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Newsletter: 12. 16th February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely ending to our first half term of 2024. I am proud to share yet another sports success with you in that our school football team have won our local league! Since joining the Three Rivers Sports Partnership this year, we have had some great opportunities to take part in competitions and new sporting challenges. Thank you to Mr Davies for organising all the fixtures and events. There are many more to follow. Thank you to our team coach and manager – Mr Tooley for running our practice sessions. Enjoy the match report below written by Mr Davies.



Our Y5.6 football team's hard work paid off on Thursday afternoon as they won 10-0 away at Woodhall Primary School to finish the league season with a 100% winning record. The goals were scored by Luca (4), Shakai (4), Mark (1) and Raihanali (1), while another excellent defensive performance ensured a third clean sheet in a row for the team.

As league winners, Eastbury Farm will now progress to the sports partnership finals where they will play the winners of other local leagues around Watford and Rickmansworth.

Congratulations to the team and thank you to Mr Tooley for his training and management!



Celebrating success in our community

Well done Charlie – what a great honour! Charlie, who attends Beavers was recognised in the Group Scout AGM for his commitment and enthusiasm as a Beaver. Charlie won Beaver of the Year at the AGM prize giving.

Charlie we are very proud of you and thank you for sharing this with us.

The Great Fire of London



Children in key stage 1 completed their history topic on the significance of the Great Fire of London with a visit from the local Fire Brigade. The children impressively shared their knowledge and the lessons learnt from this significant period of history with the fire fighters.

The fire fighters were keen to check that every child had a smoke alarm in their home, offering to come and fit one if this was not the case. Hopefully the children followed up their homework by checking that their parents had a working smoke alarm. To request a visit – please use this link [Help with smoke alarms](#)

Celebrating Chinese New Year



We were so lucky in Cedar because Eleanor and Harvey's mummy and daddy came to talk to us about Chinese New Year. The children listened really carefully to the lovely PowerPoint that Harvey and Eleanor's parents had prepared and were able to ask questions about Chinese New Year. We even saw photos of Eleanor and Harvey celebrating Chinese New Year last year in Hong Kong. A BIG thank you to Harvey and Eleanor's parents for coming to share with us all about Chinese New Year.

Expressive Arts in Cedar



On Tuesday 6th February, the children in Cedar were very excited to have a special workshop from the company called 'The Weather Machine'. They brought along a special 'weather machine' that allowed the children to explore the different seasons and weather conditions. The children had lots of fun participating in a dance weather workshop. The children had the opportunity to create their own weather dance under the guidance of the performers. It was a lovely session to further enhance our Expressive Arts and Design curriculum in early years.

Our Pupil Leaders



As I am sure you will all agree, pupils at Eastbury Farm are extremely helpful and caring. After talks with some of the older children we have decided to formalise the lunchtime responsibilities that many of our Year 5 & 6 pupils have, by introducing Pupil Leadership high-vis jackets. Pupils who put themselves forward, or who are nominated by their Class Teacher and meet the criteria for taking on these positions of responsibilities, now wear their high-vis jackets at lunchtimes. There is a rota in place and the

pupils in these roles will be reviewed each term so that a range of pupils have the chance to volunteer. We have a range of roles on offer to help with the smooth-running and fun-filled lunchtimes such as Lego Leaders, KS1 Play Mentors/Buddies and Dining Hall Helpers. Thank you to our wonderful pupils for being so kind, helpful and responsible. You make a big difference!

Playtime Pride



As well as our wonderful playground leaders, our children have lots of activities to keep them busy, focused and active at lunchtimes. Our Lego club, set up by former head boy Noah, continues to run every lunchtime. Charlie, Freddie and Archie wanted to share the models they had been building together. Every piece was a product of their imagination and creativity and the boys carefully explained the thinking behind every construction. It is lovely to see how much pride the boys take in their designing and building.

Attendance

Spruce	Maple	Pine	Willow	CedarA	CedarB	Larch	Sycamore	Oak	Chestnut	Elm	Total
99.3%	95.7%	95.5%	95.2%	93.9%	92.7%	92.3%	92.1%	91.3%	90.3%	79.6%	92.6%

Congratulations to Spruce class who are the winners of our re-instated Attendance Cup. The class with the highest attendance each week will receive the trophy in the following week's Celebration Assembly. It would be fantastic if we could reduce the number of late arrivals we have when we return after half term. This week 9 pupils lost a total of 2 hours and 42 minutes of learning due to lateness.

The final page of the newsletter contains some useful information for parents and children about free activities in Three Rivers, as well as places where children can eat for free or at a significantly reduced cost. There is also a flyer advertising a parent information and support workshop at RMS – this is part of Neurodiversity Celebration Week. Please have a look.

A huge thanks to the very dedicated team at Eastbury Farm for everything you give to making our school such a wonderful place to be. Our thoughts are with Mrs Christie who is very poorly and we miss her contribution to school life very much.

Thank you to all our parents for your support this term and we wish you a very restful, happy half term
Miss Ormonde



"What's On?" IN THE AREA



WILDPLAY THIS FEBRUARY HALF TERM

Join us this February for a
FREE Wild Play session
Leavesden Country Park

Ideal for children aged 2-9 years.

Thursday 22 February
10am – 11.30am

Leavesden Country Park
1, College Rd, Abbots Langley WD5 0NX
Meeting Point: One YMCA Woodlands Cafe

Join Groundwork East during February half-term to take part in fun outdoor activities. Learn more about your local surroundings and nature using arts, crafts, nature games and other activities.

Suitable for under 8's, but older siblings are welcome.

RacheL.rice@groundwork.org.uk
T: 07809 201254

[FREE Wild Play - Leavesden Tickets, Thu 22 Feb 2024 at 10:00 | Eventbrite](#)

Harebreaks Recreation Ground

New adventure park for children aged 5 to 15.

Lots of fun activities including:

- 12 metre tower among the trees with 2 slides
 - climbing wall
- netted area for scrambling



Kids Eat for Free

Morrisons – spend £4.49 and get one free kid's meal all day, every day

M&S Café – free kids much meal when an adult spends £5 available from until 24 February

Sainsbury's Cafes – kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot main from 11.30am every day

ASDA – kids eat free for £1 all day, every day with no adult spend required

Pausa Café @ Dunelm – kids get one mini main, two snacks and a drink for free with every £4 spent after 3pm

IKEA – kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am

Tesco – kids eat free with a purchase of 60p+ from 12 February - 23 February



Harwoods Adventure Playground

- double zip wire
- play tower with mid-air tunnel and slide
- climbing wall
- tower, accessed via a wibbly-wobbly bridge
- equipment that creates music and sounds to create a sensory experience that all young people can enjoy.



GAME ON
Sports Coaching



FREE
multi-sports courses this half term
Sports fun, games and matches with friends in an enjoyable and safe environment
Daily courses for children in Years 1-6 running from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm throughout the half-term holiday

Every year in February half-term we offer all our courses **FREE OF CHARGE** to children of selected Game On Schools:
Coates Way
Bushey Manor
Highwood

[Holiday Courses February](#)
[\(gameonsportscoaching.co.uk\)](#)



PLAY RANGERS

Join the play rangers for building camp fires, toasting marshmallows, creating woodland crafts, climbing trees, rope swings and lots more outdoor fun!

During our sessions children and young people are encouraged to explore their local woodland and open spaces, where they can play freely.

Play rangers sessions are **FREE** and take place **4-6pm every weekday during term time.**

PARENT INFORMATION AND SUPPORT EVENING



All parents are welcome to this free event, whether you are yet to have your child assessed or your child already has a diagnosis.

During the event, we will aim to recognise the importance of self-care as a parent or carer. We will also hear from:

- Children who are neurodiverse or have neurodiverse siblings
- Parents with experience of neurodiversity within the family
- Professionals who can help you to navigate the assessment and diagnosis journey and beyond



Wednesday 20th March 2024



6.30 - 8.00pm



New Mark Hall, RMS for Girls, WD3 4HF

Book your place:
rmsforgirls.com/events

