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## Eastbury Primary News

### Eastbury children meet Holocaust survivor

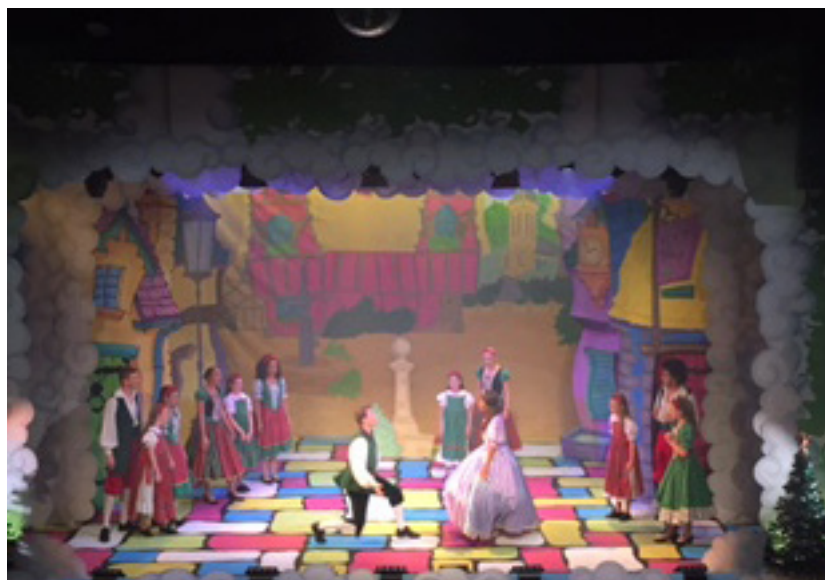
On Wednesday 27th November, 17 children from year 6 attended Eastbury Community school for a very inspiring talk with Lydia Tischler, a survivor of the Holocaust, and Antony Lishak, a children's author.

The children were excited and inspired to hear about the Holocaust survivors' journey to England. They understood how some Jews survived the persecution by Nazi Germany and its allies. Children saw real camera footage from the 1940s of Lydia boarding a plane to immigrate to the United Kingdom.



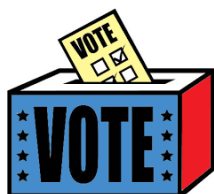
### Year 1 Pantomime

The year 1 children had a fantastic time at the Broadway Theatre watching Jack and the Beanstalk. They were roaring with laughter and cheering on Jack as he embarked on his magical journey to Blunderbore's castle in the sky to save his best friend Daisy the cow! The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing the biggest giant in pantoland, the up-beat singing and the dancing. The day was fe-fi-fo-FUN!



Every week children discuss a 'Votes for Schools' topic, which helps boost their oracy skills, as well as increasing their knowledge and understanding of current affairs. It is also great for parents to discuss these topics with their children at home.

Last week, children discussed 'fake news', considering whether there are some cases in which fake news can have positive uses. The majority of children in the school voted that fake news is always bad (by 75% to 25%). This was a clearer result than nationally, where there was close to an even division (54% voted it was always bad with 46% opposed).



Dates for this term :

December

Tuesday 10th : Year 1 Christmas Concert  
 Wednesday 11th: Year 2 Christmas Concert  
 Thursday 12th: Year 3 Christmas Concert  
 Thursday 12: Nursery Closed  
 Friday 13th: Reception Nativity  
 Monday 16th: Year 4 Christmas Concert  
 Wednesday 18th: Year 5 Christmas Concert & Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day  
 Thursday 19th: Year 6 Nativity  
 Friday 20th: Break up for Christmas holiday

January

Monday 6th: Return back to school

Keeping Children Safe Coffee Mornings in the Parents Welcome Centre

In January, we are running three coffee mornings for parents and carers to support them in keeping their children safe.

These coffee mornings will cover important topics such as E-safety and what your children will be learning about British values. They will be held in the Parent Welcome Centre (entrance on Lambourne Road).

The dates of the coffee mornings for parents and carers are:

- Wednesday 8th January for Reception and year 1
- Thursday 9th January for parents from years 2 and 3
- Friday 10th January for parents from years 4,5 and 6



Afternoon tea for the parents and carers of our Deaf ARP

At the Parent Welcome Centre on Friday 29th November, we held an afternoon tea for the parents and carers of Eastbury's deaf children. It was fantastic seeing so many of our parents and carers at the event.

This was a great opportunity to share experiences, ask questions and give advice to each other. The event was guided by the issues that were important to parents and carers.

Supporting children with SEN

Eastbury Primary School is committed to providing an inclusive learning environment: developing policies, practices and a culture that includes every child. We aim to promote the highest standards of achievement for pupils with special educational needs (SEN) or disability. To do this we respond to learners as individuals taking into account their varied life experiences and difficulties whilst giving them a sense of community and belonging.

On Thursday 21st November, we had our first coffee morning of the term for parents and carers of pupils with SEN. Our aim was to provide a welcoming and supportive atmosphere for parents and carers to meet and chat. During the meeting our SEN Lead, Ms Sealy, discussed the provision at Eastbury and gave parents leaflets and a chance to ask questions regarding SEN.

For further information regarding what support we offer for our children with special educational needs please see the school website.

These included topics such as transition to secondary and sleep patterns.

The feedback has been very positive and we hope to make this a regular event at Eastbury. Thank you to all those who joined us. If you missed it, we hope to see you at the next event.

Year 2 visit to Cutty Sark

Year 2 went on an amazing adventure to the Maritime Museum and the Cutty Sark in Greenwich.

At the Maritime Museum, a range of nautical themes were brought to life with the children being able to explore, play and dress up. Through role play, they experienced buying and selling at the fish market, building in the boatyard and seeing what life was like living on a ship.

We then boarded the Cutty Sark to learn some fascinating facts about one of the most famous and magnificent ships.

On our travels, we even got to walk through the film set of the new Disney film 'Cruella' that will be released next year!

A huge thank you to the parent helpers and staff of year 2 who took the children on this great educational visit.

## Times Table Rockstars

Quick and accurate knowledge of times tables is incredibly important for children's mathematical development. Times table knowledge is essential for children to solve harder calculations.

We are therefore delighted to launch a new fun and challenging activity to help our children with their speedy recall of multiplication and division facts: the Times Tables Rock Stars website (<https://play.ttrock-stars.com>)

- Each child has a rock name and an avatar that can be improved as their times table knowledge grows;
- Children can play on their own or compete against their classmates, other classes or even other schools;
- Year 4 children can practise for the multiplication tables check;
- Children can earn rock speed and status to become a Rock Star, a Rock Legend or even a Rock Hero!

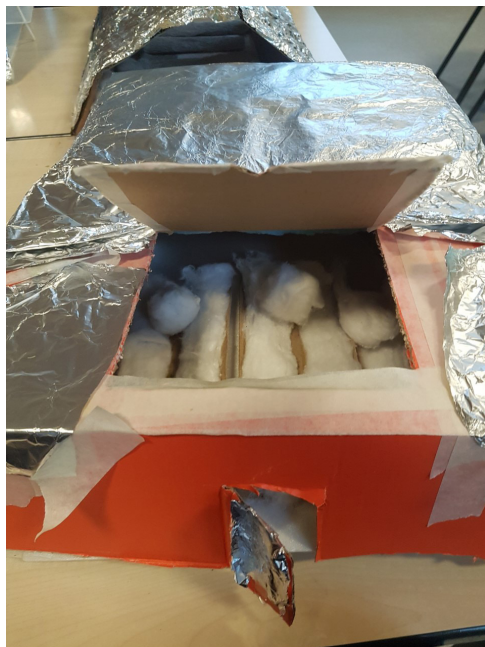
We would recommend all our children from years 2 to 6 spend five minutes a day practising their times tables on the website. The more they practise the better at maths they will become.

Let's all rock and roll our times tables and climb up the ladder of stardom!



## Year 6 Anderson Shelters

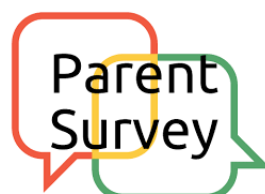
Year 6 have been learning about the Second World War. As part of this, the children have made some great models of Anderson Shelters, which have helped them to imagine how it must have felt to need to take shelter during an air raid.



## Annual Parent Survey

Our annual parent survey is now available on the front page of the school website. Please let us know what you think we are doing well and how we can get even better. Past surveys have really helped us to make improvements for our children.

We will be reporting the results of the survey in a future edition of the newsletter.





### Thank you to Poundland!

The East Ham Poundland store has been very generous and donated wonderful Christmas decorations and items to the school for today's Winter Wonderland event and for future Eastbury events.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the store manager, Abdullah Mohammed, for this charitable act supporting the school and to the children and the families for raising money for items needed in school. Your generosity makes school improvements such as the new Reading Hut possible!



### Amazing Book Corners!

The pupils on our School Council have been discussing reading and how to create a 'love of reading' here at school. Every classroom has a special area for children to read and the School Council recently held a Book Corner Competition which they personally judged.

The staff have certainly been busy creating exciting places in their classes for children to enjoy their reading. The winners in each year group were Nursery, RC, 1C, 2B, 3B, 4D, 5D and 6A. Congratulations and happy reading!



### Christmas Concerts and Nativity

Christmas is fast approaching and there are several special events for your diaries.

The children from our Reception classes will be performing their fabulous annual nativity play at 9.15am on Friday 13th December.

On Wednesday 18th December, the school will be holding its Christmas Jumper Day. We look forward to the children arriving in their festive jumpers and bringing in their £1 donation for charity.

We will also be holding our popular annual Christmas Concerts on the following dates in December:

Tuesday 10th - Year 1  
 Wednesday 11th - Year 2  
 Thursday 12th - Year 3  
 Monday 16th - Year 4  
 Wednesday 18th - Year 5  
 Thursday 19th - Year 6

Concerts will start at 3.20pm with entry to the main hall through the red fire exit doors by the grass area.

Please come along and join the festivities in the build up to Christmas. Watch and join in with the children singing some all-time favourites and traditional songs!

### Nursery closed on Thursday 12th December

Please note that the school's nursery will be closed next Thursday (12th December) because it is being used as a polling station for the general election. The rest of the school – from Reception to year 6 - is open as usual.

### Best attending classes

Children who have good attendance at school are likely to make more progress and do better in their learning. Our whole school target is 97% attendance and all children who have 100% attendance during the year receive a special certificate.

Congratulations to the best attending classes in each phase from last week.

Year 1 +2  
 Class – 1C 98.26%  
 Year 3 + 4  
 Class – 4C 98.52%  
 Year 5 + 6  
 Class 5D – 98.57%

## Stars of the Week!

One child from each class is selected every week to be the 'Star of the Week' and to receive a certificate. These certificates celebrate how that child has demonstrated one or more of our Eastbury values: creativity, respect, aiming high, team-work, enjoyment and resilience.

Well done to our latest Stars of the Week!

Name	Class	Reason
Oscar	RA	for using his sounds to write a lovely sentence about a bear.
The whole of	RB	for doing well in transition to new classes.
Alea	RC	for amazing writing using finger spaces! Fantastic and keep it up!
Xiara	RD	for working very hard learning her sounds and moving up in her reading - Keep it up
Gvidas	1A	for excellent improvement in his behaviour and attitude to learning. Keep it up!
Arisha	1B	for always trying her best and being a good role model.
Albion	1C	for his excellent subtraction work in Maths!
Annalise	1D	for showing excellent attitude towards her learning and always aiming high.
Dominic	2A	for working very hard on his presentation and handwriting.
Zainab	2B	for constructing clear, well written sentences in literacy.
Teddy	2D	for becoming more independent in lessons and for always trying hard.
Rayyan	3A	for being an excellent partner during paired work.
Taisia	3B	for always trying her best and helping her partner settle in to the class.
Ali	3C	for being able to locate countries on a map during Geography
Malise	3D	for always presenting her work beautifully.
Sebastian	3D	for being great at identifying the key features in an instructional writing.
Emy	4B	for writing an amazing recount.
Imaani	4C	for always being a good example in class and supporting others when they need help.
Ryder	4D	for his great work with multiplication by 2 digit numbers
Liberty	5A	for supporting all the children in the class and improving her spellings.
Michael	5B	for being a hardworking member of 5B and always staying on task.
Tamilla	5C	for representing Eastbury Primary school at the British Schools London Area Qualifiers Judo Championships and winning a gold medal.
Andreea	5D	for settling down well in her new class.
Ludovic	6A	for being a fantastic role model at all times.
Ayaan	6B	for having a positive mindset and always demonstrating resilience.
Alexia	6C	for her improvement with her English writing and always persevering when things are challenging.
Abdul	6D	for his clearly presented and explained maths work on algebra.
Erdem	6E	for contributing to our class debate on whether Animals should rule the planet



Key Dates for this year

A copy of the school calendar is also available on the front page of the school website.

Autumn Term	
4 September 2019	Start of autumn term
4 October 2019	Science Week display for parents in main hall (3.00pm)
16 October 2019	Black History Day
17 October 2019	Last day of half-term
18 – 27 October 2019	Half-term holiday
1 November 2019	Maths Day
8 November 2019	Year 3 Diwali Assembly (9.30am)
13 - 14 November 2019	Parents' Evenings
15 November 2019	Anti-Bullying Day/ Children in Need
6 December 2019	Winter Wonderland (after school)
13 December 2019	Reception Christmas Assembly (9.30am)
18 December 2019	Christmas Lunch and Jumper day
20 December 2019	Last day of autumn term

Spring Term	
6 January 2020	Start of spring term
17 January 2020	Children's Rights Day
24 January 2020	Year 4 Chinese New Year Assembly (9.30am)
31 January 2020	International Language Day
15 – 24 February 2020	Half-term holiday
5 March 2020	World Book Day
11 - 12 March 2020	Parents' Evenings
13 March 2020	Art/DT Week display for parents in the main hall (3.00pm)
17-20 March 2020	School Recitation Competition
30 March 2020	Year 5 Easter Assembly (9.30am)
3 April 2020	Last day of spring term

Summer Term	
20 April 2020	Start of summer term
1 May 2020	Year 1 St George's Day Assembly (9.30am)
7 May 2020	British Values Day / VE Day
11 – 14 May 2020	Key Stage 2 SATs Week (for year 6)
21 May 2020	Deaf Awareness Day
23 May – 1 June 2020	Half-term holiday
5 June 2020	Viva Espana afternoon
12 June 2020	Year 2 Eid Assembly (9.30am)
26 June 2020	Summer Picnic (3.00pm)
6 July 2020	Nursery and Reception Sports Day
9 July 2020	Key Stage 1 and 2 Sports Day
15 July 2020	Eco Day
17 July 2020	Last day of summer term