designed our science playground! He will be working in small groups over several days.
It's Safer Internet Day! We will have a special assembly and do work in class to ensure children are aware of safe use of the internet and social media. On that note - see over.
Year 6 are visiting the Imperial War Museum.
Year 1 are being visited by the Petrie Museum - wow!
Nursery are off to Kentish Town City Farm.

Wednesday 6th

Year 3 are visiting Highgate Cemetery.

Thursday 7th

Year 1 are visiting the very special Sir John Soane Museum to see the collection of Egyptian artefacts.
National child measurement check by the school nurse for participating children in Reception and Year 6.
Because they came in the top 5% out of the 70,000 entries nationally, 6 children sit the Primary Maths Challenge bonus round. Good luck to Sam, Jack, Assia, Lily, Devansh and Luz!

Friday 8th

Cake Sale hosted by Year 5.

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Thank you!

To Lily-Grace Ng in Year 6 for this week's border design to celebrate Chinese New Year on Tuesday!

Challenge Partners Review

Our report has been published and is on the home page of our website. Please read it! We are very pleased that the hard work, energy and enthusiasm of our pupils and staff has been captured. It affirms what we do well and gives us good feedback on what we must do to further improve.

Nursery places

Before half term don't forget to complete an application form for younger siblings to join Nursery this September. We now have a January start for Nursery too, so you can apply if you have a child who turns 3 years old in Autumn 2019 and are interested in a place for January 2020. We still need the application form completed even though we know you!

Spring Slam results

Round 1 results are in and our classes have made a strong start in learning those all important times tables! In terms of our ranking across Camden schools:

- Year 6 are currently 2nd
- Year 5 currently 6th
- Year 4 currently 10th
- And Year 3 are top in Camden!

It's a case of cracking those final few: a score of 50/50 gets a bonus 5 marks and boosts the class average.

Mobile phones in school

A letter should have reached Year 6 parents making it clear that mobile phones may only be brought into school *if absolutely necessary* - a long walk home alone for example - and if parental consent is given in writing. They must be given into the office before school where they are locked for safe-keeping. I thought I'd put this message out to all parents, lest there is a 'everyone in Year 6 has one' nag going on! As a school we are not in favour of children having their own phones - at school or home - and so feel it is important we are not complicit in their use.

In assembly this week we discussed continents, countries and borders. Ask your child how many continents there are, how many countries, what Pangaea was and to name a relatively 'new' country. We'd love stories and photos of any intrepid border crossings you have done!

With best wishes,

Kate Frod and staff