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Dear Families,

Events in school next week, 12th - 16th October:

Monday 12th

Year 4 have another Latin lesson with Ms Turner.

Tuesday 13th

Day 5 of Year 6's project with Hermes

Year 4 are going to The Museum of London, by coach. They will be the only school there.

Wednesday 14th

Another Spanish lesson for Years 5 and 6 with Mr Morley.

Thursday 15th

PTA AGM at 9am - see over.

Year 1 are going on a nature walk to Hampstead Heath.

Year 6 to RAF Hendon, again, by coach and an exclusive visit.

Friday 16th

Flu immunisations for all the children - don't forget to return your consent form.

Parents' Evening - Wednesday 21st and Thursday 22nd October

Booking is will open tomorrow through our online system. This is a very important meeting, particularly given the constraints on seeing parents at the moment. It gives us a chance to let you know how the year has started, for you to feed back to us and to agree on priorities for progress. Meetings will take place in the hall, spaced out, as in the summer, a bell will ring after 10 minutes, and the next round of appointments will begin. We ask that parents wear masks.

Appointments will run from 3.50-7pm. It's never long enough, but as you know, if there are significant concerns staff are always ready to meet you for a further meeting.

Remote Learning

Thank you for your feedback - almost 100 replies to our survey. We so hope we don't have to re-start this, but we now have a clear sense of what works/will work best for you. Lacey Cousins has made some brilliant short videos to help with the challenges you mentioned and these can be found on our website on the Year Groups page.

Newsletter border designs

Thank you to Molly Carey in Year 2 for this week's border design. More designs needed please!

Congratulations

To the teams from Year 6 who represented EP in football friendlies at Talacre this week and last. Look out for more virtual games competitions with other schools coming up!

We are always so pleased when parents get involved in schoolwork. Congratulations to Mateo and Enzo's dad Benoit for equalling the EP record of 72/100 for a Miss Froud factor/multiple chain maths challenge, held by ex-pupil Rock Bell (and dad Jez), un-challenged for 10 years!

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Zoom 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 online and virtual events and to allocate one aspect to each class.

This, as our AGM, will also be the occasion for agreeing the priority for any funds raised. We have two big projects in mind, following our principles of money supporting things that reach the whole school community:

- The re-building of the climbing frame in the infants - much loved and used for many years, but currently condemned as unsafe!
- A new design project to make our Raveley St gates more beautiful and permanent. We have a plan for children to design them and have them professionally made.

Update from Governing Body

"Recruitment for Kate's successor is well underway. We had excellent input from staff, parents (thank you!), other local chairs of governors who have recently recruited, and have taken advice from colleagues at Camden Learning, to craft a really attractive set of recruitment materials driven by Eleanor Palmer's ethos. The advert went live at the end of last week, there has been good interest and prospective candidates will be visiting the school over the next few weeks."

Black History Month

We cannot hold our annual CBC party to celebrate black culture during Black History Month. Much is happening in school and I hope some of the learning and debate (and stories from Tuup who visited today) are making it home! As a staff we are working directly with the Black Curriculum organisation, looking at our racial literacy. We started our pupil groups this week with some brilliant contributions from black and minority ethnic members of Years 5 and 6.

All over school - I'm sorry that you don't get to see - as well as our art display from black British artists, are posters of people from the BAME community, some famous, others whose stories are not told. We've asked the children to remember a name, find out about them, write a short paragraph and give it to a teacher. We will type up their research and add to the posters. The names are:

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| • Katherine Johnson | Paul Stephenson | Brahmagupta |
| • Lilian Bader | Olaudah Equiano | Ignatius Sancho |
| • Josephine Baker | Lonnie Johnson | Maggie Aderin Pocock |
| • Vanessa Nakate | Mary Prince | |

There are many more. If you'd like to create your own poster about someone else, please do! We highly recommend the just-published children's' version of David Olusoga's 'Black and British'. If you'd like a sense of just how much is going on, do ask parent governor Nanouche Umeadi for some feedback as she is very involved and has joined the training.

This week in assembly, we learnt about Ethiopia's resistance to Italian colonisation. The king at the time was called Menelik - the name our own Natalie Mungly from Reception chose for her son as it is a strong and proud name.

Half term Sports Camp

Coach Martin and Coach Steve will run their multi-sports camp here at EP from 9am-3pm on Monday 26-Friday 30. Age 5-11 yrs (Reception to Yr 6). Full Week = £100 Concession rate = £65 (Sibling discount = 20% off) Children will be put into bubbles of 20 based on age. To find out more or to book your child's place, please email: prorevolution.development@gmail.com

Covid update

Cases are rising in Camden and notably in our ward. Please take care and ensure you are following guidelines in the community so that we keep our school and our community safe.

With best wishes,
Kate Frood and staff