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Sporting Action

Eastcote football team played two games before the holiday, against Gravel Hill in the Minor Cup and Hillsgrove in the "Digger Dane" trophy. The first of these resulted in a well-earned 5 - 2 victory which means a place in the quarter finals to be played in the spring.

Unfortunately, the game against a very strong Hillsgrove team didn't go as well with the Eastcote team being caught out with some early goals from which they found it hard to recover - final result 2 - 8, even though they worked so hard throughout the game. We chalk this one up as a learning experience!

Children taking part in one or both games: Ben O'Halloran, Kieran Rowe, Anthony Hoang, Connie Chisholm, Pawanjot Baraj, Dylan Laurel, Joe Metson, Bobby Merralls, Taye Collins, Jake Collins, Jake Sawyer, Jayden Palmer, Robert-Lee Saunders.

The girls football team qualified for the Bexley finals of the Kent 7-a-side competition held at "Goals" on Friday 16th.

They played extremely well and reached the semi-finals where a close fought game ended 0 - 0. The result had to be decided by sudden-death penalties against opponents and tournament favourites St Thomas More. They took the first penalty and scored, but Connie took Eastcote's first penalty and scored too so it went to the next pair of kicks. Connie, in goal, saved the penalty so it was down to Milly to see if she could put Eastcote through to the final. She thundered it in! Eastcote in the final.

The final was another close game against Bedonwell who included in their team a girl who is on Charlton's books and a number of other very skillful players. Nevertheless, the team fought bravely and the score was 0 - 0 at full time. This time, extra time before penalties, and close to the finish Eastcote conceded to a very well-worked goal. Eastcote runners up!

This represents an excellent result for the team who deserve a lot of praise for their efforts. The team consisted of Connie Chisholm, Grace Mitchell, Phoebe McIntyre, Rose Dawson, Libby Garrod-Jobbins, Milly Hooton, Rachel Balogun, Nora Ogbata and Aaliyah Kingston.

The netball team played their second fixture of the season, at home to Longlands. This had been previously rained off so when we saw last Thursday's weather forecast, we did a quick conversion of the hall into a netball court using masking tape so that we could actually play the fixture.

Things started badly for Eastcote as Longlands raced into a 3 - 0 lead after only two minutes. However, from then on, Eastcote dominated the play and despite a little wayward shooting, managed to win by 9 - 6. Well done to the team, Milly Hooton, Ben O'Halloran, Kieran Rowe, Connie Chisholm, Libby Garrod-Jobbins, Phoebe McIntyre and Bobby Merralls.

Remembrance



Monday's assemblies focused on the reasons why we buy and wear poppies at this time of year. On Wednesday 11th, Remembrance Day, the school held two minutes silence at 11 a.m.

Tests

You may be aware that along with the new national curriculum there are new tests for the children that years 2 and 6 will be sitting in May. The staff have been looking at what children will be required to learn as far as grammar, punctuation and spelling are concerned. Here are some of the questions on punctuation and grammar like the ones the children will be expected to answer - see how well you can do!

Year 2 Test

1) What type of word is underlined in the sentence below?

Poppy held the baby rabbit gently in her arms.

Adjective

Adverb

Noun

Verb

2) Circle the verbs in the sentence below.

Yesterday was the school sports day and Jo wore her new running shoes.

3) Joe wanted to buy a present. He asked his mum if Gran would like flowers.

Write Joe's question to his mum. Remember to use correct punctuation.

Year 6 Test

4) Which sentence uses an apostrophe correctly?

The children's clothes were hanging up.

The childrens' clothes were hanging up.

The childrens clothe's were hanging up.

The childrens clothes' were hanging up.

5) Circle all the conjunctions in the sentences below.

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.

6) Draw a line to match each word to its antonym.

meandering *confront*

sympathetic *unfeeling*

evade *unbelievable*

plausible *straight*

7) Rewrite the sentence below, adding a subordinate clause. Remember to punctuate your answer correctly.

The children played on the swings.

8) Which sentence is written in the active voice?

The book was returned to the library yesterday.

The assembly was held in the hall.

The bad weather led to the cancellation.

The floods were caused by the heavy rain.

9) Tick which sentence uses the past progressive.

After Ali finished his homework, he went out to play.

Gemma was doing her science homework.

Jamie learnt his spellings every night.

Anna found her history homework difficult.

10) Say whether the word “after” in each sentence is used as a subordinating conjunction or as a preposition.

He moved here after the end of the war.

Entry is free after 5pm in the evening.

I went to the cinema after I had eaten my dinner.

This should give you an idea of the kinds of things we are now teaching children and the understanding of English grammar that is expected. Answers in the next newsletter.

Consultation Meeting

We are continuing the process towards becoming an academy and joining Leigh Academies Trust. On Wednesday December 2nd at 3.30, we are holding a meeting to give parents an opportunity to share their views and ask questions. This consultation will help governors make the final decision as to whether we should go ahead with the proposal.

If you are unable to be at the meeting but would either like to make a contribution or ask a question, please send it to me in a sealed envelope marked “Academy”. If it is a comment or comments you would like to be read out publicly either attributed to yourself or as anonymous (please specify) I would be pleased to do so. If it is a question I will both reply to you in writing and raise the question at the meeting (should you wish) and the answer I have given you.

The governors will meet after this consultation in order to make the final decision. I will contact parents after this meeting to let them know the outcome.

Items to note

- We have noticed there is an increasing incidence of children wearing lens-less glasses as an accessory. Unless your child wears prescription glasses we kindly ask that the pretend ones are not worn in school.
- We are looking for a school cleaner as soon as possible, to cover 2 hours classroom cleaning at the end of the school day. If there is anyone who would be interested, please contact the school office for more details.
- Just a little advance warning that there will be a Half Price Scholastic Book Fair which is to be held after school from Monday 7th to Wednesday 9th December in the Library, which may be helpful for a Christmas gift or two.
- We have had a few parents mentioning that they are not receiving emails. Please check that the mails are not going into junk, as this has happened, or double check with the office that we have your up-to-date email address.
- You will have received your Christmas Performance ticket last Friday, which hopefully will be helpful if notice is needed for time off from work. Can we ask that if there are any tickets that you will not be using, for instance where you have more than one child and therefore have received more tickets, please can you return them to the office.

PACE News Board

Just a reminder that the Winter Fair is on 28th November and all are welcome.

We have two non-uniform days, the first this Friday 20th is the Chocolate One a One! All donations will gratefully be collected before school on both days.

