



Eastover Primary

News

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Welcome!

Hello and welcome to the second issue of Eastover Primary News. We're full of facts this term and have two more exclusive interviews. The team have worked really hard this term and are already planning next terms issue!



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Meet the Eastover Primary News team!



Oscar—I'm in year 6 and I love, love, love crisps, pizza and colourful stuff. I also like frogs and Christmas but I hate yoghurt and sports. I have a pet tortoise called Nev.



Reuben—I'm in year 6 and I love salami, and Doritos. My favourite football team is Westham United.



Frankie-Leigh— I'm in year 5. I like Sports. I can read drum music notation. I love books, animals and winter time. I dislike peas.



Ronny— I'm in year 5. My favourite colours are blue and green. I like Christmas and Sports



Poppy-Rose—I'm in year 6. I like dogs and my favourite lesson is P.E.



Mrs T—I'm the librarian here at Eastover and not only do I love reading, I love buying books and looking after the library for the pupils here at Eastover.

What's Been Happening at Eastover?

Since the start of the spring term, Eastover has been busy with church visits, RSPCA workshops, story explorer workshops, non-uniform day and so much more! On Tuesday the 24th March, the termly Rock Steady concert took place with all pupils involved giving their best with songs such as AC/DC's *Back in Black* and Benson Boone's *Beautiful Things*. The Easter Bingo followed the next day with lots of Easter eggs to be won and raised £996.80!. There was also the Scholastic book fair which brought back many fond memories for many of us and raised over £200 for books for the library!

After Easter there's even more going on including Year 4's residential to Barton Hall, so keep checking the school's calendar!

Rugby

By Poppy-Rose

For a few weeks pupils in year 5 and year 6 were involved in special rugby sessions. These took part on Mondays and helped pupils learn about the game and develop their skills. We learned that you can only pass the ball backwards and that if you are touch-tackled you must pass the ball immediately. One way to score is get the ball on the try line.

World Book Day

On Thursday 5th of March we celebrated World Book Day by dressing in comfy clothes or dressing up as our favourite character from a book. Story telling workshops were held, stories read by visitors, classroom doors were decorated and we talked about our favourite reads.

We also held three competitions of which 183 pupils entered! There was some difficult decisions to make and I needed to ask for help with the final round of judging. Here's the results;

House Competition—Decorate a potato

***Barrington**—1st Arabella y2*

2nd Hallie y6

***Dillington**—1st Clara y2*

2nd Marta y5

***Hestercombe**—1st Benjamin y3*

2nd Oaklee y2

***Montecute**—1st Oscar y6*

2nd Maya y6

Design a Bookmark

F.S—Demi

Yr1 Anastazja

Yr2—Oaklee

Y3—Penelope and Violet

Y4- Fatima

Yr5—Frankie-Leigh

Yr6—Azelia, Lottie and Oscar

6-Word Story

F.S— Demi

Yr2- Oaklee

Yr3—Mila

Yr4— Olivia

Yr5—Emma

Yr6—Oscar

Well done to everyone who entered any of the competitions. There were some wonderful entries and I loved seeing how creative pupils here at Eastover are!

Mrs T



SATS

By Poppy-Rose

Since September, year 6 pupils have been getting ready for taking SATS in May. SAT's are tests that help organise pupils into the correct groups when they go into secondary school and to see how well the school is doing. It is very important not to talk or cheat as your paper could be ripped up!

You have 40 minutes to answer 50 questions.

Facts

World War II

By Reuben

Did you know?

The Second World War started in 1939 and ended in 1945.

The war began because Nazi leader Adolf Hitler invaded Poland.

The 'Allies' (Britain, France, Russia, China and America) fought against the 'Axis' (Germany, Italy and Japan) to defend peoples' freedom.

In 1940, British cities were heavily bombed. This was called The Blitz.

Over a period of 9 months, 43,500 civilians were killed in the raids by the Luftwaffe.

Life on Earth

By Ronny

Experts believe that our planet is 4.54 billion years old. When it first formed the planet did not have the right conditions to support life. Earth was a ball of red hot liquid rock. When Earth started to cool water appeared.

All living things need water to survive. It provides a habitat for a vast range of plants, bacteria and animals.

All organisms are made of cells. Cells are the microscopic building blocks that make up all life on earth.

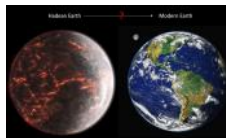
All of the different species living on Earth began as a single cell organism. Bacteria are one type of single celled organism. It is estimated that bacteria are around 5000 times smaller than a pea!

Evolution is a scientific concept that explains how all life on Earth developed over time from chemical substances that were present on Earth more than 3.5 billion years ago. Scientists can't be sure what these substances were and when exactly life first developed. However, they know that all living things developed from these first signs of life which were single celled organisms.

The first signs of human beings existing were about 2.8 million years ago.

Humans and gorillas have the same ancestor.

All humans are part of the same species but we do not look exactly the same.



Oscar's Funky Heart Facts

The stereotypical heart shape is not what the heart in the human body looks like.

Octopi have three hearts!



Hearts pump blood around your body and it takes one whole minute for blood to travel around the body.

Everybody uses the heart shape to show their love for someone, especially on valentines day.



Earth worms have 5 hearts!

Ancient Egyptians believed that a person's soul was in the heart.

Axolotls

By Poppy-Rose



Did you know that Axolotls can grow back lost limbs including part of their brain?!

Wild axolotls can only be found in a lake called Xochimilco near Mexico City.

Pet axolotls need 2 worms per day for meals, one in the morning and one at night. In the wild they eat small fish, insect larvae and snails.

Axolotls can morph into a salamander if neglected.

Kittens

By Frankie– Leigh

Newborn kittens can't hear or see straight away. They are born with their eyes closed and their ear canals closed. After two weeks, these will open up and at three weeks they will start to walk. Soon, they will run, jump and play! Kittens have to stay with their mum for at least ten weeks. Kittens have a lot of energy and tend to be very clumsy so they knock things over and fall over. They like to explore too so they might get into trouble!

Did you know?

There can be as many as 10 kittens in a litter?

Kittens purr whilst feeding



Newborn kittens are so small they can fit into your hand!

Still looking for a new hobby? Oscar and guest reporter Violet have some ideas for you.

Darts is a game where you throw large pins at a cork board. It takes effort, aim and skills. What you score depends on where the dart lands. Most people think that bullseye is the best score but actually, triple 20 is the best.

The outer ring is doubles and the inner ring is triples. The big red circle in the middle is the bullseye. Everything else is a single point.



By Oscar

I go to Table Tennis club after school and I love it. It's basically hitting a ball with a paddle across a table and your opponent has to try to hit it back but it has to bounce. If the ball doesn't bounce, when you return it, your opponent will gain a point. The first player to get 11 points wins.



By Oscar

I go to Cub Scouts. I started in Beavers but now I am 8, I have moved up. We do lots of different activities like making bird feeders, litter picking, making pizzas, camps and satellite spotting. There are different groups for different age ranges;

Squirrels 4-6

Beavers 6-8

Cubs 8-10.5

Scouts 10.5-14

Explorers 14-18

My favourite thing is to do fun activities like park in the dark.

By Violet

Most hobbies need money. Ronny has been researching on how to save money.

How to Save money

By Ronny

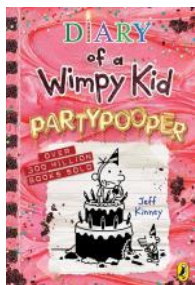
Saving money can help you afford more expensive things. You need to decide what you need and what you want.

Needs—food, clothes, school supplies

Wants—video games, toys, cinema tickets

You can save change in a glass jar at home or you can ask an adult to put your money in a bank account. Decide on what you want to save for.

Book Reviews



Diary of a Wimpy Kid; Party Pooper is the 20th book in the series by Jeff Kinney. When Greg's epic party plans start to unravel, he holds out hope that he'll get his birthday wish, a rare trading card that's worth a fortune. The problem is is that everyone else is after it too and there is no guarantee Greg will snag it first. Will Greg's birthday wish come true or will he learn to be careful

what he wishes for?

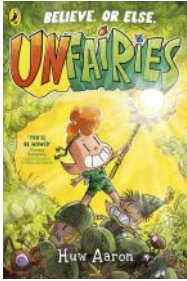
By Oscar



I think this book is amazing. It's about a kid called Franky that moves to a town called Freaky. One night a storm happens and it strikes over houses and gives children really cool powers! Erik turns into a shark and Susy turns into a pumpkin. I won't tell you about Franky, it's too exciting to talk about!

By Violet





Reporters challenged me , Mrs T to read two books and share my thoughts.

Unfares by Huw Aaron follows an inquisitive, annoying and inappropriate fairy, Pip, who gets caught up in an adventure amongst the warring fairy tribes of the garden.

This graphic novel is very popular in the library with pupils recommending it to classmates. Will you read it next?



Fed-up of being in and out of foster care, Sam is on the hunt for his perfect parents. With help from his friend Leah, they come up with a plan, The Perfect Parent Project.

I would read this again. It's well written, with believable characters drawing you into the story and the turmoil, frustration and fear Sam is going through. No spoilers here but it might make you cry!

Interviews!

Reporters Oscar and Frankie-Leigh tackled Eastover's PE teacher
Mr. Irish

How long have you been a PE teacher?

Ooo, about 23yrs now.

What's your favourite sport?

My favourite sport to coach is athletics. My favourite sport to take part in is both running and football.

When did you know you wanted to be a PE teacher?

From a young age I knew I wanted to teach PE. I remember talking to my mum about it when I was 13-14 years old .

What's your favourite book?

Hmm, I like reading about travelling, history and sports biographies. I like books by Bill Bryson.

Is there another subject you would like to teach?

No! Haha, history, maybe.

What was your favourite subject in school other than PE?

Let's see, Geography.

What's your favourite food?

Fish and Chips! I also love cheesecake with cream!

Why do you like your job?

Every day is different with different pupils.

What is your goal as a PE teacher?

Good question. My goal is to give everyone a positive experience and inspire them to keep active and find a sport they love.

Do you have any pets?

Yes. Two cats, Harry and Winnie. I grew up on a farm and loved being around different animals like cows and sheep. Sometimes I woke up to a lamb in the house

What job did you do before becoming a PE teacher?

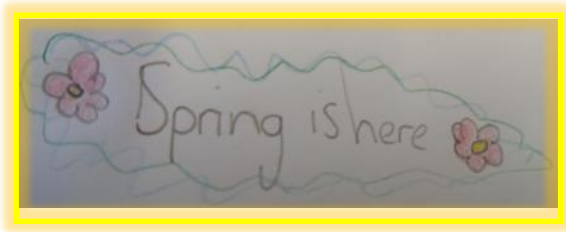
I used to manage a leisure centre but I wasn't keen on that and I used to be a lifeguard.

If you weren't a PE teacher, what would you do?

I don't know. Probably something like working in a leisure centre still.

What's your favourite band?

Editors note; Mr Irish talked about growing up in the 1990's and that that was the best time for music...my most favourite band of all time is...Oasis!



Happy Easter!

