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Sport

Congratulations to the girls football team who finished overall 5th in the league out of twelve teams competing, narrowly missing out on a top-three finish. Considering the size of our school compared to those that finished above us, this is an excellent achievement. Connie Chisholm was awarded a trophy as Eastcote's player of the season.



The girls who took part this year were, from year 6: Connie, Milly Hooton, Grace Mitchell, Rose Dawson, Libby Garrod-Jobbins, Phoebe MacIntyre and from year 5: Aaliyah Kingston, Rachel Balogun and Nora Ogbata.

The mixed football team finished their season with a friendly fixture against Longlands, a match played in a very sportsmanlike way with lots of good football from both teams. The final score was 5 – 1 to Longlands.

Once again, the inter-house football finals were postponed because of wet weather. Hopefully we will play them on Friday 6th May.

CRIBS Bus

This week we have had the CRIBS bus with us giving our children the opportunity to explore various themes within RE and PSHE. A big thank you to the volunteers from CRIBS for their time with us.

Leigh Academies Trust

Two of the trust schools had visits from Ofsted just before the holiday. Milestones Academy, a special school, had its status as "outstanding" confirmed. Hartley Primary Academy has moved from "good" to "outstanding". Well done to both academies for these excellent achievements.

In both cases, the role of the trust has been significant in helping these two schools achieve their "outstanding" status and this demonstrates that for Eastcote, there is no better place for us to be than Leigh Academies Trust if we want to be the best school we can be. Our next Ofsted inspection will not be for at least two years as new academies are exempt from inspection until their third year. However, in June, we will be having a "mock" inspection, provided for us by the trust, which will help us both to confirm our own self-evaluation and identify those areas where further improvements might be made.

Visitors to our school always tell us such positive things. This week, we had a supply teacher in who has worked in many schools, and her comment was that Eastcote was the best one she had been in. People who sample the calm, well-ordered atmosphere, who see the condition of the classrooms and displays and, most importantly, meet and speak to the children never fail to say how impressed they have been by their experience.

PACE Bunny Bounce



PACE have reported that thanks to the children who obtained sponsorship, this event raised a fantastic £923.03! A huge thanks to all the families who sponsored our children and to PACE for organising such a fun event. As always, this is so helpful to the school as it enables us to provide extras for the benefit of all our pupils where budgets are tight.

Currently, PACE have agreed to match our budget for new books for the library, in order that we can make it a fully functioning lending library to encourage reading for pleasure. We want to further enhance the area with comfortable floor seating to really make it a pleasant environment to visit.

Family Wellbeing Service

The Family Wellbeing Service replaces Bexley's Thriving Families service. They can support you to identify solutions to family difficulties and to become more confident and resilient in how to deal with them. If you think that you need extra support, you can always chat to us here in school or visit one of the children centres. You can also refer yourself or find out more information by calling 0208 303 7777, where you can speak to a children's service adviser to discuss your thoughts and concerns. More information is available at www.bexley.gov.uk/earlyhelpandprevention.

Reminders and Dates

Could I remind parents and carers that children should not be allowed to ride their scooters on school premises for obvious safety reasons. I would appreciate if parents would reinforce this message to their children.

- Friday 29th April - INSET day – school closed to children
- Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday
- Thursday 5th May - Polling Day – school will be OPEN. All children who normally have a school dinner will receive a school packed lunch as the hall will be out of use.
- Wednesday 29th June - Sports Day – whole school in the morning
- Friday 1st July - Reports out to parents
- Tuesday 5th July - Parents evening
- Monday 11th July - Children to meet their new teacher for September
- Friday 22nd July - Year 6 leavers performance at 10.00 am and leavers assembly at 2.15pm. These events have been planned to be held on one day to enable working parents and carers, if necessary, only to book one day off.

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