



# Eastway Primary School

## Summer Newsletter 2016

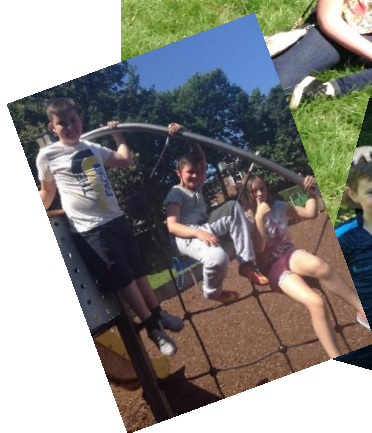


### Bringing Learning to Life



#### Year 6 Leavers' Celebration and Assembly

Before we said goodbye and wished them good luck in their new schools, Year 6 treated their families and the rest of the school to a very special emotional leavers' assembly in the last week of term. As a reward for all their hard work, and to complete their project on local history, the children also celebrated with a day out to New Brighton, where they enjoyed a film, picnic and games in the park.



School closes on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July and will re-open on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016



Wishing you all a wonderful Summer  
from all the staff at Eastway.





## Family Works

Congratulations to the parents and carers from Foundation 2 who successfully completed the Family Works programme. During the programme parents had the opportunity to learn lots of practical and fun ways to help their children develop the necessary skills to be happy and successful in school. All the parents and carers who attended received a certificate of accreditation at the end of the 10 week course and had a celebration party with their children.



We were delighted when Ms McNeil, mum of Charlie, received a special recognition award for her achievement at Family Works. Ms McNeil was presented with her award from the Mayor of Wirral.



## Children's University

Congratulations to all the children who graduated through Children's University this year and thank you to the parents and carers who came along to their graduation assembly at Eastway. All children at Eastway are automatically members of the Children's University and are able to earn bronze, silver and gold certificates for the number of hours they attend after school clubs. This year 21 children graduated.

## Ukulele Assembly

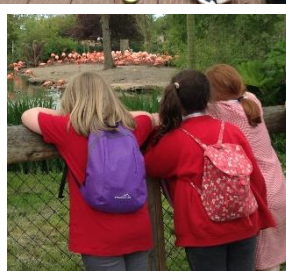
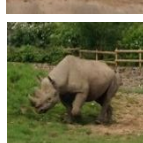
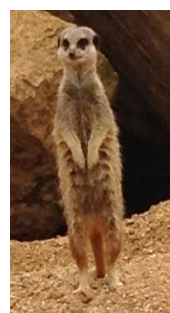
The children in Year 4 have been working very hard all year learning to play the ukulele and they celebrated their learning when they performed for the whole school and their parents and carers.





## Key Stage 2 conservation project with Chester Zoo

This term all the children in Key Stage 2 have taken part in a conservation project run by the Safari Outreach Rangers from Chester Zoo. All KS2 classes had a visit from the Rangers who introduced the idea of conservation with slide shows and interactive games to illustrate how eco systems work. The second visit taught the children about native and invasive species. In May, the whole of Key Stage 2 were very excited to visit Chester Zoo and to take part in two workshops. The children made bird feeders and paper pots for wild flower seeds and identified mini beasts and native birds. They also had lots of time to look around the zoo to see the animals and new attractions.



Other activities with the rangers included making a bug hotel and a creative writing session in school. The project was celebrated with an assembly for Key Stage 1 children.



## 'All Change Day'

Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to 'All Change' day on 6<sup>th</sup> July to meet their child's new teacher, and for your continued support throughout the year.



## Year 5 visit Spaceport

This term as part of their earth and space topic Year 5 visited Spaceport. The children researched different planets, found out why there is day and night, why the moon is seen in different phases and learned about the Milky Way. It was a fun and interactive learning experience.



Year 5 continued their project at school and made an amazing planet display in their classroom.



## Congratulations

Congratulations to Zack Richmond who recently received a very special award. Zack was 1 of 20 children from around the UK to represent the 600 young people who have received Kids and Teens Star Awards from Cancer Research. Zack received a medal from TV star Stacey Solomon at a special presentation ceremony. Well done Zack.





### Year 3 visit Port Sunlight

The children in Year 3 had a lovely day when they visited Port Sunlight as part of their history and geography project. The children took part in a workshop at the Lyceum where they learned what life was like in Victorian Port Sunlight. They were able to explore the exhibits, handle artefacts and dress up in traditional Victorian clothes before watching a film about how and why Port Sunlight was created. The children then went on a walking tour of the beautiful Port Sunlight village.



### Home School Association

Thank you very much to the Home School Association for organising activities and fundraising events throughout the year. The children are very grateful for the fantastic Father's Day shop and end of term disco that was arranged this term.

### The Hub and Sparkles

Eastway Sparkles parents and tots continues to meet on Thursday mornings in the family centre at Eastway. The Hub, run by the Catholic Children's Society, also meet every Wednesday morning in the family centre. Parents have created some beautiful blankets as part of a sewing course. Other activities have included cooking, flower arranging and crafts. New members are always welcome to both events.



### Foundation 1 and 2 Mini Beast Show

The children in Foundation 1 and 2 were very excited when they spent the morning hearing a story about Oliver's Adventure. During his adventure Oliver met lots of animals and whilst listening to the story the children were also able to meet the mini beasts including snails, lizards, snakes and spiders.



### Year 5 STEM Day at Mosslands School

The children in Year 5 attended a STEM day at Mosslands School this term. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The children had a very busy day taking part in lots of activities that included planning, designing and costing bridge building, drama workshop and solving a murder mystery riddle.

### Year 1

This term, as part of their transport topic, the children in Year 1 made their own cars. They learned about how axles and wheels work and put together their own vehicles. The children attached these to a chassis that they had adapted for the car and made the chassis stronger by layering and sticking paper and card together. After they had the base of the car, a body was then added using junk from home. The children decorated the cars and gave them unique features like thrusters and flags. Finally, they really enjoyed racing their cars. The four finalists are pictured.



### Foundation 1 and 2 Booktime 'stay and play'

Thank you to the parents and carers who came along to the Foundation 1 and 2 Booktime 'stay and play' this term. It was lovely to see so many family members in the classrooms and we were delighted to be able to give all the children a free reading book.

### Green Flag Award

We are very proud to have again been awarded the Green Flag Eco School Award after a rigorous assessment that involved checking our recycling and energy saving commitment. Our thanks go to Miss B Worth, Miss Reid, Mr Gaffney, Miss M Worth and the Eco class representatives who worked very hard to ensure Eastway met the very high standards required to receive this coveted award.





## Foundation 2 trip to Church Farm

This term the children in Foundation 2 enjoyed a special day out to Church Farm. At the farm they travelled on a tractor to see lots of animals and were able to feed, stroke and hold some of them. The children also helped the farmer to collect the eggs and after their picnic were able to play in the maize, playground and in a huge sandpit.



The children were also very excited to welcome 2 ducklings and a chick into their class this term. The eggs had been in an incubator in the classroom, looked after by the children and staff in Foundation 2. Rosie, the chick, and Sam and Bailey, the ducklings, hatched in July and enjoyed playing and being carefully held by the children before going to their new home at the farm.



## Celebration of Learning Open Afternoon

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Celebration of Learning on 19<sup>th</sup> July. The children really enjoyed showing all their learning and the hard work they have been doing this year.



## Sports Days

Thank you to all the parents and family members who supported their children during the Sports days that took place during June. A great time was had by all.





## Multicultural Week

As part of Multi-cultural week, the children and staff enjoyed traditional tales told in different languages including Welsh, Bengali, French, Spanish and a traditional English folk tale. At the end of the week the children shared their learning in a special whole school assembly.



During Multicultural week we were lucky to welcome Mr and Mrs Golightly into school for a special assembly about the work they have been doing in Cambodia. Mr and Mrs Golightly were very grateful to receive a donation from Eastway of £202.92 which had been raised by the children who came in a watery themed non-uniform for the day. Thank you to all the parents that supported this worthy charity.

## Outdoor Learning in Year 2

Year 2 have recently had a wonderful garden makeover. The outdoor classroom has lots of new areas for the children to play and learn in. The children are enjoying stretching their learning muscles in the big dig pit, the willow word walk, under the reading tree, on the stage, in the number flower garden and at the chitter chatter camp fire. As part of their science topic the children have planted some tomato plants in the raised beds.





## SCD1

This summer term has been very exciting in SCD 1. After reading "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" by Eric Carle, the children watched their very own caterpillars munching and growing bigger until they spun cocoons and emerged as butterflies. They then released the butterflies into their garden and watched as they flew away.



As part of the summer fun the children had a visit from an ice cream van. They all bought an ice cream or ice lolly after practising buying items with money in their maths lessons. On a sunny morning the children changed into shorts and t-shirts and had fun exploring water as it poured and dripped. They enjoyed splashing and scooping the water.



## Early Years

This term the children in Early Years have been busy learning about shapes and colours. They created some beautiful art work to display in their classroom.



## Foundation 2 trip to Moreton Library

This term the children in Foundation 2 enjoyed a special trip to Moreton Library. They were able to listen to a story and could all choose a book to borrow until the end of term.





## Year 4 trip to Chester

As part of their history and geography topic, Year 4 have been studying the Romans in Britain, particularly in Chester. They visited the Chester Grosvenor Museum where they were met by a Roman soldier who led them through the city to the amphitheatre. The children were shown some defence formations and given instructions in Latin. They used their shields to form a "tortoise" defence against the cavalry. The children then visited the museum to see artefacts which had been excavated from around Chester.



## Year 3 trip to Liverpool's Walker Art Gallery

The children in Year 3 travelled by train to Liverpool to visit the Walker Art Gallery. They have been studying artists such as Turner, Constable, Stubbs and Gainsborough as part of their art project and they looked for these artists' paintings at the gallery. The children discussed how they could recognise them with their distinctive styles. They also spent time with the gallery staff, discussing and drawing modern art, from the John Moores painting prize.





## Super Super Green Treat

Congratulations to all the children who were invited to super super green treat at the end of term. It was fantastic to see so many children being rewarded for consistently good behaviour. We were very excited that Oreo and friends were able to visit us again.



## Reading Rewards

To celebrate the children's perseverance and stick-ability with reading this year, we invited the hilarious storyteller and poet John Hughes into Eastway on Monday 11th July. Throughout the morning John told lots of stories and nonsense poems, all of which the children were encouraged to join in with! John reminded us about the importance of sharing stories with one another and how experimenting with words in poetry and raps can help us with our reading and writing. The children who have read lots throughout the year, and have been to three or more Reading Rewards, had an extra special session with John in which they created a rap about their love of reading that they then performed during assembly. It was a fun and engaging day for all involved!



50 children were also invited to celebrate their commitment to reading in the termly reading treat. The children enjoyed ice cream and free reading time in the school library. Please do continue to encourage your child to read during the summer holidays. The children have heard all about the Summer Reading Challenge which takes place every year and children can sign up free at any local library.



## Attendance

Attendance and punctuality is so important and it can impact significantly on children's progress. Thank you to all the parents / carers who have supported their children to get to school on time every day over the last year. Our whole school attendance for Years 1 - 6 is 95.9% which is in line with the nationally expected level of 95%+.

## Tea party

Congratulations to all the children who were invited with their parents / carers to attend the special tea party to celebrate their outstanding attendance. This year was the biggest tea party so far with 26 children invited and receiving special certificates of recognition.

Congratulations to

Jack Berry	Declan Hughes	Madison Milne	Isla Walker
Georgia Broomfield	Callum Lane	Hollie Navein	Joel West
Leah Deeny	Ellie Lane	Joseph Naylor	Rylee West
Daniel Dysart	William Lane	Alanah-Mae Rycroft	Logan White
Isabelle Edger	Jacob Lowe	Rebekah Samuals	Rayden White
Alfie Evans	James Marshall	Ashton Smith	
Taylor Garbutt	Laina Marshall	Eve Smith	

Particular congratulations to **Alfie Evans**, **Declan Hughes**, **Madison Milne**, **Isla Walker** and **Hollie Navein** who have had 100% attendance for the second year running.

## Attendance treat

On the last day of term a special 'bouncy' treat was arranged for all the children with attendance of 95% or over. The class with the best attendance this year was Year 4 and they enjoyed a special attendance cake.

## Goodbye to Mrs Oppenheim

The pupils and staff at Eastway bid a fond farewell and wished a very happy retirement to Mrs Oppenheim. Mrs Oppenheim has worked at Eastway for 39 years and will be very much missed by the children and staff.

## Bon Voyage 再见

The pupils and staff at Eastway are very sad to say Bon Voyage to Miss Worth and Mr Gaffney who are leaving school to work in China. Although we will miss them we are very excited for them as they go on their adventure and look forward to hearing about the exciting places they visit. 祝你好运



## Out of Hours School Club

Sadly, the Out of School Club, closed at the end of this summer term. The children had a special goodbye party. Thank you very much to Miss Plant on behalf of the children and staff at Eastway for running the club so efficiently and making it such a happy place for the children.





## Eastway Term and Holiday Dates 2016 – 2017

### Autumn Term 2016

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

### Spring Term 2017

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

### Summer Term 2017

School Opens	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>May Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	
School Closes	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Half Term Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	
School Opens	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June
School Closes	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July

**1 x inset day still to be allocated**

### School Website and Virtual Learning Environment

The school website and VLE is now 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](http://eastway.eschools.co.uk)

