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Dear Eastway families,

We look forward to seeing you all at our parent/carers meetings next week, where you will have the opportunity to look at some of the work your child has been completing so far this term and to discuss how he/she has settled into the new school year.

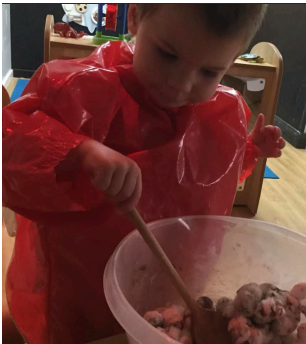
If your child has a special educational need, you may be interested in attending one of three sessions being offered next week at The Hive in Birkenhead. Details of the event are at the end of this newsletter.

Finally, thank you for supporting mental health charities today by sending your child into school in clothes that bring them joy; it really did make it a lovely end to the week, whilst supporting a worthy cause.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend,

Mrs Benson
Headteacher

Explorers



This week, our Explorers have been enjoying the wonderful story Owl Babies. The children loved listening to the story and getting to know the four owl characters: Sarah, Percy, Bill and Mummy Owl. We talked about the relationships between the owls and how Mummy Owl cares for her babies. The children enjoyed talking about their own families and the special people who care for them. We also had lots of fun creating our own owls and exploring different materials to represent the characters.

As we explored the owls, we noticed that each one was a different size. The children enjoyed comparing the owls and using words such as big, small, bigger and smaller. We talked about which owl was bigger or smaller than another and explored ordering the owls by size.



Nursery 	Nursery are learning about the importance of toothbrushing and having healthy teeth. This week we have launched our brush buses and used our toothbrushing song to brush for the correct amount of time.
Lunar  PIC-COLLAGE	In Lunar this week we have been reading the story 'We're going on a bear hunt', introducing the children to repetitive language and story sequencing.
Reception	This week in Reception, we have been learning all about Zog! We took part in our very own Zog Academy, where we completed lots of exciting activities to help us learn just like the dragons in the story. We had great fun developing our skills and exploring different challenges. In Maths, we have been learning about more and fewer, comparing groups of objects and identifying which groups have more or fewer items. We have had a fantastic time learning through stories, play and practical activities, well done!
Apollo	This week, we have been reading the story <i>What's in the Witch's Kitchen?</i> We have loved exploring the different images in the book and enjoyed lifting the flaps to discover what surprises were hiding underneath! We have also been very creative, making our own shape witches and preparing a delicious "Mummy Surprise" during our cookery session. In Maths, we have been learning about the concepts of 'more and fewer', developing our understanding through fun and practical activities. As we continue to explore the season of autumn, we have been looking at the beautiful autumn colours around us. We used our fingers to create colourful autumn pictures, enjoying the opportunity to experiment with different colours and textures.
Year One	Another wonderful week for Year 1! The children have been working incredibly hard and have shown some fantastic problem-solving skills in Maths this week! We have been exploring greater than, less than and equal to, learning how to compare numbers and explain our thinking. It has been lovely to see the children growing in confidence, challenging themselves and showing such enthusiasm for their learning. We are so proud of their positive attitudes and determination to always try their best!

	Well done, Year 1 Keep up the amazing work! 🌈
Year Two	Year 2 are really enjoying their new non fiction book 'Everything Under the Sun' - this week they have been reading all about gorillas. They had fun using paper 'flames' to discover how the Great Fire of London spread so quickly. In maths, we have been singing and dancing along to some catchy songs to help us count in 10s, 5s, 2s and 3s.
Year Three	It has been another fantastic few weeks in Year 3! In English, the children have been busy writing and editing their own 'Approaching Threat' narratives, focusing on creating suspense and keeping their readers on the edge of their seats. In Maths, they have been developing their understanding of adding and subtracting 1s and 10s across 10s and 100s, while working incredibly hard to master their 11 times tables. They have loved exploring our History topic, discovering how life changed from the Stone Age into the Bronze Age, and in Science they have been learning about nutrition and the Eatwell Guide. French continues to be a favourite, with the children now confidently asking how someone is and what their name is. In PE, they have been developing their dribbling skills and building confidence with the fundamentals. We are so proud of the enthusiasm, effort and progress they are showing across all areas of their learning!
Year Four	Year 4 has had a fantastic week this week. We have been writing our action paragraphs in English and rounding numbers up to 10000 in maths! We have shown great determination to not give up and keep on practising these skills to get better. In history, we've continued our research of the Picts and Scots and in science we've had some fun experiments to observe how water can change states! We have had a lot of fun alongside a lot of hard work! In PSHE, we have been learning more about our mind and we've found that very interesting. We are excited to learn more in the next few weeks!
Discovery	We are incredibly proud of Discovery and grateful for the support from families in bringing book bags in regularly. The children have earned their Star Learner awards for their fantastic commitment to bringing their book bags in and reading regularly, and we will proudly display this in our classroom! We have also enjoyed simile poems, addition fact families, exploring our sense of touch, drawing machines in Art and becoming speedy readers. What a super week!
Year Five	Another wonderful week in Year 5! We have finished editing our space journey narratives, and they are all fantastic! The children have now started preparing to write a formal mission log, exploring the technical vocabulary they could use to make their writing detailed and engaging. In Maths, we have been working hard on addition and subtraction, and in Science, we have completed writing up our investigation. I am so proud of everyone's hard work, enthusiasm and effort this week. Well done, Year 5!

Year Six	Year 6 have been busy this week in maths lessons solving difficult problems in maths involving the four operations. In English, we have been publishing our first completed extended piece of writing after editing and revising them. In History, we have learnt all about the rationing system in World War 2 including why it was introduced and how the system worked - we hope to use our cooking skills soon to follow some rationing recipes!
Enterprise	In Maths, the children have made excellent progress with using a formal written method for subtraction. They have tackled problems with great enthusiasm and it is wonderful to see their progress with this. In English, the class have been looking at Victorian fairgrounds in preparation for their writing piece encouraging people to 'come to the fairground'. In PE, the children have been working on their skills with a ball, including dribbling and defending the ball.

Every day matters at Eastway!

As you all are aware, attending school every day has a massive impact on children's attainment in school and we are aiming for 96% attendance or above across the school.

Well done to **Year 5** who have had **99%** attendance this week. Well done on making sure you're in every day; enjoy your extra playtime!

If you are planning to take a holiday during term time, please speak to the office about completing a holiday form. This means that school won't attempt to contact you whilst you are away because staff know where the children are. Informing the class teacher only will not necessarily mean the holiday has been approved.



Water bottles



Please make sure you send your child into school with a water bottle every day. It is very important for them to stay hydrated throughout the day.



Reading Challenge



We kindly remind all pupils and parents about our daily home reading expectations. Please make sure your child reads for 10-15 minutes each day at home. This simple routine helps build strong reading habits and improves comprehension skills. To encourage participation, we are holding a weekly raffle where pupils who complete their daily reading have a chance to win a reading voucher to the value of £10! This is our only regular home learning activity, so your support in making it a regular part of your child's routine is greatly appreciated.

Reading volunteers appeal!



We all know the benefits of reading regularly. We would really like to have more volunteer readers in school to support children who would really benefit from some extra practice. If you could offer a morning or afternoon to become a volunteer reader, please let the school office know and we will get in touch with more details.

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Supporting SEND Together

Over 50 SEND services for you to meet

12 October

The Hive, Birkenhead

Register for one of 3 sessions

9:30-11:30

13:00-15:00

15:00-17:00



Or come along on the day!

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