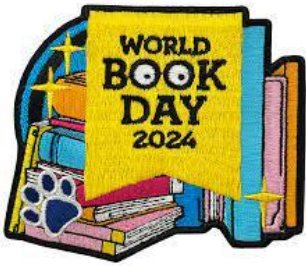




Dear Parents and Carers,

Enjoy this week's newsletter it is full of the exciting events your children experience because of the enthusiasm and efforts of the staff at Eastbury Farm. We try to go above and beyond to make your child's day at school a happy and enjoyable one. My day started with a wonderful insight into the world of Elm Class as they shared their learning to parents and family. What a confident performance from the children. I know parents will be as impressed as I am with the creative and imaginative way in which they access our curriculum.

World Book Day



On Thursday the children celebrated World Book Day in style, with a day full of pyjamas, bedtime stories and lots of activities to celebrate our love of reading. There were sleepovers and snacks, songs and audio books and much more. The children LOVED the 'drop everything and read' afternoon and some children even came down to the younger classes to listen to a story or few. A big thank you to Lyla and Alisha who took time out of their afternoon to set up a reading area in the zone. They delivered some fantastic story time sessions to children in Key Stage 1 and it was all their own idea! They really are 'Reading Champions.'

A huge well done to our 5 and 6 children who made and sold bookmarks at lunchtime on World Book Day. They worked so hard all day and after such a high demand for bookmarks, they set up in the library and made more to ensure that every child received their bookmark. They did a fantastic job and sold over 120 bookmarks! Thank you also to Mrs Rowlinson, who leads our English curriculum, for her passion and enthusiasm for reading for pleasure and her organisation of World Book Day.



Children and staff had a fantastic time embracing the bedtime story theme. Enjoy a selection of pictures from the day.





Bedtime stories are not just for the very young – sharing a book with a child of any age is a wonderful experience and helps promote a love of reading.

Why not give it a try?



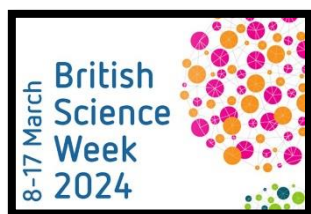
It doesn't matter where you read a book. Just reading a book is a great habit to get in to. What's the strangest place you have ever read a book?

Key stage 1 visit Gunnersbury Park



Last week, Key Stage 1 spent the day at Gunnersbury Park Museum, immersing in all things history. The children travelled back in time and met Florence Nightingale and a maid who worked for Samuel Pepys. The workshops allowed them to explore and recap all their learning linked to The Great Fire of London and Florence Nightingale. They dressed up, listened to stories and acted out significant events from history, confidently explaining the lessons learned. They had so much fun and it really did bring their learning to life. The children did us proud by sharing all of their knowledge and Gunnersbury were very impressed!

The British Science Week 2024 Poster Competition



Next week, we will be celebrating British Science Week, this year's theme is 'Time'. We would like the children to create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. The children could also go futuristic show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature – lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation – nature is full of timely topics- all of which we cover through our science curriculum.

British Science Week 2024 marks the Week's 30th anniversary, with the inaugural celebration happening in 1994. Perhaps, the children could think about scientific innovations since then, or explore 1994 itself – what was life like 30 years ago?

Please ensure all poster entries are complete on A4 paper (name and class on the back) and submitted to Mrs Williams by Monday 25th March. Good luck!

Eco Update

Following the very successful start to our Regrown Project during Feeling Good Week, Mrs Holt and her hardworking volunteers have made a start on the groundwork in our soon to be sensory garden. With the help of Mr Woodbridge the garden is quickly taking shape, ready for the children to get started on the design they have created. Thank you Mr and Mrs Holt, Mr and Mrs Tooley and Mr Woodbridge for making this fantastic start.

Resource request

We would love more of the following if any of our parents could help out with this:

Hard-core, paving slabs, cement, bricks, logs to create seating as well as wood to edge our pathways.

We would also welcome contributions of shrubs, lavender and apple trees!

Many thanks



Count your plastic!

Why not take part in the big plastic count? For one week between 11-17 March, people are being asked to count their plastic to help us understand better the amount of plastic that is being thrown away. More details can be found on the following link. <https://thebigplasticcount.com/>

Community success

Congratulations to Emila, one of our year 5 pupils in Spruce. Emila took part in a gymnastics competition which involved many activities and many children. We were delighted to hear that out of the overall competition, Emila came 5th! Well done Emila and thank you for sharing your good news and showing us your medal.



Chess success



We were invited by Harvey Road Primary School to take part in a chess tournament with children from their chess club. We accepted the challenge and were delighted that our chess team won the tournament and a trophy! The team consisted of a range of experience and all did their absolute best. The focus and concentration during the matches was impressive. Thank you to the parents who supported us to take part by getting the children there and back. We hope to have a return match back at Eastbury Farm. I think Harvey Road would like the opportunity to win back the trophy!

Another netball team success



Another stunning win from our netball team with an 18-0 score to us against Woodhall School. This means we have won our local league and will move onto playing with other league winners later in the month. Thanks again to Mrs Webster for running the practice sessions and coaching our team.

EFSA



Our key stage 1 and reception children are delighted with the fantastic new trim trail that they can now enjoy at playtime. This has been possible because of the fundraising EFSA carry out and your support for this.



EFSA help create our wonderful community atmosphere by organising a whole range of family focussed fundraising events. Thank you to EFSA and to all our parents who support by attending. EFSA are currently selling tickets to for the circus that will be coming to Peebles Green on May 2nd. Please make sure you have your ticket before they go on sale to the general public. Staff were delighted today to receive a special thank you for all they do from our head boy and head girl and their deputies on behalf of EFSA.



Attendance

Oak	Spruce	Cedar B	Willow	Sycamore	Pine	Larch	Chestnut	Maple	Cedar A	Elm	Total
100%	99.7%	99.1%	98.6%	98.3%	97.6%	97.0%	96.4%	96.3%	93.5%	89.7%	96.9%

We've had a much more positive week for attendance and Oak have knocked Spruce from the top spot with a fantastic 100% attendance. Oak will be awarded the attendance cup in next week's Celebration Assembly. We've also had a fantastic week for punctuality with only four late slips this week – totalling 36 minutes of lost learning. Can we aim for a week where we have no lateness?

We have welcomed two members of staff to our team this week. Miss Azulay and Miss Merchant will both be working in Elm Class. We are delighted to have both on board and I know they have enjoyed their first week at Eastbury Farm.

Whilst we celebrate and say thank you to all the mothers and women in our life this weekend, today is another opportunity to acknowledge the women in our lives on International Women's Day – March the 8th.



Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Miss Ormonde