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Thursday 5th 2020

Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 9th - 13th March:

TOMORROW

9am Stay and Play a favorite EP maths game.
Cake Sale hosted by Reception.

You might find a supply teacher in your child's class next week - so rare at EP! That's because, each term, teachers spend a day conferencing children individually about their writing.

Monday 9th

8am Early morning football for Years 1 and 2.

Tuesday 10th

8am Multisports Club for Year 1 and 2.

Reception to Kentish Town Farm.

Year 2 are visiting Kew Gardens

Year 6 - and the Year 5 Strings players - leave during the day ready to rehearse for the 11th Camden School Music Festival. It is always a wonderful event! I trust everyone has the extra tickets they wanted? Another brilliant operation by Janet and Tania!

3.30pm Year 3 and 4 Football Squad training.

3.45pm STEAM Club for Year 2.

Wednesday 11th

8am Governors' PPC Committee.

Years 3 and 4 have their third workshop with the Place Dance Theatre; it's going really well.

Year 1 have an Egyptian dance workshop in school.

Thursday 12th

8am Basketball Club for Years 3 and 4.

8am Governors' Staffing Committee

Year 4 continue 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. Mike and Cindy are in school Thursday and Friday.

Friday 13th

8am Junior Girls' Multisports.

Year 3 to Hampstead Heath

Cake Sale hosted by Nursery.

Well done!

To all the children in the Acland Burghley Junior Dance Company who performed alongside Years 7-13 last Friday night at the annual Acland Burghley Dance Show. Dancing from (current) EP were: Zed, Arkady, Coco, Sophie, Elsie, Maxi, Saffiya, Arkady, Esmee, Emmanuel. The evening was full of brilliant performances and included almost 30 current and former EP pupils. We hope many more children will join the Junior Dance Company next year!

To the dodgeball squad who represented EP in a Camden tournament. Another sport we now seem to be dominating in! Congratulations to the squad: Reese, Tomas, Devansh, Tess, Bay, Elizabeth, Artian and Malachy.

To our boys' Football Squad, 2nd in the league and winners of the Fair Play trophy: Alex, Laurie, Luz, Arkady, Maxi, Zion, Cosmo and Mateo.

Thank you!

To Alia Laidi in Year 1 or this week's border design.

In you were an engineer, what would you do?

The Leaders Award is a competition open to children to encourage engineering and response to the question: *if you were an engineer, what would you do?* Ideas are presented as drawings/designs along with a letter. In previous years we have had many merit and distinctions and last year Lila (Y3), Malachy (Y6) and Eben (now Y7) were regional winners. Eben's Projector Bike Kit design was chosen to be made into a prototype by Kingston University! The proto team from Kingston have been invited to show us the finished model on Wed 18th March. Amazing! We will not be asking for final designs and letters for this year's entries until Friday 20th March, but this is a heads up to get creating and problem solving....

Staff changes

We are very sad to let you know that our wonderful teaching assistant Amy is leaving! Amy has been a much-valued member of our support staff for 8 years and has been a vital member of the EP team. She has a new job working for the council, managing local housing. We will miss her very much! Her last day is Friday 13th March. Year 1 parents will have seen/met Celia who is covering Amy's role until the summer. A warm welcome to her!

Our co-deputy Natalie Stevenson's last day is Wednesday 11th March. She then starts her maternity leave. Her last day with Year 1 is next Tuesday. We wish Natalie and her family well and look forward to the news that Zavier's sibling has arrived safely! Mr G takes over Tuesdays from 17th until the end of the year. He knows this class well from Reception!

Coronavirus

We continue to receive daily updates from Public Health England via Camden - we sent the latest updates via our app last week. Headline advice remains the same:

- 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 are making 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>
- The Department for Education have also set up a helpline for schools and parents this week. Phone: 08000468687/Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

The next EP family social event!

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

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!

We started talking in assembly about Cambodia and its history this week. The children were so brilliant at asking questions; it is shocking to hear of such a regime in the recent past. I hope the name Pol Pot has come up at home! Clearly this terrible history has shaped Cambodia today: its young population, unhealed wounds, political strife, poor growth and widespread poverty. Projects such as EYC are doing vital work.

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff

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