



Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope that many of you enjoyed the Circus show, organised by EFSA as part of their fundraising. Despite the weather and the last minute relocation of the circus, the show did go on!

Monday 22nd of April was Earth Day and thank you for supporting us in our 'no plastic' packed lunch pledge. Children across the school learnt a little more about the impact of plastics on environment. Each class made their own 'plastic pledge'. Here are Willow with their pledge. Year 3.4 were very creative and came together in the hall to sing their pledge. Children in key stage 1 used recycled materials to create collages. Our Eco-Warriors went to the Rickmansworth Aquadrome to pick up litter with Mrs Holt and Sarah. Sarah is the person behind @just1bag2020. Please have a look at Sarah's Instagram page which she set up to inspire people to litter pick. Her campaign has motivated

people from around the world to join in with her litter picking

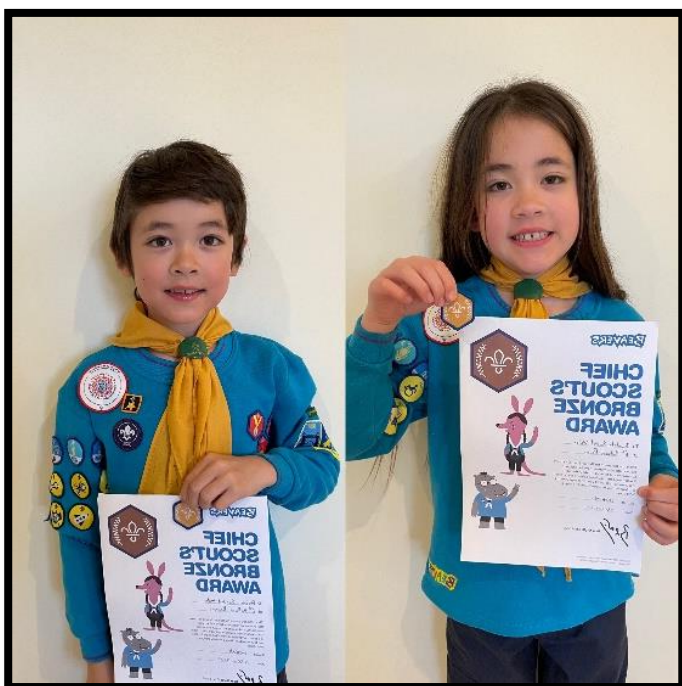
campaign – well everywhere but Antarctica! Sarah told the children a great story about how someone working in Antarctica heard about the campaign and even Antarctica joined in with litter picking. As well as our pupil leaders, we were all thrilled to see the poster Kasper, from our nursery, brought in of him doing his own litter pick with his family to help make a difference.



Earth Day at Eastbury Farm

Our community hall of fame

Our Eastbury Farm children are certainly excelling out of school this month. It is lovely to have the opportunity to celebrate all the children do, both in school and out of school. Well done to the following children.



Isabella and Benjamin Sarchet-Waller achieved their Chief Scout Bronze award in Beavers. This is the highest award to be received in Beavers. They've now moved onto Cubs in their 6th Northwood group. Well done!



Congratulations to Alice who was awarded the Under 8 Girl Player of the Year at Harrow Hockey Club! What a fantastic accolade.



James's hockey team Harrow Under 10s went to the London finals recently at Lee Valley Hockey & Tennis Centre. The team, including James, won silver! What a great achievement



A double celebration for Henry and Xyla who both passed their Association of Russian Ballet and Theatre Arts Grade 1 Ballet exam recently. Both children worked very hard towards their exam and we are very proud of the way in which they rose to the challenge of such a formal examination.

Sports update

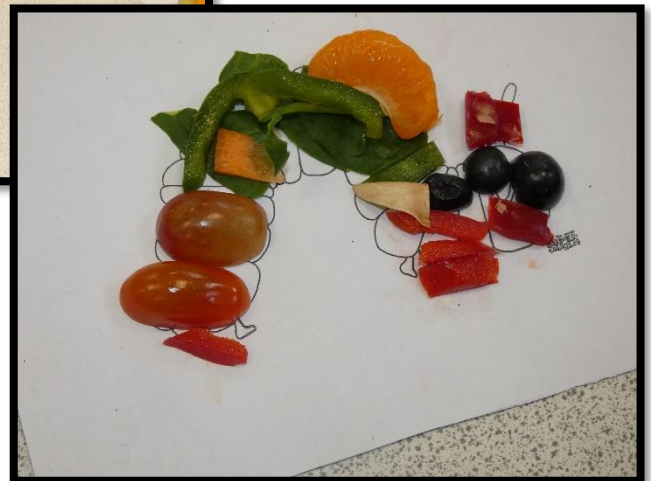


What a great couple of weeks of sporting competition and experiences we have had at Eastbury Farm. Our entire year 5 children had the opportunity to play tag rugby at a local tournament with other schools. The majority of the children had little or no experience of the game and were complete beginners. However our 'A' team only went and won it! This qualified us to play in a competition with the winners of other tag rugby teams from across Watford and Three Rivers. The team faced much stiffer competition but played really well and in the end there was just three points between us and the eventual winners! What a great achievement. The following day our football team took part in their final tournament with the other league winners. The children, coached by Mr Tooley, had a tough battle on their hands as the competition was strong. They did a great job and came together as a team as the competition developed. This was the first outing for our new Eastbury Farm football kit, kindly sponsored by Mr Spulber. Thank you to all the parents who got the children to events and for your support and cheerleading.

This is our first year as part of the Sports Partnership and we are very impressed with all the sporting opportunities this brings to our children – whether through competitions or just getting involved in a new sport. Some of our year 5 children recently spent the day with the Sports Partnership training as Junior Games Makers and from this we hope to develop more pupil leadership of our sport and activities.

Healthy Eating

All our KS1 and 2 children enjoyed an very information assembly led by Miss T from our catering company on healthy eating. Miss T spoke about the importance of trying to eat a rainbow of fruit and vegetables and how each colour helped develop and strengthen different parts of the body, including our brain and our muscles. The children were very interested in what Miss T had to say and asked some great questions. Our KS1 children also got to take part in a Hungry Caterpillar workshop. Using the popular story of the caterpillar who ate his way through many items of fruit, the children got to design their own caterpillar. The children chose the fruit and vegetables to use themselves, ideally creating that rainbow of colours. The best part was then getting to eat it all!



Attendance

Cedar A	Larch	Chestnut	Spruce	Oak	Pine	Larch	Cedar B	Elm	Willow	Maple	Total
100%	97.9%	97.5%	97.2%	96.9%	96.9%	97.0%	95.9%	95.2%	95.0%	93.7%	96.5%

We are just at our target attendance this week and well done to Cedar A with an amazing 100% attendance. Just a reminded to parents that term time holidays are not authorised, absence is only authorised on an exceptional basis. Thank you to all the parents who let us know when their child is not going to be in school. This helps with the office workload and allows us to know that your child is safe. We had many children unable to travel back from abroad at the end of the Easter holidays due to ill health. We are accountable to our

attendance improvement officer for all absences. Consequently we would expect to see evidence that there was an intention to fly back in time to start school as well as change of flight documentation. Thank you for your cooperation in this.

Lateness

Being late has an impact on everybody. Please make sure your child is in school, on time, ready to learn. This means that the whole class can start their learning at the same time and the teacher or teaching assistant isn't taken away from the rest of the class to catch the late child up with what they have missed.



Rain

We are all waiting for the sunshine and we have spent many lunchtimes indoors because of the rain. The children need the chance to let off steam, run around, play games rather than be cooped up indoors all day. Unless it is torrential rain, we will be playing outside. Please make sure you child has a coat with a hood. They are also welcome to have a change of shoes to play out in.

On the subject of rain, I hope at some point the sun will shine this weekend. Whatever your plans are, please enjoy them and have a lovely extra-long weekend.

Best wishes

Miss Ormonde

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