

EASTCOTE PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Sport

Congratulations to the netball team for reaching the final of the Bexley High Fives netball competition. In a hotly contested final, Eastcote lost out but pushed the eventual winners all the way. The team who played all received certificates and medals ; well done to: Ruby Smith (captain), Chiara Bibbiani-Gibbs, Amber Bhogal, Grace Foskett, Isuru Galappaththige, Poppy Jerome, Freddie Jolly and Alex Kakoulli.

The academy football team reached the final of the Bexley Primary School Sport Council Mini Cup, played on Tuesday 20th at Merton Court School in Sidcup against St. Joseph's.

Although St Joseph's scored within a few minutes, Eastcote dominated the rest of normal time and had countless shots that either just missed the goal, hit the posts and bar or were saved by a very good goalkeeper. Just when it looked as if they would never score, Freddie managed to side foot in a throw in to equalise. The score at full time being 1 – 1, the teams moved into 5 minutes each-way of extra time.

The first half of extra time saw everything go right for Eastcote, scoring four goals in quick succession, one from Alex and three from Lewis. The team then played the rest of extra time very comfortably to win the cup.

Well done to Freddie Jolly (captain), Jasper Chambers, Isuru Galappaththige, Lewis Hazell, Alex Kakoulli, Sadun Medagoda, Sullivan Mounsey and Ruby Smith, all of who received certificates and medals.

House Competitions

The inter-house chess competition was won this year by Wolves.

Unfortunately, we were unable to complete the inter-house football competition due to the weather but we will attempt to play it next half term.

Open Evening

It was good to see so many parents at our open evening. I hope you enjoyed looking at some of the excellent work your children have been doing and found the consultation with your child's class teacher really useful.

Thank you also for taking the time to fill in a survey from. We will be looking at the results of this and will publish them in the next newsletter along with responses to suggestions as to how we might be even better.

Children's Behaviour

It is always good to report that the behaviour of the vast majority of the children nearly all the time is excellent and that we have relatively few incidents of misbehaviour. I am proud of the way children conduct themselves and even when one or two let themselves down, they soon realise this and understand that they can do better. Almost all incidents we do have tend to be down to over-exuberance rather than wilfully bad behaviour.

I am also delighted by the way so many children will say "good morning/afternoon Mr Ball" as I pass them in the corridor or will open the door for me and generally act politely.

All-in-all your children are a credit to you as parents and to the academy.

Attendance

Thanks to all of you for your efforts to ensure your children attend school when they should. We are aiming to push our attendance levels even higher because we know that even one day missed can have a knock on effect and be detrimental to learning. Not taking children on holiday in school time is really important and I appreciate the fact that so many parents recognise this too. Similarly, although there are times when children are quite rightly kept off because they are ill, parents do recognise that there are times when the children may not be "100%" but could cope with school. Again, thank you for your understanding and co-operation in this area.

Wishing everyone a happy and restful Easter break and we'll see you back in school on Monday 16th April

