

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019

Dear Families,

Events in school next week 25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> March:

**TOMORROW**

Dan Plane from The Royal Institution starts his science residency in the Lab. He needs your plastics! Containers, shopping bags, polystyrene and any plastic rubbish - clean please. Leave in boxes in the entrance. See over for more on Dan's plans!

We will be hosting the Spring Slam final for the top 10 schools in Camden. We ended in 3rd position overall and so will be competing. Go EP!

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2.

Dan is back working all week with Years 1,2,3 and 5.

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>**

8am Early morning football for Years 3-6.

Year 4 Science Club - last week!

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>**

Visit from the RIBA (Royal Institute of British Architects) . See over!

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**

Year 6 are visiting the Jewish Museum.

6.30pm Everyone is invited to the hall to share in the children's work with Dan.

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Following on from Dan's work, we will have a whole day of workshops run by the teachers on re-using plastic!

**Thank you!**

To Jake O'Gara in Year 2 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. It is a waste of our admin team's time if they have to chase. Thank you.

**Our EP App!**

So far 137 people have downloaded our app, but *only 29 people have chosen* to receive class notifications. If you want to receive class-specific notifications, do make sure that you sign up for these in addition to urgent messages.

To set your notification alerts from the app home page select More>Settings>Channels and then select your class group/groups.

Reminder to those who have not yet downloaded the app that this will soon replace school texts and contains lots of useful information about school including weekly newsletters!

A reminder of how 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.

#### Our Lab is shortlisted for an RIBA Award!

We are proud that our Lab has made the RIBA London Award shortlist. We are to be visited by the RIBA London Award Judging Panel on Wednesday at 3pm. The architects, AY, have made a short film which you can see on the home page of our website. Fingers crossed!

#### 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 tomorrow 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.

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

It is time for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Eleanor Palmer Egg Race, a wonderful EP tradition. The very important rules are attached! 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 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.

#### Our assemblies and collective worship

Since 2008 Eleanor Palmer, along with many multi-faith inner city schools, has had what is known as a 'determination', a special agreement from SACRE (the Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education) so that our assemblies do not have to be 'predominantly Christian' in nature. This is to reflect the multi-faith community of our school. This does not mean that we do not acknowledge and learn about the major tenets of Christianity and its festivals, but rather than we learn about faith rather than through faith. This determination must be renewed every 5 years. If any parents have any questions or concerns about the decision to renew our determination, do come and see me before Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

#### Safeguarding Review

We had a successful review on Tuesday from a member of Camden Local Authority. The headline was that, whilst we had every last statutory policy and practice firmly in place, more importantly, it is embedded in a culture of excellent communication and strong relationships which creates the safe and supportive environment.

With best wishes,  
Kate Froot and staff

EP! Y1! Y2! Y3! Y4! Y5! Y6! EP!