

Parental Engagement Person (PEP) Meeting (KS2)

Wednesday 18th April 2:45pm-3:30pm

Attendees

Sarah Greenway (SG)- Parental Links SIP Lead

Gaynor Armstrong (PEP for 3KG)

Shelley Garrett (PEP for 3CM)

Michelle Dennell (PEP for 5CC)

Rasheeda Kholwadia (PEP for 6KR)

Lesley Mullen (PEP for 6NG)

Minutes

1. PEPs were asked to introduce themselves and say which class they are a PEP for.
2. SG went through upcoming events that parents have been invited to:
 - a. Eid Celebrations in School- Monday 18th June
 - b. PTA International Fair- Saturday 30th June
 - c. Summer Showcase- Monday 2nd July
 - d. EYFS Sports Day- Wednesday 4th July
 - e. KS1/2 Sports Day- Monday 9th July
 - f. Transition Morning- Wednesday 18th July
3. On the topic of Eid celebrations in school, Rasheeda talked about Eid and giving to charity. She explained that one of the main elements of Eid is giving money or food to those that need it. This is one of The Five Pillars of Islam. It is a family occasion and celebration where food is shared, gifts are exchanged and thoughtfulness is encouraged. SG then asked the group for suggestions as to how we celebrate Eid as a school and ideas suggested included giving food donations to Barakah Food Aid, making Eid cards, giving toys to Wood Street Mission, sharing food in class and doing mehndi, as well as inviting parents in to talk about Eid or read a story to the children.
4. SG explained that instead of the Mela that we'd held in previous years, the school and PTA are working together to hold an International Fair on Saturday 30th June. Gaynor is chair of the PTA and she talked about ideas for the fair, which included international crafts, a performance space, a gallery/exhibition, a world café and food fair with international taster pots, a luau lounge with mocktails, ice-creams etc and an inflatable area (for which wrist bands will be sold in advance).
5. PEPs enquired as to whether The Summer Showcase is on different dates for each key stage. (Ellie to look into this and inform parents as soon as possible.)
6. PEPs asked if the KS1/2 Sports Day was at Longford Stadium and the PTA would like to know if they need to pay for this as usually they do. The PTA are thinking of selling refreshments to the adults at the event. Ellie later confirmed that Sports Day for KS1 & KS2 will take place at Longford Park as usual.

7. PEPs were asked if they could spread the word about the International Fair and try to find out if any parents in their class had a skill that they could showcase at the fair (eg. performance, bringing a dish, putting on a short workshop). Rasheeda volunteered to do a chapati workshop. PEPs asked if the steel pans or balalaikas could perform. Other ideas suggested were a World Cup Sticker Exchange and cricket on the Field of Oz.
8. PEPs were asked to think about planning a family social event for the summer term that would be inclusive and low cost/free. If any PEPs do manage to plan an event, they can email the details to Ellie so that she can make sure that all of the required parents get the information (as not all parents are on Facebook) either by email or text from school.
 - a. SG recommended that PEPs look up 'Kiddie Walks', which has good routes for families with children and could be a good way to get everyone together for a free day out.
 - b. Longford Park bikes were also put across as a good low cost local day out option.
9. Some parents had their photos taken for The Hoot. Other parents said that they will call in to the office to see Ellie to have theirs done.