

OUR SCHOOL



Produced by the students of Eastlea Primary School, Northumberland

» Great Golden Days

EASTLEA HAS A BRILLIANT behaviour system that rewards children for their excellent behaviour. If a pupil follows the school rules then they earn the chance to take part in the half termly 'Golden Day' a day organized by staff from ideas requested by pupils. Recent Golden Days have included: Rugby, Wet n' Wild, the Cinema. However, the most recent one has been the Pantomime. Pupils went to see the hilarious Dick Whittington. There was trampolining, acrobatics, pyrotechnics and even a full size shark swimming through the theatre!

"Golden Days are loved by all, it is great to reward children for their fantastic behaviour," said Mrs Coleby, Deputy Head. Everybody is now waiting to find out what amazing thing they will be doing for their next Golden Day. The school aim is to try and get everyone to go. With their great behaviour we are sure this could be achieved!

By Samantha Foster, Jaimie Millican, Ellie-Mae Thornton and Drew Jenkins

» Bike or hike?

EASTLEA TOOK TO their wheels to raise money for their enterprise funds! Inspiration for this came from when they went to watch the Tour of Britain Cycle Race. Children wanted to raise their own money for their educational visits rather than ask their parents, so they decided on a sponsored event. Everyone brought in their bikes, scooters and even prams for a great day of fun!

The younger children completed laps of the school field and yard and Years 3 and 4 completed laps of the nearby park. Upper Key Stage 2 set their challenge as a Bike or Hike to Blyth Beach. Children set off enthusiastically in small groups to head for the beach either walking or biking. As the children arrived, the teachers handed out fish and chips.

Miss Beeston quoted: "It was great to have everybody out in the fresh air and together." An amazing £1421.65 was raised!

By Tyson Henderson, Daniel Hann, Ryan Rowlandson and Dryden Davidson



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Eagles and Eastlea soar to victory



Eastlea Team and Newcastle Eagles celebrate their victories together

ON FRIDAY 8TH JANUARY, 54 children, staff, parents and governors from Eastlea Primary School went to watch a Newcastle Eagles basketball match at Sports Central and to support our Year 5 basketball team who were playing during half time.

The children went to watch the match after taking part in a Hoops for Health afternoon in school, where members of the Eagles basketball team came to promote basketball and different healthy topics. Basketball quickly became a popular sport in Eastlea especially in Year 5 who received coaching from Eagles coaches in their PE lessons.

The Eagles team came out onto the court

and quickly scored the first basket. Surrey Scorchers retaliated immediately with their own basket. The exciting game stayed tense like this throughout. The children from Eastlea all got involved in cheering and supporting the players who had visited the school earlier on in the term.

At half time the Year 5 team from Eastlea took part in their own game against Shanklea Primary. Mrs Watson, Year 5 teacher, stated: "It was an amazing experience and I was proud of the whole team." Everyone held their breath when the match had to go to penalties. Shanklea missed their first basket. Everything went quiet as Tyreece Charles, a member of

the Eastlea squad, took to the penalty spot -and scored! It was a magical moment and everyone went wild! The Eastlea team were presented with an enormous silver trophy. Miss Beeston, head teacher, told us that she was really proud of the Eastlea students.

A happy Eastlea crowd watched the second half of the Eagles game and were delighted to watch them win 99 to 67. The evening was completed with a photograph of a very proud Eastlea team holding their trophy alongside the Eagles players.

By Callum McGuinness, Adam Evans, Jack Price and Dylan Wilson

Amazing authors !

PUPILS HAD THE chance to meet and work with two amazing authors. Year 6 visited the JLV to meet and listen to a talk by Curtis Jobling. He read extracts from his book and showed some great animations that he had created.

Eamonn Reilly visited Eastlea. During his workshops he told the children about his books, read some of them and even played the guitar! The children bought signed copies from both authors.

The Eastlea children love reading. Their Yearly Reading Challenge has gone from strength to strength. Mrs Lister, Literacy Co-ordinator said: "Author visits really help pupils understand how ideas can turn into stories. It helps children to connect their thought processes and can lead to fantastic story writing."

By Owen Smith, Rikki Crackett and Max Glatzel



Eamonn Reilly sharing his books with the children from Eastlea

Chair of Governor's 10/10



Mrs Oliver with the Interviewers in Eastlea's new look library

1. How long have you been Chair of Governors for this school?
I have been at Eastlea for an amazing 35 years!

2. What does your job as Chair of Governors entail?
It is a powerful job, I make sure that everyone is safe, Miss Beeston runs the school and the teachers teach!

3. What did you do before you became a Chair of Governors?
I taught at a High School and then moved to teach at a special school for children with learning difficulties.

4. What has been your favourite school event in the last year?
I love the Christmas productions - everyone takes part and works hard.

5. What has been your proudest moment as Chair of Governors?
It had been when OFSTED rated us a good school, but then on Saturday morning I had another really proud moment when I found out that we were rated by the Evening Chronicle as the Number One Primary School in Northumberland!

6. What is your favourite subject?
English, because I love reading.

7. How many times do you visit the school?
I come in every Monday and Tuesday to help the younger children read. I'm obsessed with making sure all children can read! In fact I come into school every chance I get! I love it! I like talking to the pupils and finding out what's going on.

8. What do you enjoy most when you come into Eastlea?
Every time I come in I get a warm welcome and enjoy the happy atmosphere.

9. What is your favourite sport?
My favourite is swimming because it helps me clear my mind.

10. What do you want the pupils at Eastlea to know??
I would like them to know that they can achieve anything if they really want to. They should have high expectations and be ambitious. At Eastlea we do not settle for second best!

By Erin Bennett, Callum McCartney, Molly Wilson and Leonie Walker

British Values visitor



Eastlea pupils are very proud of their British Values display

EASTLEA CHILDREN got a taste of what life is like in the Houses of Parliament when they took part in workshops led by Gillian Bell from the Parliamentary Outreach Programme.

The children are learning about Britain and celebrating amazing British values. They have been involved in various activities including lessons, assemblies and creating displays. After following the General Election in their lessons, the children took part in their own election to name their school kitchen. Mrs Blackburn, a Governor, officiated the election and the children got to use booths and ballot boxes. The winning name was the Hungry Hatch and the new look kitchen has now been launched. They were thrilled to then follow this and take part in the new and exciting Parliamentary Outreach programme.

Gillian Bell came into school to discuss and share her knowledge and experience of Parliament and how our laws are made. She led an assembly for Key Stage 2 children before leading workshops for Year 5 and Year 6.

Eastlea students have been studying the values of Great Britain and Parliament in assemblies so it was great to actually have a representative from Parliament to visit the school to give them an in-depth explanation on how Parliament works. Teaching assistant, Mrs Tarbuck said: "It was fascinating to learn about how laws are passed. The children enjoyed it and now know more about the British Democratic process."

After an interactive assembly, the children then had a chance to work in more depth. The workshops focused on how laws are made. The children were put into groups and had to decide on their own law. "Gillian linked the workings of Parliament to our British value work and remarked, as she was leaving, on how well the sessions had gone," said Miss Beeston, headteacher.

By Freyja Brown, Erin Bullock, Chloe Piriz and Lauren Craze

» Learning with Lexia

SEPTEMBER 2015 SAW the launch of two fantastic new computer led learning programs - Lexia Core 5 Reading and Spelloidrome Spelling program. Children at Eastlea Primary School are really excited about using these new programs to improve their learning.

The programs support children with their reading, comprehension, spelling and grammar skills. Mrs Weatherston, Lexia co-ordinator, told us: "We started using Spelloidrome and Lexia before Christmas and they have already proved an amazing success in both the children's Literacy work and also their confidence."

Miss Beeston, headteacher of Eastlea explained: "We heard of both programs and they looked like a fun way for the children to learn. It was quite costly but we want to give our children every opportunity to learn."

By Hollie Bond, Shana Henderson and Alexandra Cazacu

» Christmas challenge

ON 1ST DECEMBER, Year 6 invited their parents into school for a Christmas treat. They worked really hard to plan, prepare, cook and serve a 3 course meal.

Throughout this year the children are taking part in a range of challenges to help them to be "Secondary Ready." This challenge was to say thank you to their parents. The pupils worked together to make the meal fantastic!

Mrs Williams, Eastlea's chef, who worked with the children said: "They prepared and served the meal to their visitors ...well in fact they were fantastic!"

Mrs Coleby, classteacher, said: "The children really rose to the challenge. It was a huge success. They not only prepared and cooked a three course meal, but also served and entertained their parents. I was proud of them."

It was a very successful afternoon, enjoyed by parents and pupils and will now become an Eastlea tradition!

By Taylor Carr, Aaron Stavers and Ewan Williams

» Rugby Rockets rule!



Steve and Bear from Cramlington Rockets led the Golden Day

RUGBY IS A SPORT that has really excited Eastlea. With the Rugby World Cup being on, the school took part in a range of Rugby based activities including assemblies, coaching and each class following and supporting teams from the World Cup.

Steve and Bear, Coaches from Cramlington Rockets, came into school every week and took lessons. Chloe Piriz said: "It was amazing, we learnt lots of skills and rules."

To celebrate good behaviour October's rugby Golden Day involved participating in sporting activities such as an obstacle course, rugby coaching by the Rockets and being taught how to do the Haka.

The rugby coaching was so successful that the Rockets are now running an after school club for Key Stage 2 and a Rocket-tots' club for Key Stage 1. The coaches are passionate to teach rugby in a fun way and will involve learning the rules and developing team work.

By Cameron Nolan, Kai Piriz and Ellie Appleby

Next week:
Kelvin Grove Primary School, Gateshead