

THE EARLSMEAD NEWSLETTER

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Collaborative Art Regeneration Project

Paige Green Common, situated opposite our school is about to be transformed as part of a regeneration project. Many of us have a journey that has brought us to this area. We would like you to work together with your children and as a family to share the journeys that have brought you and your family into our community. Please share details of that journey on the sheet your child has brought home from school. Children will be producing artwork and performances which relate to these journeys. To learn more please come to our Parents and Carers Coffee Morning on Friday 4th May at 9.10 a.m.

Good Luck!

It was great to see so many of you during Parents and Carers Evening and during the EYFS Parents and Carers Day. Children were very excited to share their achievements with you and to celebrate the progress they have all made this year. This month is a particularly busy one for children in Year 2 and Year 6 as they continue to prepare for their SAT's tests. We have shared guidance with you on how to support your child in preparing for them but if you have any questions please do speak with your child's class teacher. Please also keep in mind that these assessments are a small part of your child's primary school experience and whilst it is important that they try their best, they should know that they are all well prepared...and do not need to worry.

This term we are delighted to welcome the following members of staff to our team: Mr Oliver Thomas is a Teaching Assistant in Year 5, Ms Karolina Kolba is a Teaching Assistant in Year 4 and Ms Shelley Shapir and Mr Saqib Ali are Higher Level Teaching Assistants who will support teaching and learning across the whole school.



Mr Oliver Thomas



Ms Karolina Kolba



Ms Shelley Shapir



Mr Saqib Ali

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

- 1st - 30th May** - KS1 SAT's period
- 2nd May** - PC Charlotte Bell on Stranger Danger and 'A Day in the Life of the police' for KS1
- 3rd May** - School Choir practice with Welbourne Choir
- 3rd May** - Children & Family Centre closed to be used as a Polling Station (open as usual Friday 4th May)
- 4th May** - Parents and Carers Coffee Morning 9.10 in the hall (Page Green Community Art Project)
- 7th May** - Bank Holiday (school closed)
- 8th May** - School Council attending War Memorial ceremony commemorating Private Robert Cruikshank
- 11th May** - 3 Yellow class assembly
- 14th May** - Year 6 SAT's Week
- 14th May** - Special Ramadan assembly
- 14th May** - Phonics information session for Year 1 Parents and Carers (3.30-3.50 pm)
- 18th May** - 5 Lime class assembly
- 18th May** - Special lunch to celebrate The Royal Wedding on 19th May
- 23rd May** - 'Life in the Jungle' dance collaboration with Park View performance
- 28th - 1st June** - Half Term
- 5th June** - Children return (Monday 4th June is a teacher training day).



Special Drumming Assembly

Before Easter we had a special drumming performance to celebrate the work of children in Year 5 Blue, some children with learning needs and the top drumming group. We also had our T.A. Emre surprising us all with his beautiful playing on the traditional Turkish lute, the Bağlama.

Year 5 are currently studying African polyrhythms from Mali and are also encouraged to create arrangements and compose musical 'breaks' once they have a foundation in the music. Some of our children with complex learning needs have been fascinating to teach. It's been slow at times but their progress recently has accelerated. This is especially evident with Joy. She is fierce, a musical leader. A 'joy' to behold.

The top drumming group is a combination of children from across year 3 to 6. They performed a drumming song they created and a traditional piece from Mali 'Balakulandjan.'

All of the performances were snippets of their journey so far.....more to come from both Blue and Lilac classes and the rest of the children later this term!



Adult Weight Management Course

Free 12 Week Weight Management Course for Parent/Carers

Sessions:

Every Thursday between 2-3 pm

All Sessions will be taking place at Earlsmead Children and Family Centre.

Staff Development

Earlier this term a number of teachers attended some training aimed at understanding what outstanding teaching looks like. A very effective exercise involved the 'teacher' instructing us to spin plates - inevitably nobody in the hall succeeded despite having all the equipment we needed. It was only when clear step by step instructions were given and the method was modelled and we all had the opportunity to practice and make mistakes - and learn from these mistakes whilst our small successes were noticed that we ALL experienced success. This is an approach to teaching that teachers are committed to here at Earlsmead. Those of us who are also Parents or Carers could also see the benefit of applying these ideas when teaching our own children new things at home.



Please make sure that each item of your child's clothing is labelled with their name and ideally also their class. There is a closed (not locked) weatherproof container in both the KS1 and KS2 playground for any lost property. Do please check these for any missing items of clothing.



Sunday 20th May. Hackney Half Marathon:

Mrs. Drummond will be running 13.1 miles in this event to raise more money for our books. Links will be on our website if you would like to sponsor her.
<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/sarah-drummond-1>

Exciting News! **8:00am - 6:00pm**

We now offer before and after school care for Nursery children. Breakfast Club runs from 8-8.55am and After School Club from 3.30-6.00 pm Monday - Friday. Please speak to Ms Kassim or the School Office to find out more.

Below are some useful Websites to support your Child's reading:

<http://www.booktrust.org>
<http://booksforkeeps.co.uk/>
<https://www.letterboxlibrary.com/>
<http://www.carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/greenaway.ph>
<https://www.clpe.org.uk/corebooks>



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