

Headteacher's Newsletter No 28

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E-Safety

Tuesday this week was Safer Internet Day with the theme "Let's Create a Better Internet Together".

Miss Jones, who is our IT leader (Information Technology including the teaching of Computing and Internet Safety) led a whole school assembly which introduced the theme and gave the children an opportunity to recall and share their understanding of e-safety.

In reception, the focus was on age-appropriate discussion of general e-safety principles.

Year 1 watched some short films and a cartoon on keeping safe on line followed by an opportunity to discuss and respond to different e-safety scenarios. This helped the children to think through what they would do in different situations.

Year 2 used the "Thinkyouknow" website which provides a range of age-appropriate resources which the class viewed and discussed.

Year 3 watched some e-safety cartoons and discussed various e-safety scenarios in order to think through how they would respond. They then wrote about their ideal internet world.

Year 4 discussed appropriate and inappropriate uses of the internet and appropriate on-line behaviour.

Year 5 used role-play to explore various e-safety situations and then used their understanding to be "agony aunts" in responding to fictional letters from children with e-safety concerns.

Year 6 discussed e-safety and created posters to share their understanding.

Just to remind you, you can follow the link below to download resources to help you keep your children e-safe.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2015/education-packs>

With regard to all aspects of safeguarding, we have information and access to policies via the school website. If you have any comments regarding how we inform you about safeguarding children at Eastcote on the website, particularly if there is anything you think we could improve, please let the school know.

Resilience and Learning

I taught the KS1 children a little song to help them remember the old saying, "If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again," which they learnt with some actions.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again.

In your maths or when you write or read, try, try, try again.

It doesn't matter if you get it wrong, learning from mistakes can make your brain so strong!

So if at first you don't succeed, try, try, try again.

This sums up what we want the children to really grasp well, that resilience is one of the strongest determinants of success in education and in life generally. So if you can reinforce this message, in any context - learning an instrument, sport, dealing with people etc. - you will be helping to build in your child the kind of attitude to learning and life that they most need.

Football

The afternoons have finally grown light enough to continue the after-school football matches, so on Tuesday, the team travelled to Parkway Primary School in Thamesmead for the first round of the Stuart Turpin Cup (named in honour of a teacher at Longlands Primary who for many years has headed up Bexley Primary Schools' Sports Council - and still does despite having retired from teaching).

Eastcote's team consisted of Kieran Rowe in goal, Cameron Lock, Tobi Alo, Daniel Peters, Billy Smith, Sam Truscott-Smith, Celal Ozkirac and Billy Brewis.

It was a fairly tight first half although Eastcote were making more chances, Celal and Billy B. often combining well up front but the only goal came from a stunning volley by Billy B. 1 - 0 to Eastcote at half time.

The second half saw Eastcote gradually take control and extend their lead to 3 - 0 thanks to two expertly taken penalties from Billy S. Parkway pulled a goal back but Billy S. hit an unstoppable shot from distance and this was quickly followed by a strike from Celal to extend the lead further. Parkway scored a deserved second goal, but in the end the 5 - 2 score line signified a well-earned victory and a second round tie against Dulverton Primary at Eastcote.

The team's next game will be at home on Tuesday 24th February against Christchurch Primary School in the second round of the Minor cup (for the borough's smaller schools).

Inter-House Netball

On a chilly afternoon, teams representing each house competed for the netball trophy. The two semi-finals were won by Wolves and Bears who then contested the final. This was won by Bears by a score of 6 - 1. Congratulations to the team, who played particularly well in the final, consisting of Jack, Laknadee, Kia, Amy, Lilly from year 6 and Ben and Kieran from year 5.