

Earlsmead Primary School Newsletter

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It has been another busy and exciting month at school. October is also, 'Black History Month' and this year we have been focusing on, 'Freedom Fighters.' This has enabled children to learn about a range of historical figures both male and female and from different cultures and times in history who have made a stand against injustices. It has been fascinating to explore the freedoms and rights we take for granted, particularly Democracy and Freedom of Speech along with the responsibilities that come with these and to also consider what could happen if they were ever taken away. One of the areas we are looking at carefully this term is how we are teaching reading to the whole class. You will notice that we have created many more opportunities for children to read in school during the week and we do hope that children are also reading at home every day, either to an adult, a sibling or to themselves. Do please speak to your class teacher if you would like to stay and read with your child at the start of the day, particularly if your child is in Nursery, Reception or Year 1. We will let you know about Parent / Carer workshops around reading after half term.



The school year is well underway and most of you will have had the opportunity to purchase school uniform through the office. We will now revert to only selling uniform on Friday mornings between 8.55 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Please note that children are not permitted to wear hoop or dangling earrings at school as these have been known to cause serious injuries if caught in apparatus. They are only allowed small studs.



If it is your child's birthday we are happy to distribute, 'goody' bags to parents and carers of children in EYFS, KS1 and Year 3 at home time. Please ensure that contents do not include items that contain nuts as we have a number of children with severe allergies. As children in Year 4 and above often go home by them selves, we will not be able to distribute, 'goody bags' in these classes. If you would like teachers to distribute cakes please ensure that they are pre cut or cup cakes (and that they do not contain nuts).



Homework is given out to all children every week. It should consist of work that children have been taught in class and need to practice at home along with some research related to the following week's learning. We try our best to ensure that it is appropriate but if it is too easy or too difficult it is very important that you let your child's class teacher know. Class teachers keep a record of whether homework is completed and returned each week and will contact you if necessary.



Please have a look at our Children and Family Centre timetable on the Parent notice board and come along. Contact Michele Bridet if you would like any further details 0208 885 6197.

Mr Philip Hogg, our Music Specialist teacher left us at the end of last term but we have been very fortunate to be able to recruit two new teachers to work with children across the school, Ms Katie Lindenberg and Mr Andrew Wolf. They are both very experienced and have a passion for music and will also continue to develop our school choir and school band. Year 4 children have made an enthusiastic start on whole class guitar, violin and clarinet tuition which we pay for through Haringey.



Our Macmillan Coffee Morning on 30th September was a great success. Well done to all the children, parents, carers and staff who donated cakes and to Year 6 who did such a wonderful job hosting and judging the event. We managed to raise £200.00 towards the vital work Macmillan do to support people with cancer and their families. Despite many delicious entries, our Earlsmead 'Star Baker' was Mrs Aynur Cimen, mum of Celebi in Year 2 Pink. Congratulations!



Year six parents and carers will be visiting secondary schools to decide which is the best school for their child. The deadline for applications is 31st October. If you need support with completing the application form come to the workshop on 20th October where school staff will be on hand to assist you. Please make sure that you bring your council tax bill along with a utility bill (gas or electricity) as proof of your address.



We are a Gold Star Healthy School and one of the reasons for this is due to the many families who live close enough to school choosing to walk to school. It is, 'Walk to School' month and there are a number of initiatives in the borough aimed at encouraging more children and families to do this.

After a special Harvest Assembly from St. Annes Church, we are still collecting tinned and packet foods (soup, pasta, flour etc.) for distribution to local food banks. If you wish to make a contribution, please send it in with your child or just add it to the collection table in the main hall. All items will be collected at the end of this month.

Please make sure that your child is on time for the start of the school day at 8.55 a.m. Keep in mind that we run a very successful Breakfast Club every morning and children of all ages are welcome to attend.

Important Dates in October

Ballet classes for reception and KS1 start

Homework Clubs start

5th October – No Pens Day

7th October – Kidscape Friendship Friday

7th October – Tiny Teeth Parent Workshop (Children & Family Centre 11am)

10th October – Mad Science Assembly

19th October – Mad Science Club starts

19th & 20th October – African Drumming KS2 workshops

20th October – Secondary Transfer Support for Parents & Carers 1.30 (report to main office)

20th October – Drumming Assembly (2.15 p.m.)

21st October – 6 Green Class Assembly

21st October – Pink Friday (Fund raiser for Breast Cancer Research)

21st October – Tiny Teeth Workshops in Reception Classes

31st October – Tiny Teeth

Workshops for school Nursery (10am)

Tiny Teeth Workshop Stay and Play (1.30 p.m.)

Half-Term

HALF TERM – MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER – FRIDAY 28TH OCTOBER.

CHILDREN BACK TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER.