

THE EARLSMEAD NEWSLETTER

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Head Teacher's Tea

Every week, teachers select children from their classes to join me for a very special tea. Children are chosen if they have accomplished something related to reading. They might have read an interesting article and talked to the class about it or bought in an interesting book from home or worked hard to learn their sounds or read with greater expression and enthusiasm. It is always lovely to talk to them about what they have enjoyed about the books they are reading.



Homework is Important.

Welcome back, I hope you had a restful half term. Thank you so much for the generous donations you made as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. All of the food was collected by St Ann's Church and will be distributed to those in need in the local community.



As part of our Teaching and Learning review, staff have been thinking carefully about the purpose and quantity of homework we give children. As a result, we have redesigned the homework proforma so that it is appropriate to each key stage whilst still giving you an insight into what children are learning in school.

Homework will occasionally include a research activity but generally it should not be new learning.

It should allow children to practise important skills like times tables and spellings, letter formation and reading and children should be able to do it as independently as possible.

There might be times when you feel your child would benefit from more homework. We sell good quality study guides through the school and your child's teacher is happy to advise you about good websites you can use at home.

This month's value is Respect and assemblies, work in classrooms and the focus of Anti Bullying Week will focus on what respect means, why and how you show it, what it feels like to be respected / not respected. Please explore these ideas at home also.

WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS MONTH

- 1st - Poppies are on sale in both playgrounds
- 5th - Bonfire Night Lunch
- 6th - Year 6 Gang & Knife Awareness assembly
- 8th - Road Safety workshops for Year 4 & 5
- 9th - Friendship Friday
- 9th - 6 Lilac class assembly (parents and carers welcome 9.10)
- 9th - Marking Remembrance Day 11 am
- 12th - Anti Bullying Week 'Choose Respect'
- 12th - Police Uniform and Vehicle workshop for Year 2
- 15th - Haringey Flu jabs for Rec-Year 5
- 16th - Children In Need: wear your class colours
- 16th - 6 Lime class assembly (parents and carers welcome 9.10)
- 20th - 3 Violet visit to Neasden Temple
- 23rd - 2 Amber class assembly (parents and carers welcome)
- 27th - 6 Lime visit to The Natural History Museum
- 28th - No Pens Day
- 28th - 6 Lilac visit to The Natural History Museum
- 29th - 6 Blue visit to The Natural History Museum
- 30th - Macmillan Coffee Morning, parents and carers welcome 9.00 am in the hall

Earlsmead Won!!!!!!

Our Year 6 football team played in the Aquinas football tournament with ten other schools and WE WON! We are very proud of the sportsmanship and teamwork our team displayed throughout the tournament. The boys enjoyed their medals and the prizes donated by Tottenham F.C. but most of all they enjoyed bringing the trophy back to Earlsmead.



Earlsmead VLOG

Please remember to watch the first 3 released episodes of, 'You Are What You Eat' on Youtube. Episode 1 explores foods available and enjoyed by our children on the High Street. Episode 2 explores microbiomes and transports us to Gut City!



Poppy Appeal



Our School Council will be selling poppies in the playgrounds before school to raise money for the Royal British Legion.

The Poppy Appeal is the Royal British Legion's biggest fundraising campaign held every year in November, the period of Remembrance of all those who have served and died in wars.

October was Black History

Month

During Black History Month we learnt about the contribution that 'The Windrush Generation' has made to the economic, social and cultural life of the UK.

We invited Conrad Edwards to talk to us all about why Britain needed and invited workers from abroad and learned about their experiences.



There was a great deal of research and learning on this theme. For Year 6 this ended with a special celebration of Caribbean food and music with Parents and Carers as special guests.



Now that the nights are getting darker earlier, please make sure that your child has some sort of reflective element on their clothing or that their coat is a bright colour. It will help them to be seen by car drivers - please also make sure coats are labelled with your child's name and class.

School Hire

If you are planning a children's party, please speak to Mr Lyke 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 years old.

'BUMP ON THE HEAD' INJURIES

From now on, for all 'bump on the head' injuries, parents will be notified through a text message instead of a phone call. The bump on the head letter with possible symptoms will still be sent home with your child as usual. Please make sure we have your correct contact details and if there are any changes to these please let the school office know.

Digital Leaders

Congratulations to our new Digital Leaders. Ms Oliver had a huge number of applicants who submitted entries of a very high standard.



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