

# Headteacher's Newsletter No 38

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## **Sporting Action**

The girls football team played a muddy, rain-drenched encounter against Old Bexley on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November and emerged with a very creditable 2 – 1 victory with goals from Connie Chisholm and Aaliyah Kingston. The team also included Milly Hooton, Grace Mitchell, Phoebe McIntyre, Rose Dawson, Libby Garrod-Jobbins, Nora Ogbata and Rachel Balogun.

The same squad has been playing league matches on Monday evenings at "Goals" in Bexleyheath and so far have a record of 4 wins, 1 draw and 1 defeat so they are currently top of the league – but they have some very difficult fixtures to come.

On Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> December, Eastcote played in the Small Schools Tournament at "Goals". The team: Kieran Rowe, Anthony Hoang, Connie Chisholm, Dylan Laurel, Ben O'Halloran, Milly Hooton and Joe Metson. They gave a very good account of themselves winning their first two games. Unfortunately they had to play a third game without a break and came up against the eventual winners, to whom they lost despite a great team effort. In the end, Eastcote finished third. Well done to the team.

## **Leigh Academies Trust**

This week we held two consultation meetings, the first with staff to discuss the implications of the proposed change on their employment and the second with parents. I am sending parents a letter separately, but at the same time as this newsletter, which I hope you will find to be helpful and informative.

## **The Winter Fair**

It was good to see so many people on Saturday, at the Winter Fair organised by PACE. I would like to thank Mrs. Wilkinson, the committee of PACE and all those other parents who gave up their time to make this such a successful event. I understand that a good sum of money was raised which will enable us to enrich the provision for all the children of Eastcote school. Well done to all concerned!



## **Virtues**

This half term we have focused on different aspects of Courage: BRAVERY, PERSISTANCE and INTEGRITY. We talked about bravery in the context of remembrance and then in other weeks we showed the children how sometimes in life, it takes a lot of courage to persist and not give up. Similarly, integrity – being truthful, honest, true to ourselves, are often courageous acts in adverse circumstances. We hope you will reinforce the messages we give to our children.

## Test

If you tried the questions in the grammar quiz I put in the last newsletter, the answers are as follows:

1) Adverb

2) Yesterday was the school sports day and Jo wore her new running shoes. (Verbs underlined)

3) Something like: "Mum, would Gran like flowers?" (Punctuation must be correct).

4) *The children's clothes were hanging up.*

5) Once Harry had checked the weather forecast, he set off on his walk.

Whilst climbing up the mountain, he was unaware of the dangers ahead.

He needed to turn back immediately since a storm was coming.

(Conjunctions underlined)

6) Antonyms

meandering	confront
sympathetic	unfeeling
evade	unbelievable
plausible	straight

7) Something like: *The children, who lived down the road, played on the swings.* (Subordinate clause underlined)

8) *The bad weather led to the cancellation.* (Active voice)

9) *Gemma was doing her science homework.* (Using past progressive tense)

10) How is the word "after" used?

*He moved here after the end of the war.* Preposition

*Entry is free after 5pm in the evening.* Preposition

*I went to the cinema after I had eaten my dinner.* Subordinating conjunction

I don't know about you, but I didn't learn most of this until secondary school and when I started teaching, very little of this would have been expected to be taught in primary school. It shows just how much more rigorous the learning that is expected of our children now.

## Fun with Phonics

Parents of Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – remember to return your slip for the free 5 week , Fun with Phonics course starting after Christmas, to be held on Tuesdays 9.15 to 11.15am in school.

## Dog Therapy

Having a dog like Thor can provide numerous health benefits. This is one of his “Why get stressed – be like me” moments.



## Events in school leading up to the Christmas break

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| Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> | - | Scholastic Book Fair – after school each day in the Library  |
| Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup>                           | - | Christmas performances 9.30am and 1.45pm   |
| Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup>                           | - | Christmas performance 9.30am   |
| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup>                            | - | Church service practice – pupils from across the school to St Mary’ Church<br>Choir singing around the Christmas Tree with refreshments from PACE after school |
| Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup>                          | - | Year 6 delivering Christmas cards to our local neighbours with adult supervision   |
| Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup>                           | - | St Mary’s Church service – 10am to 11.15am<br>Children’s Christmas Dinner  |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup>                             | - | Christmas Jumper day for Text Santa charities - £1 donation  |

