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Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 16th - 20th March:

TOMORROW

It is our wonderful Amy's last day! Do take time to say your thank yous and goodbye.
Year 3 to Hampstead Heath.
Cake Sale hosted by Nursery.

Monday 16th

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

Tuesday 17th

8am Multi-sports Club for Year 1 and 2.
Year 6 are going to RAF Hendon.
Nursery are visiting the Royal Mews at Buckingham Palace!
3.30-4.40pm Year 3 and 4 Football Squad training.
3.45pm STEAM Club for Year 2.

Wednesday 18th

8am Governors' PPC Committee.
Years 3 and 4 have their fourth workshop with the Place Dance Theatre; it's going really well.
We have a special visit from the Kingston University Engineering department to share their prototype of ex-pupil Eben Salinger's winning design from 2019.
3.30pm Girls' Football Festival. Pickup at 5.45pm from Talacre.

Thursday 19th

8am Basketball Club for Years 3 and 4.
Reception are going to Golders Hill Park.
Year 5 Strings Concert at 11.15 - parents welcome!
3.30pm Thursday Squad football match.
7-8.30pm Our community supper and a chance to hear more about EYC - our new partner school in Cambodia!

Friday 20th

8am Junior Girls' Multisports.
This year's Engineering Award entries are due in. More details overleaf.
Year 3 visit The Natural History Museum.
We are hosting the 3rd Camden Spring Slam Times Tables final. Good luck to our team from Year 4!

Thank you!

To Miya Thomas in Year 3 for this week's border design.

Well done!

The Camden Music Concert at the Royal Albert Hall was once again spectacular! This year, EP had pride of place ON STAGE and were charged with some challenging harmony parts - which they did BRILLIANTLY!!! The children sang beautifully and did us proud. Well done to Laura our music teacher and to Charlie, Deanna - and star guest Lindal - who taught and supported the children so well. Also performing and representing EP in a scratch orchestra, were Year 5 violinists Jannath, Tawana, Zed and Molly. Brilliant performances too!

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Mathematical inspiration

Two of our exceptional mathematicians have reached new heights. 66,500 pupils nationally (including lots of ours!) took the annual National Primary Maths Challenge. Many EP children excelled. Of the award winners, 2,521 scored highly enough to qualify for the bonus round. The top 195 of the bonus round received a gold medal - that's the top 0.3% of all entries - and it includes Luz from Year 5! Devansh attained silver, missing gold by 1 mark and finishing in the top 2%. Both boys are such a part of EP and inspire and support those in their class and the school. We are very proud.

On that note, we are delighted there is now a National Junior Maths Challenge for Years 3 and 4 - and in true EP fashion we will include budding maths enthusiasts from Year 2! It will happen in June - watch this space!

If you were an Engineer, what would you do?

Children in Year 1 to Year 6 will have had, or will shortly have, an interview with an engineer. I hope that this will have inspired many of them to come up with their own designs for this year's Primary Engineer Leaders Award. Over the years, Eleanor Palmer have enjoyed many successes in different year groups. Last year Eben won the Year 6 award and his design was chosen to develop into a working model by a team from Kingston University. All the information that children need to enter will be coming home tomorrow in the yellow class newsletters. The question to respond to is: "If you were an engineer - what would you do?" and the idea is that children identify a problem and invent a solution to it. This problem could be a local, national or even global. We are very excited about seeing what creative designs they come up with this year!

It is time....

To remind you all of our wonderful end of Easter term tradition - the EP Great Egg Race! 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 3rd 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. Following the rules EXACTLY is part of the fun!

Coronavirus

Clearly things are changing on a daily basis and I'm afraid we have no clarity as we write this as to what the recommendations for schools will be in future weeks. We are following daily guidance from the DfE and Camden. The Information page on the EP App has links to all the latest updates on Coronavirus and DfE helpline details.

As we do our bit to prevent the virus spreading:

- In addition to our thorough daily cleaning, we are cleaning shared items such as ipad covers and laptops with disinfectant wipes;
- If your child would like to bring their own named water bottle to school that is fine. Do please add it to your list of things to collect each day, as piles of half-finished water bottles sitting around simply present another health challenge!
- Danny is monitoring hand soap usage in the toilets and noted that supplies are depleting far more rapidly in the girls' toilets than in the boys'! We are reminding children of the importance of frequent handwashing with soap and water for at least 20 seconds (sing 'Happy Birthday' twice!).

I would like to thank you all for your overwhelming common sense and supportive approach to date!

The next EP family social event!

Launching our new school partnership with EYC Cambodia - Thursday 19th March 7-8.30

Again, final confirmation of this event will be nearer the time!

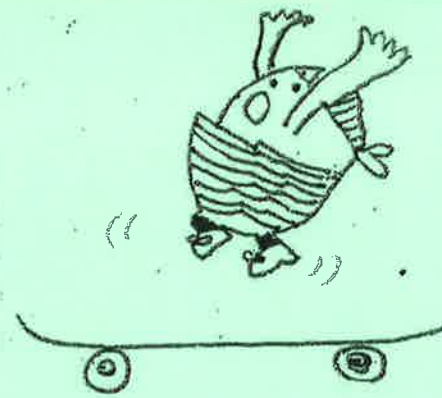
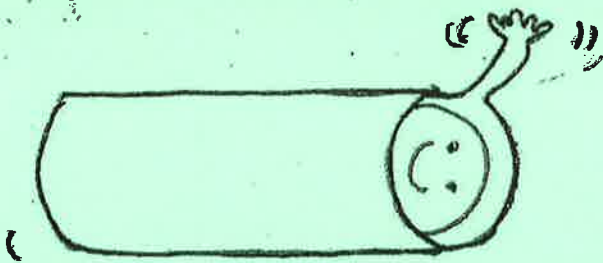
We hope many children and their parents will join us to hear more from Delphine Nunn head of EYC on Thursday 19th March. Entrance is free. Think Foundation Stage Welcome Party: we'd like a similar community atmosphere and are taking a 'pot luck' view on food - please bring a shareable dish! We will provide a bar!

EYC sent us a great video of the children singing Baby Shark - and so we have reciprocated!

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff

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RULES OF THE GREAT EGG RACE

1. The egg-mobile must carry a chicken's egg.
2. The egg must be hard boiled.
3. The egg-mobile is to be designed and built out of school.
4. As far as possible, the egg-mobile must be made without help from grown ups.
5. You may work on your own, in a pair, group or family, but the egg-mobile may only be entered for one class race.
6. Each egg-mobile will have an independent run on the course.
7. No mains electricity may be used to power or move your egg mobile.
8. Batteries are allowed.
9. No living creature may be used as an egg-mobile.
10. If the egg-mobile uses its own source of power, it will be released from a slope. If it uses another source of power e.g. air, battery, it will start from a flat surface.
11. Once your egg mobile leaves the start, you may not push it, pull it, control it or re-start it.

11. Please do not use any glass in your design.

12. Each class has their own race. There are 4 winning categories for each class :

- The most beautifully decorated
- The most original design
- The greatest distance travelled
- The wittiest

13. The judges decision is final.

If you need advice about your egg-mobile or a piece of equipment that you don't have at home, please ask a teacher.

GOOD LUCK! GOOD LUCK! GOOD LUCK! GOOD LUCK! GOOD LUCK!

