

# PRINCIPALS NEWSLETTER - NO. 60

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## LAT Sports Day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July saw the first Leigh Academies Trust primary Sports Day. Year 5 and 6 children from across the Trust's 6 primary academies gathered at Dartford Harriers Athletics track for a day of competition which included six throwing and jumping field events which all 20 team members took part in, 50 metre sprints, again for all children, boys and girls relays and lastly, an 8 lap (of a 400 metre track) continuous relay, again, for all children.

It was an excellent day which was thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. The academy trust paid for the whole event including the use of the track, coach transport, lunch and trophies and medals.

As in all such sporting events, Eastcote are at a disadvantage due to being a relatively small academy. In this competition, all but one of the primaries was bigger than us. One primary is three-form entry, meaning about 90 year 6 children and 90 year 5 children to choose from. Another is two-form entry (60 in each of years 5 and 6) while two of them are 1.5 form entry (hence about 90 children to choose from altogether). We have about 30 children in each year. All our children competed well and gave their all. Of particular note, Jayden Palmer won his sprint event, and with Taye Collins, won the 50m + 50m relay. In the field events, Ruby Smith won four out of the 6 events against the children from the other academies in her group and almost certainly had one of the best throwing and jumping performances out of all the girls present.

Each academy was asked to nominate a boy and a girl for a special award for team-work, friendship, encouragement and all-round positive attitude. All of our children were great, but in the end we nominated Jake Collins and Demi Harkins, who received trophies at the end. The final results of the competition were announced at the end and much to our surprise and delight, Eastcote finished in second place. Each competitor was given a silver medal and the academy was presented with a large trophy.

The teams were:



Racheal Balogun	Jake Collins
Demi Harkins	Taye Collins
Briar-Rose Hemple	Alex Dimitrov
Aaliyah Kingston	Martin Dimitrov
Amy McLynn	Louie Naggs
Nora Ogbata	Gerrard Ouedraogo
Kesi Omoniyi	Jayden Pamer
April Onasanya	Mustapha Sadiq
Ruby Smith	Robert-Lee Sanders
April Vuong	Jake Sawyer

## Inter House Spelling

32 very brave children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 took part in our annual inter-house spelling competition. In this nerve-wracking event, children have to spell out words given to them, in front of most of the school. They all did extremely well.

Following several rounds with eliminations, the final eight in each key stage competed in the final. The results were as follows:

Lower Key Stage 2:

1<sup>st</sup> Aidan Purcell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Alesha Kanval  
3<sup>rd</sup> Rebecca O'Regan

Upper Key Stage 2:

1<sup>st</sup> Jayden Palmer  
2<sup>nd</sup> Robert-Lee Sanders  
3<sup>rd</sup> Amber Bhogal

Overall champion house: Wolves

**Inter-House Rounders**

The annual racing rounders competition provided an entertaining afternoon for nearly the whole academy. In the final, Eagles met Lions and a closely fought game ended with Lions winning by 19 rounders to 18. Well done to all the children who took part.

**Attendance**

Unfortunately, due to a computer error, I used the wrong list when preparing certificates for attendance which meant that a number of children did not get one or got the wrong one. We have tried to rectify this but if you think your child should have had a certificate for the first summer half term and hasn't yet been given it, let us know and we will check it out.

Next year we are raising the bar as we seek to achieve 96%+ attendance across the academy. Certificates will be awarded termly as follows:

- Silver - Above 96%
- Gold - 100%

**School Meals**

From September our catering will be provided by a new company called Olive Dining. You will have received a copy of the menu they will be providing in the Autumn term. Dinners are £2.30 a day and need to be paid in advance. You may pay weekly on a Monday at £11.50 a week or for the half or full term, which can sometimes be easier than remembering each week. For the half term to October it will be £78.50 or for the full term to Christmas, it is £159.00. At the beginning of each week, if we do not receive payment, we may have to call and request that you provide your child with a packed lunch.

If you would like to change your child from school dinners at any time, even if they receive the free meal in KS1, please ensure that the office is informed. If your child has paid school dinners, this will avoid you being charged for a meal not taken.

**And Finally...**

Best wishes from all of us at Eastcote to our year 6 children as they move on to their new schools. I am confident that they are ready to move on and will achieve much as they build on the foundation they have been given here.

Can I wish you all a happy and peaceful summer holiday  
and I look forward to seeing you in September  
Children return on Tuesday 5th

