



Eastbury Primary News

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Changes to Leadership Team

The Chair of Governors, Jacqui Barnard, wrote to you last Tuesday about an important change to the school's leadership after the half-term holiday.

From 25th February Mrs Shepherd will be Eastbury's Headteacher. Mr Wilson has been appointed as Headteacher of James Cambell Primary, another primary school within Partnership Learning Trust.

Both schools will work very closely together and will continue to benefit from the experience of Mrs Shepherd and Mr Wilson.

We appreciate that some of you may have questions about the changes. If you would like to discuss these, both Mrs Shepherd and Mr Wilson would be happy to talk these through with you.

Eastbury children commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day

On Monday 27 January, a group of year 6 children took part in a special service to mark Holocaust Memorial Day and the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau.

Before the service, the children spoke at a special event in Barking Town Hall Council Chamber. They talked movingly about what they had learnt about the horrors of the Holocaust and how the lessons of history were still relevant today. The councillors were extremely impressed by the children's short speeches and their message of tolerance, unity and peace.

At the service, which was led by Council leader Darren Rodwell, six candles were lit in remembrance of the six million Jewish people who were murdered by the Nazis.

Rabbi Herschel Gluck led a prayer and spoke about how the people of east London had suffered in World War II and how important it is we stand together. The children stood alongside the councillors and the Rabbi as the candles were lit and everyone reflected on the need to stand up to injustice across the world.



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.

1C + 1D 99.13%

3C 99.23%

6E 98.40%



Dates

February

Friday 14th: Break up for half-term holiday & Non-uniform day

Tuesday 25th: Return back to school

March

Thursday 5th: World Book Day

Wednesday 11th: Parents' Evenings

Thursday 12th: Parents' Evenings

April

Friday 3rd: Last day of spring term

Charity Day – 14th February 2020

Following an excellent suggestion from one of our parents, we have decided to hold a non-uniform day to raise money for charity on the last day of this half-term, Friday 14th February 2020.

We would kindly ask that you give a £1.00 donation for charity on that day. This will help children at Eastbury to understand that they are part of a wider community and that everyone has a responsibility to help people in need.

We invite you to email office@eps.barking-dagenham with your suggestion for the charity (or charities) that should receive the money. Following the day, we will let you know how much money you helped us raise and where the money will go.

Parenting course: help your child be happy, confident and do well

Our very popular parenting course, Parent Gym, will be starting again on Friday 14th February at 9.00am.

Parent Gym is a course of six weekly sessions packed with practical tips and techniques to make family life easier and help your children thrive. The sessions are fun and interactive, and it is a great chance to meet and chat with other parents.

If you would like to book onto the course or find out more, please contact the school office or speak to Miss Kerr, our Family Liaison Officer.

International Languages Day

On Friday 31 January, children at Eastbury celebrated International Languages Day. In our school there are many children and staff who are bilingual or multilingual, speaking more than 60 different languages and bringing together different cultures from all continents of the planet Earth.

The children learnt to speak, read and write in a variety of different foreign languages, including Arabic, Greek and Bengali. They practised phrases in those languages, listened to songs and short stories and used different alphabets to write their names.

It was amazing to see the children so excited and dressed up in their traditional costumes or in the colours of their nation's flags.

All the children showed great pride in their backgrounds as well immense respect for other children's cultures and languages. Everyone had a fantastic day.

Thank you for your support and donations - we raised: £488.27.



Aldi Sports Kit for Schools

Thank you for all the support in collecting the Aldi Kit for Schools stickers. You brought in over 500 stickers and, as a result, the school will be receiving an exclusive sports kit from Aldi. We can use this kit in future school sports competitions. Unfortunately we did not win the big prize of £20000, but that won't stop the school continuing to promote a healthy and active lifestyle!

Homework

We would like to thank all the parents and families who support their children with their homework. Homework – together with daily reading, learning times tables and spellings - can really help your child to make excellent progress at school.

Homework is set once a week (sometimes written and sometimes on-line) and it is expected that all children complete this homework. If you would like to discuss your child's homework, please speak to your class teacher.



We would like to thank everyone who participated in this year's parent survey. The results were very positive:

- 88% of parents felt that their child makes good progress at the school
- 90% of parents agreed that the schools makes sure its pupils are well behaved
- 87% of parents would recommend this school to another parent

A few of your comments:

"This has been a great school for my daughter. I appreciate all the work staff done from nursery till present."

"The staff are very friendly and they do their best to help if asked."

"It is a community school with a sense of togetherness."

"My children are happy to go to this school and I can see their progress."

While these are good results, we aim for 100% in every area! We are therefore carefully considering your comments on what we would do well and how we could improve so that we can make the school even better. One example of this is your suggestion that we have VE Day celebrations in May and we are now planning for these.

If you have any other suggestions about improvement to the school, then please don't wait until next year's survey: speak to us and let us know!



Looking after the environment

The fabulous children who are our Eco Warriors and School Councillors have been teaming up to brainstorm ways we can recycle at Eastbury. They have been sharing some great ideas of how to do this, including an Eco Warrior Day, a poster competition and setting up a clothes collection bank at school.

Look out for our new bin signs in the playground and classrooms. We will also be sharing information and tips on how to recycle at the next Celebration Assembly. Remember ... "When in doubt, waste bin it out!"

Votes for Schools

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 was Children's Mental Health Week and, as a result, the Votes for Schools topic in Key Stage 2 was 'could you support a friend struggling with their mental health?'. The topic for Key Stage 1 was 'should you always put your friends first?'.

Following their discussions in class, most children in Key Stage 2 voted that they could support a friend struggling with their mental health (which reflected the national vote). In Key Stage 1, the results were more even, with a small majority of children voting against the topic.



First Aid

After half term, there will be a change in the arrangements for reporting first aid to parents:

- if your child has a bump on the head, then he/she will be given a green wrist band and you will receive a letter at the end of the day. You will also receive a phone call when it happens. During the phone call, we will discuss whether your child needs to be collected or can stay at school. If your child stays at school, then he/she will be monitored.
- if your child has first aid for any other reason, then he/she will be given a yellow wrist band with his/her name, class, date, time, injury and the action taken by the first aider. You will not receive a phone call unless the injury is serious. This new system will mean that children no longer lose the slips before getting home.

Thank you in advance for your support. We will welcome any feedback on how well the new system is working.



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, teamwork, enjoyment and resilience.

Well done to our latest Stars of the Week!

Name	Class	Reason
Chloe	RA	for writing her name independently.
Yunus	RC	for settling in well in RC, welcome to Eastbury !
Parisa	RD	for being a sensible member in class and always helpful.
Rayan	1A	for showing increased confidence, independence and initiative in all his work.
Fayha	1B	for always extending and stretching her learning at home.
Harry	1C	for working exceptionally hard in Maths and aiming high!
Wilfred	1D	for always working hard and aiming high in all subjects.
Alizah	2A	for working hard in all lessons, following instructions at all times and her neat presentation in the books. Alizah is a role-model for other children.
David P	2B	for aiming high and mastering telling the time.
Tia	2C	for sharing ideas in class.
Teddy	2D	for always trying his best in lessons and being resilient.
Joseph	3A	for trying extra hard in all lessons.
Abdullah	3B	for always having a good attitude towards his learning.
Neviyah	3C	for trying really hard to improve her handwriting.
Yasin	3D	for his excellent progress in maths.
Zahir	4A	for fantastic effort improving his handwriting .
Egle	4B	for always having a positive attitude towards learning.
Lucas	4C	for applying what he has learnt in phonics in lesson.
Ismael	4D	for the outstanding improvement he has made in maths! Fantastic!
Maliha	5A	for scoring 40/40 in her arithmetic test.
Fatoumata	5A	for scoring 40/40 in her arithmetic test.
Joseph	5B	for being a thoughtful and caring member of 5B. He always ensures that he's helpful towards his peers.
Andy	5C	for persevering and trying his best during assessment week.
Sairah	5D	for settling down well in her new class and demonstrating a positive attitude to all areas of her work.
Andreea	5D	for always trying hard and having a fantastic attitude towards her learning.
Omar	6A	for outstanding behaviour on our school trip.
Haider	6A	for outstanding behaviour on our school trip.
Olga	6A	for the fantastic improvement in her reading and writing.
Oliver	6B	for exemplary behaviour during our trip to the Natural History Museum.
George	6C	for exceptional behaviour on the school trip and for being so respectful that a member of the public commented on his polite manners.
Shabir	6D	for working hard and trying his very best during the GPS booster session.
Reggie	ARP	for his excellent maths assessment this week.



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
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)
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
25 February 2020	Return to school
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