

# THE EARLSMEAD NEWSLETTER

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## Earlsmead Has Talent!

So many of our children participate in activities within and outside of school. We are always keen to hear about these. Recently Nia and Aaliyah from 5 Purple compiled a powerpoint presentation in their own time and presented it to the whole school in an assembly.



We were all very impressed with the gymnastic skills they demonstrated and to hear about how hard they had to work in order to achieve their successes.

As part of our strong commitment to Music, our Year 4 Yellow Trumpeters and Clarinet players along with our Year 5 continuers performed for their parents and carers. They were all amazing.



Later this month our choir is performing at a number of public venues including the Tottenham Fair this Saturday - It is very close to the school, so please visit the fair and support them.

## Looking Forward to 2019

The value we are focusing on this month is Kindness. It seems very appropriate at this time of year when many of us will be showing our loved ones how much we care and think about them by giving them thoughtful cards and presents and by spending time with them over the holiday period. It is a value that we always model to pupils in our own behaviour and interaction with them and with each other as well as through the many charitable initiatives our pupils take part in throughout the year.

The school marked Remembrance Day and reflected on the cost of war to families and all those who have served and died in them. Our School Council sold poppies to raise money for the Royal British Legion and they will tell us the total amount collected some time



in January. More recently we wore our class colours to raise money as part of Children in Need and raised £255.05 Thank you for your support. This is also a time of year for reflection and for us all to think about what we want for ourselves and our loved ones as this year ends and a new one approaches.

On 12th December Parents and Carers Evening will give you an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher, see their work and discuss their progress towards the learning goals set at the beginning of the school year.

Whilst we wish you all a very restful holiday and New Year filled with good health and happiness, I appreciate that the holidays, particularly Christmas holidays can at times be stressful. Over the page there are some useful numbers and websites for organisations that can offer families support over the holiday period.

We hope you enjoy school festivities leading up to the holidays. We look forward to welcoming you back in 2019.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

- 3rd - Computer Science Week
- 4th - 'Whisper Me Happy Ever After' visiting theatre production for Years 5 & 6
- 5th - 1 Lavendar class trip to Westminster Abbey
- 5th - 4 Pink class trip to the Jewish Museum
- 5th - 1 Jade class trip to Westminster Abbey
- 6th - 4 Yellow class trip to the Jewish Museum
- 6th - 3 Violet class trip to The Neasden Temple
- 7th - 12th - Scholastic Book Fair in school (books can be purchased at the end of the school day)
- 7th - School Choir performing at The Wigmore Hall
- 7th - Finnish teachers visiting the school
- 12th - Nursery and Reception Parents & Carers Day (until 7p.m.)
- 12th - Parents and Carers Evening Years 1-6, 3.30-7.00 pm
- 13th - Year 6 Lilac Pantomime visit to Stoke Newington Theatre
- 13th - Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance 2 p.m. Parents and Carers welcome (tickets 50p)
- 14th - Reception Class Christmas Nativity Performance, 9.30 Parents and Carers welcome (tickets 50p)
- 14th - 6 Lime and 6 Blue Pantomime visit to Stoke Newington Theatre
- 17th - Nursery Parent and Child Christmas Party 11am & 2.30 pm
- 17th - Years 5 & 6 Christmas Performance 2 p.m. Parents and Carers welcome (tickets 50p)
- 18th - Years 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 9.15 a.m. Parents and Carers welcome (tickets 50p)
- 19th - 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Lunch (and a special visitor....) Last day of term for children.
- 20th & 21st - School closed to children. Teacher training days.
- 7th January 2019 - School Open. The first day of the spring term for children.



## Police Visits

We are very fortunate to have a very committed Primary Community and Youth Engagement Police Officer assigned to our school. P.C. Charlotte Bell and her colleagues have delivered a number of useful sessions for children so far this term, including sessions when Year 2 children could learn about the features of a police uniform and a police car.



Sadly, we all frequently hear and read news stories around gang and knife crime that can fill children's minds with anxieties. It was very useful for the police to come and talk to our Year 6 children about their worries and answer any questions they had. The police were able to give them accurate information that we hope put some of these worries into perspective whilst also reassuring them of their own safety and who to speak to if they are worried.

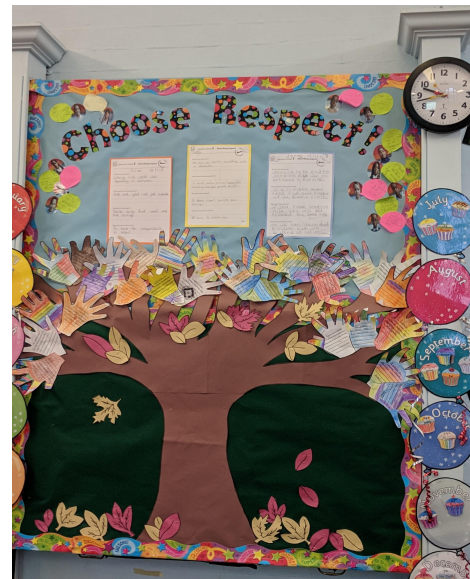
## Year 6 visit the Natural

### History Museum

This term Year 6 have been learning about evolution and the classification of living things. All 3 classes took part in an evolution workshop during their visits. They were able to show off their learning by answering many questions with confidence and interest. They saw actual fossilised marine reptiles like the plesiosaur discovered by Mary Anning who was a pioneering palaeontologist we had studied. Overall, everyone in Year 6 enjoyed their visits very much.



## Anti Bullying Week



Each November we take part in Anti Bullying Week. There is a different theme each year with this year's theme was, 'Choose Respect'. All classes worked on developing a deeper understanding of the theme. Lime Class based their assembly on this by learning and reciting poetry about 'Respect'. Pink Class produced this beautiful display.

### Online Safety

The internet is a wonderful resource for us all. Please have a look at PEGI for guidance on the safe and positive use of Devices and Childnet International Parent's Guide to Technology at: <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers/parents-guide-technology>



**If you are planning a children's party, please speak to Mr Iyke Igbokwe, our school Business Manager about hiring our Children and Family Centre. It could be the perfect venue as it has a small kitchen and play area - it is particularly suitable for children under 8.**

### Scholastic Book Fair

The book fair will be with us from Friday 7th December until Wednesday 12th December in the school hall from 3:15 -3:45 pm. They sell a good range of books and they are all reasonably priced.

### Helpful Support Services

Home Start is one of the leading family support charities in the UK [home-start.org.uk](http://home-start.org.uk)  
Childline is a free 24 hour counselling service for children and young people 0800 1111. You can call the Samaritans free any time on 116 123. Another useful site is [www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/haringey](http://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/local/haringey)

### Parent's Maths Puzzle Workshop

This will be on Monday 28th January, straight after school. More details to follow.



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