



Dear Earlsmead Community,

I would like to thank you all so much for the support you have given the school over the Summer term. This has been an extremely challenging year and term for all of us in education, including Earlsmead. Your thanks, kindness and patience have strengthened us as a team and kept us going. Thank you.

Sadly at this time of year we have to say goodbye to some of our colleagues. Mrs Sivasundar has been with the school since 2011 and while she has worked in classrooms, most recently she has been running the welfare department. She is the person who has made sure your children are well and happy. She has a very kind way with our pupils and has been an asset to the school.

As many of you know Mr Jig, one of our Year 5 teachers, has been pursuing a Masters this year and is leaving to focus on completing this. I know his dissertation will be first class and make for very interesting reading. I'm sure we will see him again at the school as he is remaining local and may be doing some supply teaching next year.

Mrs Lakhani has been an invaluable member of the Earlsmead team. She has most recently managed maths across the whole school and also supported the statutory testing in various year levels within her part-time role. I am most certain we will see Mrs Lakhani again at various points throughout next year and wish her all the best.

Mrs Karamani-Taylor is making a very exciting move all the way to Hong Kong! She has been an outstanding teacher here at Earlsmead and was recently recognised and praised by three external moderators who looked at the Year 6 writing. She also produced the brilliant Year 6 production. Her kindness, hard work and sense of fun will be greatly missed by all the staff.

At the same time, we have several new staff to welcome to Earlsmead from September.

- Ms Motiwala—Reception Chestnuts teacher. Ms Motiwala met her new class during the Reception transition morning in July. Ms Hill (Nursery teacher) will be Phase Leader for the Early Years classes (Nursery and Reception).

- Ms Pandian—Year 1 Redwood teacher. Ms Pandian was able to attend Moving Up Morning to meet her lovely new Redwood class.
- Ms Cole—Year 1 Cedar teacher. Ms Cole is a highly experienced teacher and will be Phase Leader for Key Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) on a contract for Autumn term. Hopefully we will be able to extend this contract for longer! She will also lead Maths across the school.
- Ms Hasib is a new teaching assistant who will also be joining Ms Cole in Year 1 Cedar.
- Mr Hambidge—Year 2 Maple. Mr Hambidge already met his class on Moving Up Morning and they had a lovely time together.
- Ms Yusuf will be joining Year 3 Ash as a new teaching assistant and has met the children already. Ms Abrams will be joining Year 3 on a term contract until December.
- Ms Amin—Year 6 Elm. Ms Amin is an experienced Year 6 teacher who has actually taught at Earlsmead before! Ms Jaroudi will be the Phase Leader for Key Stage 2 (Years 3—6). She will also support Mr Shah leading Humanities across the school.

In some other exciting news, we will be starting French lessons in Years 1 and 2 from September onwards. Research shows that this is a great time to begin learning a second language developmentally and also helps learners improve in their home language as well. How interesting—or *c'est très intéressant!*

I will leave you with a poem dedicated to our graduating Year 6 class who have made us all so proud so often...during SATs, during their fabulous production but also every day with their kindness to each other and dedication to learning. Well done, Year 6! Continue to make us proud.

I do wish you all a lovely Summer. Please take the time to relax over the summer holidays and be sure to keep your children reading. We look forward to welcoming you all back when children return on Monday 5th September.

With warmest wishes,



Ms Graham

A poem dedicated to our Year 6 Graduates.

The Full Stop Day by Mark Bird (2009)

Last six hours of primary school
Goodbye is getting near
The sums and sentences are all done
The full stop day is here

Last five hours of primary school
Where everything before
The aims and games and crazes
no –one cares for any more

Last four hours of primary school
Surrounded by a class
Who'll scatter soon and not return
when summer's days have passed

Last three hours of primary school
One final lunchtime play
Instead of chasing friends we try
to chase and catch the day

Last two hours of primary school
The clock hands blur and skid
Signing shirts, remembering
the coolest things we did

Last one hour of primary school
With teachers who understood
And helped me see I could achieve
'cos they believed I could

Last half hour of primary school
The assembly we all dread
We can not sing - us Year Six kings
The crown slips from our heads

Last ever second of primary school
The full stop rings in our ears.
But a thousand chapters left to write
We must vacate our childhood site
For time moves on and the time is right -
To leave our wonder years.



In June, year 5 and 6 played basketball against other Harrow schools. Earlsmead were 3rd in our group.

Neo year 5

"I thought the basketball tournament was fantastic! I thought we did a great job! I'm really excited to see what we'll do next time. I will try my best."

Zion year 6

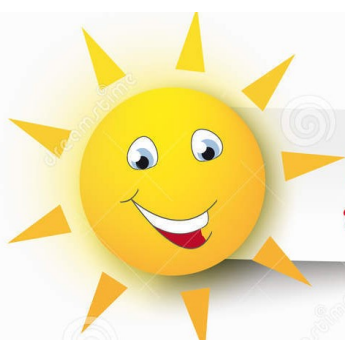
"My experience while at the basketball tournament was exhilarating and really fun. At first we had to get comfortable but once we did, we played very well and enjoyed it a lot. In my opinion it was fun and wouldn't mind to do it again."



Has your child outgrown their uniform?

Are they going to high school?

Please donate your good condition uniform to school.



SUMMER FAIR

It was so lovely to see so many parents back in school for the Summer Fair and picnic. The weather was good to us too!

With thanks to the following for donating prizes to the summer fair.



Venue 5
Field End Road



AJ Soccer
Harrow



Adorn Beauty
The Pavillions, Uxbridge

Before the summer fair, the children in Saplings classes worked hard to sort and bag the sweets



Saplings classes did an amazing job at getting lots of children to have a go on our 'Teacher Topple' stand at the summer fair. They also ran the stall very efficiently, taking the money, setting the cans up after each go, telling the children what they had to do, picking up the beanbags and handing out the prizes of sweets.



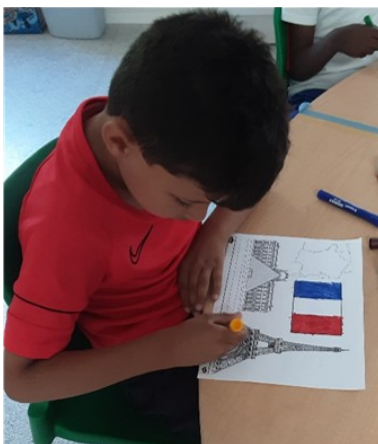
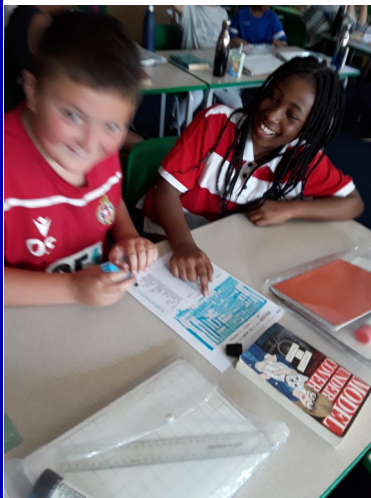
French Day



Bonjour!

After a French breakfast, there were lots of French games, puzzles and quizzes to complete.

C'est magnifique!



Earlsmead go out and about

Year 2 went to Ruislip Lido



Year 4 went to the Natural History Museum



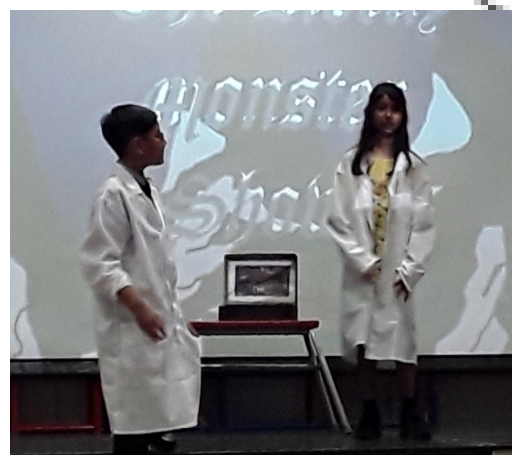
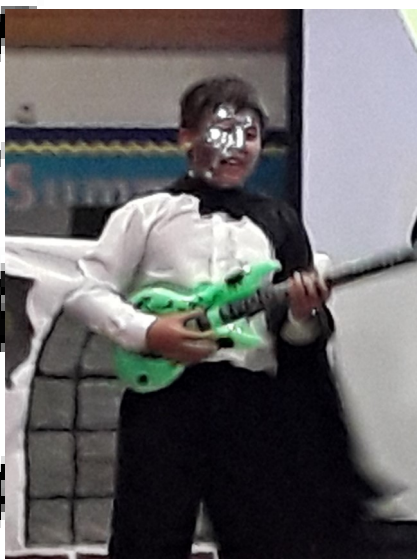
Saplings went to Northala Fields



The Rocky Monster Show

Year 6 treated the staff, pupils and their parents to an amazing performance of The Rocky Monster Show. Baron Frankenstein's descendant, and ex-pop star turned professor of Genetics, creates DNA moulds of people in his computer. These moulds come to life as the ultimate Rock Group, headed by a clone of Elvis himself.

Year 6 spoke, sang and acted so confidently, some of them were unrecognisable as the children who started at Earlsmead either in reception or more recently.



Looking for FREE summer days out?

- Headstone Manor and Museum or one of their summer events - <https://headstonemanor.org/>



- Take the Gruffolo Trail, children's play park, sensory garden and farm at Horsenden Hill.

<https://www.horsenden.co.uk/>



Don't forget up to 4 children under 10 travel free on the tube, DLR, London Overground and some National Rail services in London, as long as they travel with an adult who has a valid ticket.

Many museums are also free

- The Natural History Museum - <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/visit.html>
- Science Museum - <https://www.sciencemuseum.org.uk/home>
- British Museum - <https://www.britishmuseum.org/>
- Imperial War Museum - <https://www.iwm.org.uk/visits/iwm-london>
- Tate Modern - <https://www.tate.org.uk/visit/tate-modern>
- Not to forget all the London parks - <https://www.timeout.com/london/things-to-do/londons-major-parks>



YOUR SUMMER GUIDE TO POPULAR GAMES



Rocket League

3

A videogame that bridges the gap between car racing, sport matches, and gladiator fights. Put simply, it's rocket-powered cars playing an intense game of football. Rocket League has a reputation for being a toxic environment for gamers with reports of offensive and inappropriate language filling text chats.



Fifa

3

A football simulation video game where gamers can choose to play as their favourite real-life footballers in their favourite real-life teams. FIFA is readily played by adults of all ages, meaning it would not be uncommon for a young person to interact with someone older.



Minecraft

7

An adventure game which allows players to explore and create worlds using building blocks to customise their worlds. Children and young people may experience addiction to the game due to its engaging nature.



Roblox

7

An online gaming and game creation platform. Users can play and create games for others to play. It also includes social features such as friend requests and chats where players can design an avatar and speak to others while they play. Roblox has previously faced criticism following harmful sexualised content being prevalent on the platform.



Among Us

7

An online multiplayer game which revolves around players attempting to figure out who is a friend and who is an enemy. Crewmates try to complete tasks while the imposter aims to sabotage the mission and kill them without being found out. Risk of talking to strangers through the chat feature however there is a chat-censor feature which can be turned on to prevent this.



Poppy Playtime

12

A horror game that involves an investigation of a mystery in an abandoned toy factory. You solve puzzles to survive the "vengeful toys" left behind including 'Huggy Wuggy'. Horror games containing frightening content can cause added anxiety and stress to young people, intrusive thoughts and new fears.



Fortnite

12

An online multiplayer "shooter style" game meaning players battle it out against opponents with multiple weapon styles. It allows players to create and personalise their own game components. Persuasive design features of the game can keep children hooked, encouraging them to spend in-game currency and add to their screen time.



Overwatch

12

A team-based game starring a cast of powerful heroes. Players can travel the world and build teams together. Overwatch has been included in eSports competitions and has scenes of blood, tobacco use and violence.



League of Legends

12

A team-based strategy game where two teams of five champions face off to destroy the other's base. Children may be exposed to bad language, hate speech, insults, and sexual language.



Apex Legends

16

A free-to-play shooter type game with the objective of being the last team standing by collecting loot and fighting enemy squads. It includes some violence and players may talk to others through voice and text chat.



Elden Ring

16

An action role-playing game in a world of different characters. You can explore the world, grow in strength and fight or ally those you meet. It features strong violence involving both human and fantasy characters, which can be deemed age-inappropriate for younger players



Grand Theft Auto

18

An action-adventure game in which players complete missions to progress through the story. Children will be subjected to profanity, violence, sex, crime and other mature themes.



Call of Duty

18

A series of first person shooter games including 'Modern Warfare', 'Black Ops', 'Vanguard' and 'Warzone'. Involves live user interaction – squads can be made up of friends or players from all over the world.



Horizon Worlds

18+

A virtual social space which consists of a catalogue of virtual experiences through the Metaverse. There have been several reported incidents of users experiencing sexual harassment while using the platform.



Avakin Life

18+

A virtual 3D gaming world where users create their own character by choosing outfits and interacting with others at different in-game locations. Users can easily access children and young people online via private and public chats.

Wishing you all a lovely
summer holiday.



We look forward to seeing you again
on Monday 5th September at 8.45.

Term Dates 2022/2023

SCHOOL DATES / SCHOOL HOLIDAYS / STAFF TRAINING DAYS

Autumn Term 2022: Thursday 1st September 2022 - Friday 16th December 2022

Staff Training Day (INSET) - Thursday 1st September 2022

Staff Training Day (INSET) - Friday 2nd September 2022

1st Half Term school dates – Monday 5th September- Friday 21st October 2022

Half term break - Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October 2022

2nd Half term school dates – Monday 31st Oct – 16th December 2022

(School closes 1.30pm, on Friday 16th December 2022)

Spring Term 2023: Tuesday 3rd January 2023 - Friday 31st March 2023

Staff Training Day (INSET) - Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Staff Training Day (INSET) - Wednesday 4th January 2023

1st Half term school dates – Thursday 5th January – Friday 10th February 2023

Half term break - Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February 2023

2nd Half term school dates – Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March 2023

(School closes 1.30pm, on Friday 31st March 2023)

Summer Term 2023: Monday 17th April 2023 - Friday 21st July 2023

1st Half term school dates – Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May 2023

Half term break - Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June 2023

2nd Half term school dates – Monday 5th June – Thursday 20th July 2023

(School closes 1.30pm, Thursday 20th July 2023)

Staff Training Day (INSET) Friday 21st July 2023