



Eastway Primary School

Autumn Newsletter 2016



Bringing Learning to Life



Foundation 1 and 2 perform Prickly Hay



Year 1 and 2 perform Christmas with the Aliens



Thank you to all families who came to the Christmas Performances. We are very aware that parents/carers and family members appreciate the opportunity to photograph and video these events. We would like to remind all parents/carers that we are only able to allow this because families agree not to share any photographs or videos on social media sites. Thank you for your continued support with this.

Year 1

As part of their Christmas celebrations the children in Year 1 have been learning about the symbolism of Christingle and its importance to the Christian celebrations. They then had a go at making their own Christingle to take home.



Father Christmas visits the Eastway Estate

Thank you to all the staff and parents who helped Santa on his sleigh when he visited the children in Moreton. It was lovely to see so many Eastway children give Santa a fantastic welcome.



Year 2 visit Moreton Methodist Church

The children in Year 2 enjoyed an afternoon at Moreton Methodist Church hearing the Christmas story told from different characters point of view. All the children behaved extremely well and learnt a lot about the Christmas story. They used their experiences as a model for their own writing.



Santa flight

Eastway School was very fortunate this year to be invited to visit Father Christmas and enjoy a flight on a real plane from Manchester Airport. Seventeen very lucky children's names were pulled out of a hat and joined Mrs Marchant, Mrs Ritchie and Mrs Dennett to deliver letters from Eastway children directly to Father Christmas. It was a very special day.



Santa's Grotto

Thank you very much to the Home School Association parents who once again organised the Christmas shop. Thank you to the Home School Association and Sparkles parents for arranging a special Grotto and inviting Father Christmas to visit school.

Early Years

The children in the Eastway Early Years joined in with all the whole school activities including Christmas Jumper Day. They have also been creating some fantastic festive artwork to take home.



Sparkles

The Eastway Sparkles group have enjoyed some lovely craft activities this term. Sparkles is a play group/coffee morning for parents and carers who meet every Thursday in the family centre at Eastway. New members are always very welcome to drop in. A fantastic snowman to help decorate the grotto was built as part of their Christmas celebrations.



Specialist Sports Lessons

This term the children in Years 3, 4 and 6 have enjoyed some specialist sports lessons through Eastway's link with Clare Mount Specialist Sports College. Table tennis, dance, athletics and gymnastics are some of the exciting activities the children have already taken part in and more exciting activities are planned for next term.

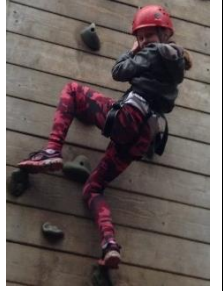
Poppy Appeal

Thank you to all the children, parents and staff who purchased poppies and other items from the Poppy Appeal in November. They were very grateful to receive a donation of £209.79 from Eastway. The money raised goes towards vital welfare and benevolent work.



Y6 Residential Trip to Colomendy

The children in Year 6 had a fantastic three day residential trip to Kingswood, Colomendy in October. They had the opportunity to try some exciting activities such as climbing, abseiling, a 3G swing and an evening campfire. The children were brilliant at encouraging and supporting each other and everyone had a truly memorable time. Everyone at Eastway is incredibly proud of them.



Bikeright

Congratulations to the twelve Year 5 and 6 children who successfully completed the cycling proficiency training this term.



Year 4 trip to Liverpool

This term the children in Year 4 visited Liverpool and enjoyed learning first hand about the history of Liverpool. The children saw lots of Liverpool's famous buildings and the ferries before visiting the museum where they were able to enjoy a private screening of a Beatles film and learnt about Liverpool's imports and exports and the overhead railway.



Year 6 Statutory Assessment Tests

The Year 6 SATs take place every year during May. This academic year they will be held from 8th - 11th May 2017. Please put the date in your diary if your child is in Year 6.

MacMillan Coffee Mornings

Thank you to everyone who joined the Foundation staff and children for the "World's Biggest Coffee Morning". With your help an incredible £150 was raised for MacMillan Cancer Support at the two coffee mornings.



Reading Rewards

In November, 105 children from Years 1 - 6 enjoyed a special Reading Reward in the school library. They enjoyed hot chocolate, games and reading as a reward for earning 30+ reading stickers. Well done everyone!



Anti - Bullying week

During November the whole school took part in Anti-Bullying week. Lots of activities took place which included special assemblies and an e-safety coffee afternoon for parents / carers. Guide to E-Safety leaflets are still available from the school office or in the Parent/Carers section of the school website. www.eastway.eschools.co.uk

INSET DAY

The final INSET day has been arranged for **Monday 5th June 2017**. School will be closed to pupils on this day.

Parent Information sessions

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Class Information meetings this term. It was lovely to see so many parents and carers take the opportunity to visit school to find out more about life in their child's class and to get ideas about how to help children at home.

Harvest Celebration

This year's Harvest Celebration was led by Year 5. The children performed beautifully for the rest of the school, their parents and carers. Thank you very much for the generous donations of food items which were gratefully received at the Charles Thompson Mission.



Judo Club

Well done to all the children who took part in the five week lunchtime Judo club that took place this term. Eighteen children enjoyed the club and we hope to offer the opportunity for more children to take part again next year.



Swimming

Year 6 children had the opportunity to attend two weeks of swimming lessons at Leasowe Recreation Centre. These lessons are invaluable and give the children the chance to increase their confidence and independence in water.

Year 6 Dodgeball Tournament

The children in Year 6 also visited Clare Mount Specialist Sports College to participate in a sport tournament. The children enjoyed the event which enabled them to see how the skills of collaboration and resilience can be developed through competitive games.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Daniel Dysart, a previous pupil at Eastway, who won Gold at the UK Taekwondo National competition in London. We are very proud of him.



Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who took part and donated to Children in Need on Friday 18th November. In total an incredible £241.89 was raised.



Safety Week

During November, the whole school took part in Safety Week. The children enjoyed a visit from the Hoylake coastguards who taught them how to stay safe around the coast and what to do if someone was in difficulty in the water. The children also had a visit from the local Police Community Support Officer for an interesting safety assembly.



Year 4 visit the school field

During Safety week Year 4 visited the school field. They wore their wellies to walk to the pond to assess how safe the pond would be for pond dipping and discussed ways in which it could be made safer.



Reading Workshops

The children and parents in Year 2/3 and Foundation 2 enjoyed the two reading workshops their teachers planned. Thank you to everyone who attended and had the chance to try out some ideas and activities to help support their child's reading at home.



Foundation 1 have the 'Star Factor'

Foundation 1 have enjoyed exploring their new 'star factor' role play area. They have loved dressing up and using the microphones to be creative and imaginative. There have been some very exciting performances of their favourite songs and dance routines.



Starting Foundation 2 (Reception) in September 2017

If you have (or know someone who has) a child born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 you must apply for a school place by **15th January 2017**. This can be done online at www.wirral.gov.uk/admissions or alternatively, click on the link in the "School Information" section of the school website www.eastway.eschools.co.uk. If you do not have Internet access please call into the school office.

Year 3

This term the children in Year 3 have been learning all about Ancient Greece. As part of their topic work they tried some Greek food including feta cheese, pitta bread, olives, Greek salad, oranges, yoghurt and honey. Most of the children enjoyed the different foods particularly the yoghurt and honey but were not too keen on the olives!



The children also took part in a topical 'Now Press Play' interactive story. They went on an interactive adventure to save Athens from the Spartan army with a slave girl called Arini. On their travels they visited the Olympics, the theatre and went on a galley boat, which ended up shipwrecked.



SCD1 learn about traditional tales

The children in SCD1 were very inventive using blocks, crates and paper to make their own rickety bridges for the Three Billy Goats Gruff to trip trap across. They particularly enjoyed decorating gingerbread men, who looked very smart, with all their decorations, and tasted even better! After listening to the Goldilocks and the three bears story, the children made porridge and helped to measure, pour, mix and stir the ingredients before cooking and tasting it.



School Website and Virtual Learning Environment

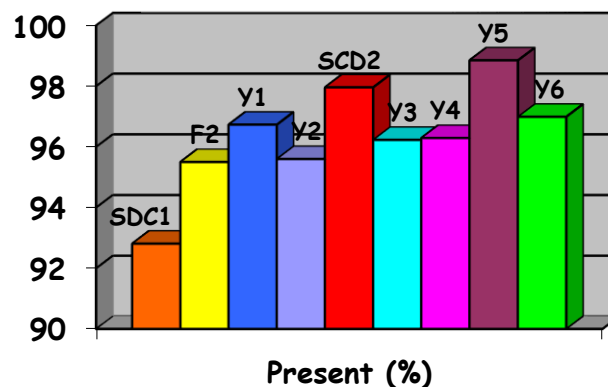
The school website and VLE is being accessed regularly by children and parents. Please continue to check regularly for updates and information on key events and dates.

School Website address: eastway.eschools.co.uk

Attendance

Thank you to all parents/carers who have supported their children in getting to school every day this term. The whole school attendance for Years 1-6 is currently at 96.7%. Improving attendance remains high on our agenda as it reflects well on the parents, pupils and staff of Eastway, but more importantly gives children a much greater opportunity to learn and achieve in school.

Please see the chart below which illustrates how each class is performing:



A child with less than 90% attendance is now classed as persistently absent. The school attendance officer and Education Social Worker will be holding meetings in the New Year to review any children under 90% as we do every half term.

There are 65 children, who have had 100% attendance since September.

At the end of last school year, all pupils with 95% or over were rewarded with a special treat. We would be delighted to reward your child at the end of this academic year for excellent attendance - please help your child to achieve this by getting them into school on time every day.

Reporting Absence

Please inform the school office by 9.15am if your child is absent from school along with the reason.

School Telephone Number: 0151 677 1235

School closes on Thursday 22nd December at 3.15pm and will re-open on Monday 9th January 2017



Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas



Eastway Term and Holiday Dates 2016 – 2017

Autumn Term 2016

School Closed to pupils – INSET day	Monday 5 th September
School Re-opens	Tuesday 6 th September
School Closed to pupils – INSET day	Monday 17 th October
School Closes	Friday 21 st October
Half Term Monday 24th October – Friday 28th October	
School Opens	Monday 31 st October
School Closes	Thursday 22 nd December
School Closed to pupils – INSET day	Friday 23 rd December
Christmas Holidays Monday 26th December – Friday 6th January	

Spring Term 2017

School Opens	Monday 9 th January 2017
School Closes	Friday 17 th February
Half Term Monday 20th February – Friday 24th February	
School Opens	Monday 27 th February
School Closed to pupils – INSET day	Monday 6 th March
School Closes	Friday 31 st March
Spring Break Holiday Monday 3rd April – Monday 17th April	

Summer Term 2017

School Opens	Tuesday 18 th April
May Day Monday 1st May	
School Closes	Friday 26 th May
Half Term Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June	
School Closed to pupils – INSET day	Monday 5 th June
School Opens	Tuesday 6 th June
School Closes	Tuesday 25 th July

