

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Dear Families,

Events in school next week 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> March:

**TOMORROW**

Cake Sale hosted by Nursery.

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup>**

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2.

Reception are visiting The Natural History Museum.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>**

8am Early morning football for Years 3-6.

Year 4 Science Club.

We have arranged a local authority review of all aspects of our safeguarding.

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**

We welcome the Digital Media and Sport Minister Margot James into school. She joins the Newswise team from the Guardian, here to promote media literacy in young people. She is keen to see the impact of the Guardian newspaper's workshops for children. Will Year 6 grill her on Brexit?!

Year 1 have an Egyptian dance workshop!

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**

Multi-sports for Years 3 and 4.

Nursery are visiting the Natural History Museum.

At 11.15 Year 5 parents are invited to join us for a Strings Concert. A slightly odd time, but it means we can fit in a rehearsal first!

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Multi-sports for Junior girls.

Dan Plane takes up his science residency in the Lab. See over!

We will be hosting the Spring Slam final for the top 10 schools in Camden. Our overall position is currently 3<sup>rd</sup> with the final round this week. Go EP!

**Thank you!**

To Freida Kennedy in Year 6 for this week's border design.

**Please pay all remaining debts!**

We are nearing the end of the financial year and let me assure you, we need every penny. Please pay all remaining debts - school lunch, breakfast club, strings, school journey etc. by the end of the week. It is a waste of our admin team's time if they have to chase. Thank you.

### Our EP App!

We know that 105 people have downloaded the app! More to go please! In time this will replace the text service so we do need every family to do it! A reminder of the process: The first step is to download the free app:

- **iphones** - in the itunes app store search **Piota Schools**, download for free and then type in **Eleanor Palmer** to find EP.
- **Android phones** - in the Google Play store search **Piota Schools**, download for free and then type in **Eleanor Palmer** to find EP.

The app then has set up instructions.

### Congratulations!

One of the things I love most about the children at EP is how they genuinely delight in each other's achievements be that sport, out of school karate, story-writing, maths, a hobby shared or progress in reading. Our Friday celebration and sharing assembly is at the heart of this. Year after year, we see younger children inspired by their older peers. Learning to be gracious in defeat and in others' successes is a good life skill!

Tomorrow in assembly, we will celebrate the achievement of 6 children who have excelled in the National Primary Maths Challenge bonus round - open to the top 2% of the 118,000 entries. Devansh, Sam, Jack and Assia attained bronze medals and Lily-Grace and Luz silver. This puts them in the top 1% of all entries and is an extraordinary achievement. Congratulations!

### The return of Dan!

Thanks to PTA support, Dan Plane - he of last year's amazing Science Lab launch - is back for a whole week! His first visit is next Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March and then he will be in the Lab Monday 25<sup>th</sup> - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. He will be working with Years 1,2,3 and 5. At the end of his residency, he will be doing another show and this time, he will be joined by child presenters! The show will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm.

### If you were an engineer, what would you do?

Look out for the full details of the Engineer competition coming home tomorrow!

### The 17<sup>th</sup> EP Egg Race

Thinking of engineering, it is time for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Eleanor Palmer Egg Race, a wonderful EP tradition. We will talk about the rules in our Big School Meetings next week and send them home next week. This is one of the favourite events in the EP calendar and not to be missed! It all takes place on **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April, the last day of term**, 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; however, we can't be exact! New parents - do ask Sophie and Helen if you want more details about this EP tradition.

In assembly this week we discussed global inequality and spent a long time on the alarming OXFAM 'Even It Up' headline statistic that **the 8 richest people (all white men) in the world's combined wealth equates to the bottom 50% - that's 3.6 billion people**. We re-thought the complaint 'that's not fair' about going to bed, ending screen time etc.

With best wishes,

Kate Frood and staff