

THE EARLSMEAD NEWSLETTER

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John Muir Award

All our Year 6 children who experienced Pendarren at the end of March were awarded the John Muir Discovery Award. It was awarded for recognition of their awareness and responsibility for wild spaces. It encouraged our children to connect, enjoy and care for the wild spaces they were experiencing. John Muir was an explorer who developed a passion for wild places and this award has enabled these passions to be shared with our children.

**JOHN
MUIR
AWARD**

wild places:
DISCOVER
EXPLORE
CONSERVE
SHARE

New Counsellors



Terry Grant



Joshica Parmar

Terry Grant is an independent Behaviour Consultant and Counselor who has worked with Earlsmead for almost 9 years. He focuses largely on helping to prepare children for the transition from Year 6 to Year 7.

Our Hope school counselor, Joshica, works on a 1:1 basis with individual children and is here every Tuesday.

Welcome Back.

Welcome back to the summer term after what we hope was a restful Easter break. The school was a busy place during the holidays with our first ever Easter Playscheme organised and run by Jacques Onyendje and Michael Graham which proved to be a great success. Videos have been uploaded on our school website so please have a look.



Holidays are also an opportunity to further our commitment to improving the school environment and children were very excited to come back to newly decorated and newly furnished classrooms.

Although it seems a while ago, I could not resist sharing a photo of just a few of the, 'eggsellent' entries to the egg decorating competition.



The school value we are exploring this month is, 'Independence'. We are all thinking about what this means to us in the way that we think and behave and why to be independent is important. It is a good one to focus on during the summer term when children are preparing

for the changes that they will encounter after the summer holidays. You might focus on preparing them for walking to school or preparing their own breakfast, or getting ready for bed independently. We have shared guidance with you on how to support your Year 2 and Year 6 children for the SATs tests they are due to sit this month. If you have any questions please do speak to 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.

Mr Ray Charles, our school caretaker, is leaving us this month. He has been a much loved and valued member of our staff team and has always worked hard to ensure that the school environment is a safe and secure one for children.

I am sure you will join me, the staff and Governors in taking this opportunity to thank Mr Ray Charles for all his hard work and commitment to Earlsmead and in wishing him all the best for the future.



WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH?

1st - KS1 SAT's period starts
1st - Year 5 trip to The Greenwich Observatory
6th - Public Holiday: School closed
8th, 15th and 22nd: Year 5 Computer Club at ADA
10th - London Academy of Excellence in Tottenham, Year 5 visit
13th-17th - Year 6 SAT's Week
13th - Healthy Eating Workshop for Yr 4
14th - Healthy Eating Workshops for Years 3 & 5
17th - Year 3 Tate Photography Project by the artist,

20th - Neal Zetter (poet), Able Writers workshop
21st - 6 Lime London Walking Tour trip
21st - Y3 Trip to Woodberry Wetlands
22nd - Year 6 Quad Athletics Competition
23rd - 6 Blue London Walking Tour Trip
23rd - Children and Family Centre will be closed for elections
24th - 6 Lilac London Walking Tour Trip
27th - 31st - Half term (school closed)
3rd June - Children return to school 8.55 a.m.

The ArtLab Exhibition at Bernie Grant Arts Centre

Our ArtLab project has now come to an end. The 10 weeks flew by and our children thoroughly enjoyed every moment of art content delivered by our excellent team of Shepherd, Anna and Susan. To celebrate and share our children's creative achievements we will be exhibiting their work at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre. Work will be displayed from the opening event on Thursday 9th May, when our young artists and all families and friends of Earlsmead School will be invited to launch the exhibition together publicly. The exhibition will remain open for the public to experience until Thursday 30th May. Details of the opening event at the Bernie Grant Arts Centre will be shared on our website at the beginning of next week.



Ada College Visits

Recently, some of our Year 4 students attended a Computing Masterclass at ADA, the National College for Digital Skills. Students worked alongside other students from local primary schools on a number of different computing challenges, including unplugged magic skills, coding using an online program called Scratch and practical coding to create musical instruments. All students who attended greatly enjoyed the experience.



Music Concerts

In Year 4 Pink, we have been learning to play the guitar. We performed 5 songs that we had learnt, as well as adding in our own spooky sounds to accompany the song 'Spooky House'. We will be performing another concert in the Summer term, so look out for dates.



River Boat Trip

Earlier this month Year 5 Purple were lucky enough to experience a cruise along the River Thames on an open top boat. They got to see all the famous landmarks (such as The Houses of Parliament, The Tower of London and Tower Bridge) that are dotted along its banks. During the cruise they found out more about the history and importance of the River Thames.



At one point they even helped to entertain the crowds and keep everyone's spirits up when their departure was unexpectedly delayed. A great day was enjoyed by all on what turned out to be an uncharacteristically warm and sunny spring day.

Please make sure that the school has your most up to date contact details AND two emergency contact numbers for your child. It is essential that you provide the office with this information and that you let them know of any changes when they occur.

Ramadan Mubarak

Ramadan is a very exciting time of year for many of our children and their families. We will be having a special assembly about this time of year and a delicious lunch with a variety of traditional foods. Although within Islam, children do not have to fast until they reach adolescence or are able to manage it easily, we know that they are often eager to have a go, even if it for an hour or so. It is not advisable that young children fast and teachers will not be enforcing it. We will be having a special Eid Ul Fitr lunch after Ramadan. In the meantime, Ramadan Mubarak from us all.



Ms Shenelle Burnett one of our office admin staff is leaving us for a while. She will be starting her maternity leave and preparing for the arrival of her baby boy due later this month. We wish her all the best and look forward to her visiting us with her new baby.

Wow!

Maja Lupina in Year 6 Blue participated in the London International open Taekwondo competition at the Lee Valley Athletics Centre last Sunday 28th April. A very big congratulations to Maja on winning a gold and bronze medal in patterns and another gold medal for non contact sparring. Well Done!



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