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Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 5th - 9th October:

Monday 5th

Year 4 have another Latin lesson with Ms Turner.

Tuesday 6th

Day 4 of Year 6's project with Hermes.

Wednesday 7th

9am Year 6 cross country practice on the Heath.

1.30 Another French lesson for Years 3 and 4 with Mr Morley.

Another great week

Within our Covid constraints, we've had:

- Woodwork (the Hermes project) for Year 6 - bedside lamps underway
- A virtual tour of the National Gallery for Year 2
- A Victorian day in Year 3 -check out Mr Canes on the website!
- An immersive Greek day in Year 2
- Another cross country practice (final events week of 19th)

Next week we welcome London born Guyanese storyteller Tuup on Thursday.

Remote Learning

We very much hope that we don't have to close a class, but if we have to, we are ready! One last shout out for comments on what went well and what was more difficult in terms of remote learning during lockdown. Use this QR code here.

Lacey Cousins, our IT lead, will be making short videos to explain various aspects of google classrooms. These will be on our website.



Newsletter border designs

Thank you to Jake O'Gara in Year 4 for this week's border design





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WhatsApp and PTA AGM

We will have a PTA AGM on Thursday 15th October at 9am. It would be great to have representatives from each class there. If you'd like to attend, please email Tania or me and we can forward the zoom link. Our plan, given the current reality (and the success of our virtual Summer Fair!) is to have an extended Christmas Fair with various on-line and virtual events and to allocate one aspect to each class.

Many thanks to the fantastic class reps for their support. We still need 1 more Year 5 rep - men welcomed! Class Reps this year are:

- Nursery - Ben and Roisin
- Reception - Cordelia and Andrea
- Y1 - Sei-kee and Ebum
- Y2 - Jo and Helen
- Y3 - Tiffanie and Jamie
- Y4 - Rosalind and Selma
- Y5 - Marina
- Y6 - Selma and Sei-kee

I know every class has set up WhatsApp groups, which are great for rallying support. Although at the moment, parents have little access to trips etc, an important reminder that photographs of other children should not be shared via this or any social media. It is not a given that every child has permission for this. Thank you.

Assembly Update

We continued our history of Africa this week, looking at the Scramble for Africa and its colonisation by many European powers. We also learnt about local Victorian explorer, Mary Kingsley (another walkable blue plaque to find, in Southwood Lane Highgate) who did much to change perceptions of Africa and its people - and women!

Covid update

Another settled week with almost no infection of any sort at EP. The hand-washing works! Given the stronger likelihood of adult-to-adult infection, do please ensure you sustain social distancing as you wait for your child and please do not stand directly in front of the gate. And the reminders:

- If your child (OR ANY MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY) displays any of the main Covid symptoms (temperature, sudden onset dry persistent cough, loss of taste/smell) **they must stay off school until they (OR SYMPTOMATIC PERSON IN FAMILY) have had a test** - and it is negative - even if the temperature (cough) disappears. If you are unable or unwilling to get a test, they will have to miss the full 10 days.
- The test must be **taken** within 5 days or the results are not valid and the full 10 days absence must be taken;
- If the test is negative and your child is well - hurray and back to school!
- If it is positive, we must know immediately and your child must quarantine for 10 days. The family must quarantine for 14 days;
- **Members of the family must stay at home too** but do not need a test if they are not symptomatic;
- If during that time, another family member has a positive test, the 10 day rule starts for them from that day;
- Our office intel on managing the test system is growing on a daily basis so do call to ask for advice and to share your tips/experience if you've had to go through this.

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff

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