

Headteacher's Newsletter No 36

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Sporting Action

Eastcote football team played their first fixture of the season in the borough-wide “Kevin McCarthy” cup. Being open to all primary schools in the borough, this is a competition small schools such as ourselves can struggle to compete in on equal terms simply because the larger schools can select from a pool of players two or three times greater than we can.

The first round match in the competition was a home tie against Uplands Primary at home, and a very good game of football it was. Having fallen behind, the Eastcote team fought back and half way through the second half were leading 2 - 1 and had a chance to go 3 - 1 up. However, a couple of unfortunate goals were conceded and then another as our team chased the game leading to a final score of 2 - 4. First round losers go into another competition and the team are also competing with smaller schools in the “Minor Cup”.

The team consisted of Ben O’Halloran, Taye Collins, Jayden Palmer, Joe Metson, Jake Sawyer, Robert-Lee Saunders, Dylan Laurel, Anthony Hoang, Bobby Merralls.

The girls team are competing in the English Schools’ Football Seven-A-Sides and qualified for the Bexley finals which was played last Friday. They did extremely well only losing 1-0 in extra time, which is outstanding for a school our size. Well done to Connie Chisholm, Grace Mitchell, Phoebe McIntyre, Libby Garrod-Jobbins, Rose Dawson, Milly Hooton, Aaliyah Kingston, Nora Ogbata and Rachel Balogun , who all received runners up medals and certificates to recognise their achievement.

Congratulations



Well done to both Connie Chisholm and Milly Hooton who have been selected for the Bexley District Girls team. Both played in the opening fixture last Saturday, a 1 - 0 win over Borough Green/Swanley/Aylesford. Connie played in goal and proved to be unbeatable despite the opposition’s many shots at goal - a girl-of-the-match performance.

Children’s Survey

Children in KS2 completed a survey on safety last week, the results of which are below.

School Safety Survey October 2015

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Total Agree	Total Disagree
1. I feel safe from bullying in school.	53%	45%	2%	0	98%	2%
2. Thinking about accidents, I believe that the school is a safe place.	54%	43%	3%	0	97%	3%
3. I know how to keep myself e-safe.	72%	27%	1%	0	99%	1%
4. Teachers talk to us about how we can keep ourselves safe (including e-safe).	69%	30%	1%	0	99%	1%

5. Staff deal with anything that could lead to bullying very well.	40%	54%	6%	0	94%	6%
6. I learn things in school that help me to keep myself safe outside of school.	58%	39%	2%	1%	97%	3%

Thank you to parents who filled in the parental survey at open evening, and for the helpful comments. I will send out separately the results of the survey, together with responses to comments, including actions we may take in following up suggestions that have been made.

In connection with our safeguarding responsibilities, please see the information attached regarding the Prevent strategy. Please do read this as it explains what radicalisation is and how we have to address it in school.

Roman Day

Classes 3 and 4 became Romans for the day when a teacher from “Off The Page” brought history to life in our school hall, an event organised by Miss Smith and Miss Jones. Photographs below show scenes from the market where children were able to visit different stalls and take part in craft activities, participate in a Roman style banquet, perform in a dance troupe and carry out military drill.



Several parents kindly gave up their time to help make this a really successful day, for which we were all extremely grateful, together with class teachers and teaching assistants.

Focus For Autumn 2

Each half term we have a learning focus and a virtue focus. For the second half of the Autumn term, the learning focus is:

Reciprocity - which is all about interdependence and collaboration, empathy and listening, imitating good methods, habits and values.

The virtue focus is:

Courage - in which we celebrate bravery, persistence, integrity and vitality.

Items of interest and reminders



Royal British Legion Poppies .. are available for a donation, outside the office - they will also be outside at the beginning of the day after half term, near the pupil entrance.

Family Learning courses.. have a number of fun classes coming up and you can see their flyer attached to this newsletter. Look out for a Phonics course that we will be holding here at Eastcote in January. This will be for 5 weeks, on Tuesday morning and is a great way to support your child's learning. This will be available to parents and carers of Nursery, Reception and Year 1 pupils.

Great news ..Mrs Hicks, who is currently covering Miss Davies maternity absence, is expecting a baby herself! She will need to start her own maternity absence after Christmas so we have interviewed and been fortunate to appoint a very experienced teacher to take her place.

Brownies ..The 3rd East Wickham Brownie Unit who meet in our hall every Thursday, have told us that their Brown Owl is leaving this week. They have asked whether we would have any parents who may be interested in getting involved, or maybe even already have the qualification to run the group. If there is, kindly let the office know and we will pass the details on. It's a popular and vibrant group and it would be great shame to have to disband.



Harvest - We are already receiving donations for our assembly on Thursday - thank you 😊

Flu Vaccination - This Friday for Year 1 and 2 pupils if you have requested it for your child

Half Term - Monday 26th to Friday 30th October - children return on Monday 2nd November

Swimming - Year 6 swimming from Tuesday 3rd November - remember swim kit

Photographs - Individual and sibling photographs to be taken on Monday 16th November

