

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

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Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019

Dear Families,

Tomorrow

9am Stay and Play - a maths game in class!

Year 6 return from Wick Court. They leave after breakfast and so are usually back at school around lunchtime. Please be here to collect them and take them home. We will keep in touch by text.

Cake Sale hosted by Year 1.

Events in school next week, 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> October

Monday 7<sup>th</sup>

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2. Please arrive at 8am.

8am Dodgeball Club for Years 3 and 4.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>

8am Early morning football for Years 3-6. Please arrive at 8am!

8am Running Club with Coach Martin.

3.30 STEAM Club.

3.30pm Football Squad training.

Parents' Evening appointments for Year 5.

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Year 4 visit the CLC.

**IMPORTANT:** All teaching staff have to leave 3.30 promptly to attend an important training session at another school. Support staff will dismiss children from the classroom but any children not collected at 3.30 will be taken to the Reception area. Please do not be late!

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>

8am Year 1 and 2 Multisports Club.

Year 1 go mapping on Hampstead Heath.

Friday 11<sup>th</sup>

Year 5 host the Cake Sale.

Congratulations

Well done to all members of Years 3,4 and 5 who ALL completed the Camden Cross Country in very muddy and wet conditions. Their resilience and high spirits were extraordinary! A special well done to the Year 4 medallists Iseult, Cosmo, Aurelie and Gaia who finished in the top 10 (in a field of 300!).

Driving to school

If you do have to drop your child by car please DO NOT drive into the Home Zone area. Stopping is not allowed - it is all double yellow lines unless parked in one of the two bays - and it is dangerous to children and parents. Idling cars also create unnecessary pollution. I have alerted Camden Parking to be around at 9 and 3.30 and to issue tickets. Danny and I will also be placing bollards at the entrance to remind people.

Parents Evening Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October

From next Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, please sign up outside classrooms to meet with your child's teacher on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October**, or during the day at an alternative time during that week. These are vital meetings to share perspectives on how the year has begun and to set goals for the year ahead. Note Year 5 parents are invited to meet with Tom and Susie next Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> as Year 5 are away the week after.

Coach Martin and Coach Steve's Half-Term Camp

Coaches Martin and Steve are running a holiday club at EP this October half term. Open Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm and children ages 5-11 welcomed.

Email: [prorevolution.development@gmail.com](mailto:prorevolution.development@gmail.com) for more details and to book.

### Thank you!

To the fantastic group of parents who came to our PTA AGM on Tuesday. We reflected on the year, reviewed the constitution and looked at the annual accounts. Events last year made a 'profit' of just over £23,000! Combined with the £11,000 in the bank, we debated how to spend £35,000. The meeting voted to fund the following projects, all needed but on hold due to a lack of capital funds:

- All the children's toilets are to have much-needed new flooring;
- Years 5 and 6 will get new interactive whiteboards;
- The infant climbing frame will be properly repaired and parts replaced (it is so well used and has been patched for several years);
- Funds for enabling us to have design and technology specialists in school to ensure we offer the full curriculum;
- And anything left will go towards re-surfacing and re-marking the infant playground.

In addition we resolved to pursue local independent schools to see if they can share a French teacher, building on the success of the Latin teacher from South Hampstead currently in Year 4.

This is an amazing support to the school and enables us to keep the school safe and effective for our children. Staff are immensely grateful for this level of parental support for our work and our community. THANK YOU ALL whether you ran a stall, donated something for the auction or came to everything and spent money!

A HUGE thank you to our out-going chairs - Hannah and Lucy - who have led us over the last two years, and, as they reflected on Tuesday, moved the PTA to a more sustainable approach.

Welcome to our new team! Our joint chairs are Paula (Leo Reception) and Vicky (Billy and George Reception). Our new secretary is Selma (Mateen Year 5, Amina Year 3) and Nancy (Luz Year 5 and Keira Year 4) will remain as treasurer.

Class reps for this year are:

- Year 6 Lorna (Maddie) and Alison (Clemmie)
- Year 5 Selma (Mateen) and Susie (Maxi)
- Year 4 Savina (Tara) and Cara (Gaia)
- Year 3 Selma (Amina) and Ros (Skye)
- Year 2 Mary (Eira) and Laura (Thomas)
- Year 1 Jo (Libby) and Helen (Elsie)
- Reception Ebum (Janet) Seikee (Cairo) and Ersela (Vanessa)
- Nursery Cordelia (Lolita) and a volunteer please!

Our first PTA event is the legendary DISCO on Thursday 7th November!!! I hope it is in your diary.

Thank you too, to Aurelie Barnett in Year 4 for this week's newsletter border. Please keep them coming!

### Parent contact details

Part of keeping children safe is being able to contact YOU. Now enshrined in updated national safeguarding policy, is 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.

### Supporting Cancer Research

As Nursery parents will know, our lovely nursery nurse Angie is currently not at work. This is because she has endured unimaginable tragedy, losing her husband, her sister and her niece within days of each other. You may have seen a wonderful tribute to Barry Deller in the Camden New Journal last week. 16 members of EP staff are doing a 5K run in Barry's memory and for pancreatic cancer research on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October. If you'd like to donate you can do so via a just giving page. This is the link : <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/barry-deller>

### Assemblies

This week in assembly we looked at keeping healthy through diet, hygiene, brushing teeth and getting enough sleep.

With best wishes,  
Kate Frood and staff