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Dear Parents and Carers,

Enjoy this bumper newsletter, full of news and photos of the last couple of weeks at Eastbury Farm. Please get to the end where you will find details of a range of Easter events and useful resources.

## Science Week

Science Week started with a bit of a problem for children to help solve. Mr Morton was very



distressed. He had lost most of his biscuit in his cup of tea when dunking. The children were set the challenge of using all their working scientifically skills to investigate whether there was a biscuit 'perfect for dunking'. All our classes got involved in researching which was the perfect dunking biscuit. Lots of



recording and measuring of time took place, pertinent as 'time' was the theme of Science Week. For reference, for all the tea drinkers out there, the hobnob is the perfect biscuit for dunking!



Continuing with a science theme Maple class set up a fair test to investigate how different surfaces created different levels of friction to slow down the car. After making their predictions, they had to decide whether to time the car or measure the distance the car travelled from the ramp.



## 500 First Round success!

### Congratulations

Well done to Bhvya who was shortlisted to the second round of the BBC 500 word short story competition out of many thousands of entries from around the country. Bhvya didn't make it to the finals this year but I am sure this won't deter her from trying again next year! Enjoy reading Bhvya's shortlisted story.

#### LA LA LAND

There were four fruits named Dudu, Icy, Aplo and Bono who lived in a town called Lala Land, the happiest town. Aplo and Bono were kind and helpful but Dudu and Icy were mean and inconsiderate. Dudu and Icy always caused trouble to other fruits and did nasty things to them.

Aplo and Bono were extremely annoyed, so they were determined to make things better. So they called a secret assembly where all the fruits were invited in the town except Icy and Dudu. All the fruits were confused why Aplo and Bono needed all of them. In the assembly Aplo and Bono acted like HeadTeacher, they stood on a stage and told all other fruits that they have been getting hurt by Dudu and Icy so just we need to teach them a lesson. Other day they played prank on ChiChi to whom they said there is a humungous bird in the sky calling your name, 'look up Chichi until you can see the bird'. Innocent ChiChi kept on walking looking up in the sky and not knowing where he was going, he fell in deep pothole hurting his hand and legs. On another day, Dudu and Icy went to their neighbour's home at night and troubled Uncle Gigi and Aunty Bibi. They were the most wonderful fruits in the whole Lala Land. They rang the doorbell and and kept on making scary voices to scare Aunty Bibi. They also dressed up in a creepy Halloween costume with. Aunty Bibi was terrified and call the cops. They did not realise how much trouble they were causing to the other fruits, but nothing seemed to work as they were very clever. One fine evening, all fruits decided to go to pray and ask for help. All of them closed their eyes and prayed to give them a magic idea to fix this. Suddenly, they got an awesome idea, whenever Dudu and Icy caused a trouble they would fly up in the sky and hang there. Both were very scared of heights. Aplo and Bono were really happy that prayers worked and magic was brilliant.

In the evening, Dudu & Icy tried to scare Aunty Bibi again, by ringing her door bell and making scary noises in the dark. But magic happened, as soon as they were going to hide, they flew in the sky, making them feel so scared and they cried and cried. They were very upset and bird Tutu came to them saying 'Oh, so it was you too who have causing so much trouble to everyone, now everytime you do this, you will be hung in the sky, until you stop'. This was so good and it seems they learnt their lesson. Every time Dudu & Icy played a prank on someone they were hung in the sky and in a week they they stopped playing pranks.

Lala Land was once again a happy town and we all sang La la la we love our Lala land!!





## Sports update

A huge congratulations to our netball team who played in the district finals last week. The team played six matches, back to back against challenging competition. The team showed resilience, determination and played with real passion. Well done Team Eastbury, although on this occasion we weren't the winners, you learnt so much in the face of tough competition and we are very proud of you. Thank you to our fantastic coach Mrs Webster for all you do to support netball at Eastbury Farm!





## Year 3.4 explore life in Tudor Times



We enjoyed exploring the Base Court and Clock Court. We then enjoyed the Tudor Walk through the Great Hall and Processional Route. We even saw Henry VIII's crown in the Chapel Royal! After a quick run around in the gardens and lunch, we then enjoyed exploring the kitchens during our kitchen workshop.

Children in year 3.4 are currently learning all about life in the Tudor times. One of their activities, which links to our design technology curriculum was to make biscuits that were eaten in Tudor times. Children worked in groups to create their own Shrewsbury biscuits. They had to use maths skills to halve the ingredients, carefully weigh, sift and combine their ingredients together. Children learnt about how much more expensive sugar was in the Tudor ages so Shrewsbury biscuits would have been a luxury at the time! The children ended their period of study about the Tudors with a fantastic trip to Hampton Court Palace. What a brilliant day the children had consolidating their learning.





## ECO-Update



Congratulations to Jenaan from Maple for designing our winning Eco Code poster. We had some really thoughtful and creative entries and it was an extremely difficult decision to make. Look out for Jenaan's posters and most importantly let us all try and follow our Eco Code.

Meanwhile our pro-active ECO committee are putting a huge amount of effort into our ReGrown Project. Led by Mrs Holt, supported by Mr Holt, Mr and Mrs Tooley and Mr Woodbridge the children are beginning to see the sensory garden take shape.





## Young Enterprise

Well done to five very enterprising pupils from year 3.4. The team, led by Raeya and including Bella, Alice, Azra and Melody



worked extremely hard to make a fantastic selection of loom bands to sell to children. All proceeds will be going to purchase additional books for our school library. As well as being a young entrepreneur, Bella is also a talented dancer. I am delighted that she brought in a certificate that she received for her outstanding hard work and commitment to her classes. Well done Bella. Well done to all the girls for their efforts. You have raised an impressive amount of money. We are very proud of you.



"Team loom band" you raised **£237.29** for our library!





### Red Nose Day comedy

Well done to the school council who organised a fantastic comedy assembly as part of our Red Nose Day fundraising. A huge well done to the many children who showed the courage to stand in front of an audience and make them laugh. We had such a great time and we raised **£480** to help make a difference for others.





## House Point Reward with Play Rangers



Green house children who, yet again, won the house point competition had a brilliant time this week and last. Lee from Play Rangers led a fun and active session of team games with Green House children, in their phases. House points are awarded for many actions, including showing our school values and for making a positive contribution to our community.

Play Rangers is run on a different night right across Three Rivers. Our local session is run every Friday from 4pm to 6pm on South Oxhey playing fields. Please meet on the playing fields by Ashburnham Drive (off Hayling Road). The sessions are free and Lee would love more Eastbury Farm children to join these sessions.

### Attendance

Spruce	Willow	Pine	Chestnut	Maple	Oak	Sycamore	Cedar A	Larch	Elm	Cedar B	Total
97.9%	97.2%	95.9%	95.7%	95.3%	95.3%	93.1%	90.9%	90.0%	89%	88.2%	93.7%

Our attendance for last week is not at our normal Eastbury Farm standards. We have been hit by a Chicken Pox outbreak. We also notice this week that many of our children are absent due to term time holidays. Holidays in term time are not authorised but we appreciate families informing us. This ensures our office team are not chasing families to find out why children are not in school.





## Easter Bonnets

What a lovely sea of colour we had this morning. The children made a great effort and choosing winners was really difficult as every child was a winner. Thank you to Aiman for coming to present the prizes – and EFSA for donating them.



I hope you are as impressed as I am by the huge amount of curriculum learning our children experience. What I also love is how many of our children are stepping up and taking the courage to challenge themselves beyond their learning. As I get to the end of creating a newsletter I always feel a real sense of pride and a reminder about why I do the job that I do. Thank you to the entire team at Eastbury Farm who work so hard for the children and thank you to parents for all your support. What stands out to our many visitors is the family feel to the school and the real sense of community. When we return, children can wear their summer uniform if they wish. I am sure it will be weather dependent. Please make sure that holiday nail varnish comes off! Regardless of the rain, we will be playing outside unless it is torrential, so please make sure your child has a coat with a hood so they stay dry – thank you.

Have a wonderful break

Happy Easter and Eid Mubarak for those who will be celebrating over the break.

Best wishes

Miss Ormonde



## Useful events and information



### EASTER HOLIDAYS

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April

# UNDER 19'S FREE\* GYM & SWIM

<b>William Penn Leisure Centre</b> FREE GYM** - Wednesdays & Thursdays 10:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 12:30pm FREE SWIM - Wednesdays & Thursdays 13:30 - 14:30pm 14:30 - 15:30pm	<b>South Oxhey Leisure Centre</b> FREE GYM** - Mondays & Tuesdays 10:30am - 11:30am 11:30am - 12:30pm FREE SWIM - Mondays & Tuesdays 13:00 - 14:00pm 14:00 - 15:00pm
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**Watford Woodside Leisure Centre**  
FREE GYM\*\* - Mondays & Wednesdays  
14:00 - 15:00pm INDUCTION  
15:00 - 16:00pm  
FREE SWIM - Mondays & Wednesdays  
10:30 - 11:30pm  
11:30 - 12:30pm  
13:30 - 14:30pm  
14:30 - 15:30pm (Learner Pool)

All sessions are bookable on the Everyone Active App.

\*Terms and conditions apply  
\*\*Available to Three Rivers District residents only. These residents can use William Penn Leisure Centre and South Oxhey Leisure Centre only  
\*\*\*You need to book a gym induction and 15pm can do an online induction

## EVERYONE CAN KEEP ACTIVE IN THE HOLIDAYS

everyoneactive.com  
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@everyoneactive  
@everyoneactive

**THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL** | everyone ACTIVE

Everyone Active manages these facilities in partnership with Three Rivers District Council



### MESSY GOOD FRIDAY AT EMMANUEL CHURCH

During the Easter Holiday the whole family is invited for a fun morning at Emmanuel Church (High Street, HA6 1AS) on Friday April 7<sup>th</sup> at 10am.

This is an opportunity to explore the Easter story through crafts, games, activities, music, and fun.

Come along on Good Friday!

For more information: [www.ecn.org.uk/kids](http://www.ecn.org.uk/kids)





# "What's On?"



**Cassiobury Farm & Fishery Open Day & Giant Easter Egg Hunt**  
**Sunday 31st March and Monday 1st April**  
**9am—4pm**  
 Hidden throughout the site are giant golden Easter eggs and popular Easter themed characters. Follow your treasure map to find them all  
<https://allevents.in/watford/200026166269548>



**Easter Trail**  
 Easter trail at **Cassiobury Park**.  
 Self led trail to find all the hidden springtime characters around the park and earn a sweet treat! The trail takes about 1 hr for families to complete and each attending child must purchase a ticket through Eventbrite.  
 Adults must accompany their children during the event  
<https://allevents.in/watford/200026253257786>

**Play Rangers**  
 Join the Play Ranger team this Easter for lots of fun egg-citing adventures. We will be exploring local woodland and open spaces, toasting marshmallows, den building, campfires, rope swings, team games, sporting activities and lots more!  
 Sessions are **FREE** to attend but you must register in advance.  
[https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/leisure-parks-culture/play/play-rangers#Holiday%](https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/services/leisure-parks-culture/play/play-rangers#Holiday%20)



**Woodland Fairytale Trail**  
**Chorleywood Common**  
**4th/5th April 10am-2pm**  
 Suitable for all ages  
 Sweet Treat Prize for all on Completion.  
 Trail is walking only and suitable for Pushchairs.  
 Come with wellies as the common can be muddy!  
 Fancy Dress is always welcome...  
 Trail lasts approximately 1hr  
 Tickets will only be required for all children and must be accompanied by an adult when participating  
[Buy tickets – Woodland Fairytale Trail – Chorleywood Common, Thu 4 Apr 2024 10:00 AM - Fri 5 Apr 2024 3:00](https://www.threerivers.gov.uk/leisure-parks-culture/woodland-fairytale-trail)



**Atria Watford Spring Craft Workshops**  
**FREE** half-term Easter fun from **Monday 8th April to Friday 12th April**. Daily from 11am to 4pm in Charter Place near Puttshack  
 From personalised watering cans to ceramic bee feeders, there's something for every young maker to enjoy. Little ones can take home their unique creations, adding a touch of spring to your home or garden.  
<https://atriawatford.com/events/easter-crafts>

**Free Gym & Swim**  
**Everyone Active's** Watford Central and Watford Woodside leisure centres are inviting under 19s to keep active during the school Easter holiday with free access to their gyms and swimming pools from **Monday 3 April to Friday 14 April 2023**  
<https://www.everyoneactive.com/>







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# Want to ask the School Nurses a Question?

Come to our live  
Instagram Q&A on the  
10/04/2024 at 15:00



@hct\_schoolnursing



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