



# Earlsfield Primary School Newsletter

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We had a wonderful **Remembrance Day** on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>. The children looked fantastic in their 1940's costumes (as did the staff!) At 11am we observed the silence and the children were amazing – we all felt very proud. Mr Oakley organised a thought provoking day and Miss Mason led a rousing singing assembly with favourites such as We'll Meet Again and Run Rabbit Run. We were also joined by a large number of governors who dropped in at different times. Thank you also to Mr and Mrs Langdon for allowing Year 3 to visit their Anderson Shelter, Mr Simmons for sharing some family history and local residents who shared their experiences. All in all, a fantastic day!

**This week is Anti-bullying Week** and there will be activities across the school. It was nice to see the children in blue tops today as a sign that we don't stand for bullying at Earlsfield. All children were also given an anti bullying wrist band, nursery received a sticker. They will also be doing activities in class across the course of the week.

**Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> is Children in Need** – we will treat this as a non school uniform day and ask that all children make a 50p donation to Children in Need. Normal conditions apply to non school uniform day – stud earrings only and sensible footwear – no heels of any description.

Mrs Thomas and the staff are currently working very hard at the moment **redesigning the curriculum**. Last week, teachers, most of the support staff and governors met to discuss what we believe the core values of Earlsfield should be. It was a very interesting session and we will share the outcomes with you shortly.

We are still plugging away on the **new website**, the delay is not down to us but with the host company who work in partnership with Wandsworth. We are incredibly frustrated, especially Hayley!

Thanks again to the **PTA** for their efforts with the disco on Friday. The work of the PTA makes such a difference to all the children at Earlsfield. There were a few nifty moves on the dance floor!

A big well done to the **Year 6 Young Leaders** who started working with the Key Stage 1 children at lunchtime last week. They have shown great initiative in organising the activities and taking responsibility.

The Governor's **Curriculum Sub Committee** met on Wednesday and we looked at the **uniform policy**. As the weather changes, we need to stress again that school uniform is shoes and not boots. When the weather is really poor, the girls can wear trousers as this is one of the options for girls. I also had to ask a couple of children to remove earrings last week. Simple studs please.

You may not be aware but **sports funding** has been cut from August 2011. This will severely limit the number of initiatives that we are able to take part in and the expertise that we can bring into school. Please see the accompanying letter for further details.



## Meet our Latest Earlsfield Stars

Every Week a child from each class is awarded "Star Student of the Week" and "Star Student of the School"

### Star Student of the Week

Year 6 Young Leaders – for showing great initiative and enthusiasm in their first week of working with Key Stage 1.

### Attendance 6/09/10 to 5/11/10

Reception	95.7
Year 1	96.3
Year 2	95.6
Year 3	95.8
Year 4	95.1
Year 5	95.8
Year 6	96
Totals	95.8

Great work Year 1, amazing attendance since September! Our target this year is 95%. At the minute it's 95.8% Keep it up everyone!

### Class Star Student

RG Kate  
RS Halima  
1D Emilia  
1E Dylan  
2B Jay  
2E Jasmine  
3D Amber  
3N Fizah  
4E Sumaya  
4H Zenia  
5P Abdullah  
5H Josh L  
6P Jasmine  
6T Sara



### Dates for the calendar

#### November

15<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> Anti Bullying Week  
18<sup>th</sup> 4E Class Assembly  
18<sup>th</sup> PTA Photo shoot 3:30pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Children In Need –Non School Uniform (50p)  
23<sup>rd</sup> Attendance Panel  
24<sup>th</sup> Violin Concert 9:15am  
30<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Trumpet Concert 9:45

#### December

3<sup>rd</sup> PTA Xmas Fair 3:30pm  
7<sup>th</sup> Attendance Panel  
8<sup>th</sup> Nursery Xmas (flyer coming home shortly)  
9<sup>th</sup> Over 60's concert 1:30pm  
13<sup>th</sup> KS2 Xmas 2pm  
14<sup>th</sup> KS2 Xmas 9:30am  
15<sup>th</sup> R and KS1 xmas 10am, Xmas Dinner  
16<sup>th</sup> R and KS1 xmas 10am, Parties, Pantomime  
17<sup>th</sup> End of Term 2:45pm

Dear Parents/Carers,

As a result the governments Comprehensive Spending Review funding for our School Sport Partnerships (SSP) will cease in 2011. The school has valued the support of the SSP in supporting and driving the increase of High Quality PE and School Sport that your child has been involved in alongside our Primary Link Teacher.

This will directly affect your child and the impact from this decision will mean that initiatives and programmes such as supporting young people to become leaders & active volunteers, sports coaches visiting our school, local training for our staff, parent sports volunteer programme, initiatives designed to support your child's progression in swimming, world record attempts to inspire young people to get involved in physical activity, increasing the depth and breadth of competition opportunities, creating club/school links to name a few will stop. Our SSCO who enables so much of this to happen will disappear too.

We do not want your child to miss out on these fantastic opportunities that help support this school deliver high quality PE and sport. Young Ambassadors who are responsible for inspiring young people to be active and participate in sport are leading a nationwide petition that will be used to lobby the government in the coming weeks. It is envisaged that with the right amount of publicity and commitment our Partnerships could get up to 1 million signatures on the petition for young people to hand to Michael Gove MP, Secretary of State for Education. If we can achieve this we hope the government will listen to the public concerns and rethink their plans.

So how can you help? Quite simply our school has been issued with a copy of the petition and will be given a short period of time to collect as many names and signatures as we can before it is presented to the Secretary of State for Education in December. We are hoping that you will allow your child to sign this petition as we feel very strongly that the government's decision to cut the funding for PE and School Sport will impact greatly on your child's future opportunities for development, progression and enjoyment in sport. In addition to this we would like all parents and carers to add their names to the petition, as I know you want the best opportunities for your child. A petition sheet will be located in the school reception for you to sign.

If you would prefer your child not to sign the petition then please let us know by returning the form below as soon as you can. You do not need to return the form if you are happy for your child to sign. If you would like more information about the petition then please contact the school.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely

Steve Trow  
Head Teacher

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*Reply Slip-School Sport Petition*

I would prefer it if my child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_ did not sign the School Sport Petition.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_