

ELEANOR PALMER PRIMARY SCHOOL WEEKLY NEWSLETTER  
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Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Families,

I hope you had a restful week - if a little wet!

We have had a great return to school with our dance partnership with The Place off to a brilliant start; Nursery at the National Portrait Gallery, poet Paul Lyalls inspiring us all; the Camden football finals; 90 student teachers in classes learning from EP teachers and Year 6 rehearsals for the Royal Albert Hall concert continuing apace. Never a dull moment and - importantly - every visiting adult commenting on the enthusiasm, hard work and energy of our EP children. We are very proud!

**Events in school next week, 2<sup>nd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> March:**

**TOMORROW**

Cake Sale hosted by Year 6.  
Year 6 rehearsal for the Royal Albert Hall.

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>**

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2.  
8am Dodgeball for Years 5 and 6.

As part of World Book Day celebrations, we have a travelling bookshop in school all week!

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>**

8am Multisports Club for Year 1 and 2.  
Year 5 are visiting the Thames Explorer Trust at Chiswick.  
3.45pm STEAM Club for Year 2.  
3.30-4.30pm Year 3 and 4 Football Squad training - squad letters coming home tomorrow.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>**

8am Governors Curriculum Committee.  
Year 2 visit the CLC.  
Years 3 and 4 have their second workshop with the Place Dance Theatre.  
Year 5 and 6 Dodgeball Festival with pick-up from Talacre at 5.45pm. Those involved have had letters.

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>**

8am Basketball Club for Years 3 and 4.  
8am Governors Resources Committee.  
World Book Day! Children (and staff!) may dress up as a character. No pressure and no competition - entirely optional.  
Year 4 begin their fantastic design and technology project with Unit Lab (Mike and Cindy). Last year was making and programming hidden cameras - this year is generating light from all different energy sources.  
3.30pm Thursday Squad football - 4.45pm pick up from Talacre.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup>**

8am Junior Girls' Multisports.  
9am Stay and Play - join your child for a favorite EP maths game.  
Cake Sale hosted by Reception.

**Well done!**

To the boys' football team. They were runners up in the league, but in the play-off between area leagues they didn't make the final. Great attitude and resilience was shown throughout by all the squad and Coaches Martin and Kane were very proud.

**Thank you!**

To Libby Spickernell in Year 1 for this week's border design.





### The next EP family social event! Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March

Our long-standing partnership with Planting Promise school in Sierra Leone has come to a natural end as the charity has been subsumed in a much larger network of schools in Africa. We would like to begin a new partnership for a new generation of EP children.

I was lucky enough to visit Cambodia last Easter and whilst there, visited some of the EYC schools in Phnom Penh. EYC - Empowering Youth in Cambodia - is a charity that works to break the cycle of poverty through education, in a country still recovering from the recent horrors of the Pol Pot regime.

We are delighted that the charity's director Delphine Vann is in London for a short visit and so have invited her to EP! On the evening of Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March from 7pm to 8.30pm, we would like to have an EP community meal together, at which Delphine will tell us more about the school and its amazing work. There is no entry fee but **PLEASE BRING A DISH THAT IS SHAREABLE**. We will run a pay bar and have a raffle to raise funds.

### Coronavirus

We are receiving excellent and regular updates from Public Health England via Camden - we sent the latest yesterday via our app. In summary:

- If you have been to the specific areas/countries with outbreaks, the message is to call the NHS on 111 for specific advice about self-isolation - or you can always call Tania who is totally up to speed;
- Otherwise life continues as normal with no requirement for us to close if someone in our community has been to those areas;
- The more general advice on handwashing seems important and we will make sure sinks and soap are always fully operational;
- Information for the public can be accessed through this link. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/wuhan-novel-coronavirus-information-for-the-public>

Meanwhile chickenpox is rife in our youngest classes!

### Tickets!

I am delighted that Tania secured all the extra tickets as requested for Year 6 families at the Royal Albert Hall. There will be a great EP crowd! A letter came home on Tuesday to all of Year 3 and 4 letting you know that tickets for the dance show - **Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm - go on sale TOMORROW at 10.30am**. The protocol is that you order directly from The Place. It says two per family but I'm sure you could call twice! Again, we will try to source extra tickets.

### The Travelling Book Fair

As part of World Book Day, we will have a book fair in school all week, to make it really easy for you to buy books! Research after research, teacher experience and instinct consistently highlights reading and being read to - and its impact on language development and vocabulary - as the key to educational success. It will be in the Juniors all next week before and after school.

### Requests!

Do any parents have personal contacts with children's authors or illustrators? We are planning a big event in May! Please let me know.

Calling any engineers! If you - or a contact - could come and talk about your work in engineering to inspire the children to enter the Young Engineer Award, again please let us know. More news on award entry coming soon.

### Club EPI

We are so pleased to have taken over this vital after-school play service starting from the Summer term. We hope it will be easier for you to book and easier for us to quality assure provision. Note: we will be unable to transfer balances of payment from P3, so current users - please use up any P3 credits by the end of the Spring term.

This week in assemblies we talked about the right to an education and listened to jazz!

With best wishes, Kate Frood and staff