

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

100% ATTENDANCE AND REWARDS CELEBRATION

Thursday 11th July saw over 90 pupils enjoy the 100% attendance and rewards celebration event. Pupils enjoyed unlimited pizza, drinks, ice cream and sweets whilst enjoying a movie. Badges for the recognition of this achievement were issued, Bronze for 1 year, Silver for 2 and Gold for 3. Congratulations go to all the pupils invited and we hope to see them all again next year. A special mention must go to Kiyon B. (10B) and Ellie W. (10K) in year 10 who have amazingly not missed a day in the 4 years they have attended the Academy. A truly great achievement. Both were awarded a special gift by Mr. D. Piercy and the first ever iridescent badges.



Attendance Competition

Attendance this year was once again very encouraging with the Eastwood Academy achieving an overall attendance of 93.5% vs. a national average of 91.0%. The overall House attendance competition was very close, but the overall winners for the year were Sherwood.

Position	House	% Attendance
1 st	Sherwood	94.2
2 nd	Kielder	94.1
3 rd	Elveden	94.0
4 th	Ashdown	93.9
5 th	Bowland	93.8
6 th	Whinfell	93.1
7 th	Richmond	92.9
	Overall	93.9

The year group winners managed to achieve some fantastic levels of attendance, with 7R achieving an amazing attendance of 96.9%.

Year group	House	% Attendance
7	Richmond	96.9
8	Kielder	95.3
9	Kielder	94.7
10	Richmond	96.0

I look forward to the Academy achieving an even higher level of attendance next year.

Pupil Success

STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM AND PREFECTS

On Wednesday 3rd July, 65 Prefects arrived at Adventure Island for the annual team building event. The day starts with breakfast on the beach, giving pupils a chance to meet the rest of the team. Adventure Island staff open The Sands Restaurant early specially for The Academy. Once seated, prefects start their first team building tasks. In groups, they complete ice breakers to find out more about the members in their team. As soon as the park

opens, the prefects are then free to complete the challenge tasks around the park. The tasks have been designed to develop a range of skills pupils will need as prefects. Pupils develop communication skills

through tasks which require pupils to ask the staff at Adventure Island questions. Time management and organisation skills are developed by completing the tasks in a given time frame.



SNOWDON CHARITY SUNRISE CHALLENGE

A huge congratulations to Isabelle A. (7B) who achieved her goal and completed the Snowdon Charity Sunrise challenge for Trust Links, raising over £1000 over the weekend of 28th June.

Conditions were tough but like a real superstar she pushed through and reached the summit at 05:30 Saturday morning!

WEST END THEATRE

Congratulations to Peyton J. (9E) who has received a scholarship in the highly reputable theatre school 'West End Musical Theatre'. After a successful audition, Peyton was awarded a place in the best musical theatre training school in the UK- to then be given the scholarship is an even greater achievement. Peyton will be performing in various shows across the year- 3 being in the West End. This is an amazing achievement and we are so proud of you Peyton!



MUSIC SUCCESS



Sophie H. (8W) is an extremely talented singer and musician who recently auditioned for 'Essex Has Got Talent'. She blew the judges away and was selected to perform in the live finals with an outstanding performance of 'New York State of Mind'. Although Sophie did not win, she relished every moment on the stage and it was a super experience. We are proud of you Sophie, congratulations!

Kitty C. (7W) had a very busy Easter Holiday taking part in a project delivered by 'All in Music'. This project provides music opportunities for young people in Southend and the surrounding areas and is delivered by Southend YMCA, catering for 11-25-year-olds. Kitty composed and recorded the song 'Dancing in the Rain'. She wrote the lyrics and also played the different musical parts on the final track including lead guitar, bass guitar, drum kit, lead vocals and backing vocals! What a talented performer and composer! Kitty said that it was a 'great experience to write, produce and record a piece of music from scratch'. Congratulations!



DANCE WORLD CUP



Congratulations to Emma D. (9W) was lucky enough to be chosen to represent England at the Dance World Cup in Prague last week. She performed a contemporary trio and had a great time. It was a wonderful experience competing against 63 other countries.

Pupil Success

BASKETBALL PARIS WORLD GAMES

The weekend of 28th June, Southend Scorpions Basketball Academy took 28 players to Paris to participate in the Paris World Games, completing against teams from all over the world. Mr. R. Gunn, Jasmyn N.-G. (9K) - U15 Girls team, Toby M. (9S), Maximos P. (10B), Lucas J. (10S) - U15 Boys team attended. Day 1: The U15 Girls started playing BTV Basketball from Germany, putting in a strong performance beating BTV 22-38. The girls then played BBV Lahnstein from Germany and putting in a dominant performance winning 26-3. The girls then finished off the day playing US Ethio-France from Ethiopia winning 30-0. At the end of day 1, the girls were positioned tied first. The U15 Boys started by playing CVL ACADÉMIE from France, putting in a strong performance but just lost out with a final score of 17-16 to CVL. The boys then played Red Star Basket from France and put in an outstanding performance winning 26-7. To round off the day, the boys played PHD Hoops from the USA. The boys played their hearts out but were outplayed by a very well-developed USA team losing 55-12. At the end of day 1, The U15 boys were 3rd overall.

Day 2 (Finals Day): The U15 Girls started off playing US Tremplin Grigny from France. Not the girls strongest performance but they secured the win 24-15. To round off the league games, the girls had to play AS Orly from France, to decide who would finish top of the table. The girls put in yet another dominant performance against a well-developed and physically strong team to win 13-20 and finish top of the table. Playoff Final - The girls were placed in top of the table and would have to face AS Orly again in the final. This game was the most physical and demanding game they had during this international tournament. By the end of the first half, the girls were only up 4 at the half. The girls improved on their performance and made it difficult for Orly to get close to the basket. The girls won 23-15 and were crowned Champions of the 2024 Paris World Games. The U15 Boys started of the day playing Royal Waterloo Basket from Belgium putting in a dominant performance winning 22-4. The boys then played BBV Lahnstein from Germany putting in their best performance of the tournament winning 0-52. The U15 boys finished the tournament 3rd overall.

BOROUGH SPORTS ATHLETICS 2024



On Friday 14th June the P.E. department took over 100 pupils to Garons for the Borough Athletics finals. A busy week consisting of the Year 10 field events and regional finals was topped off with a hugely successful Friday. Throughout

the day many medals were won across both the track and field competitions, with multiple Borough records also being broken. To highlight a few, Jess W. (10W) matched the girl's Borough 1500m record, Rocci W. (10B) broke the Borough and school record for 400m Hurdles, and Alice B. (9A) broke the year 9 girls Pole Vault Borough record. Added to this, Albie L. (8K) got three gold medals in Discus, 100m and Relay. After so many brilliant individual performances throughout the day, pupil's successes were recognised in the closing presentation. Year 7 boys and girls were a major success story as they became Southend Schools District Champions. The Year 8 boys were also victorious in the relay. Overall, the school finished in 2nd place and pupils were a great representation of the academy. Their hard work and commitment to extra-curricular clubs throughout the summer term was rewarded through their successes in the competition and have been further highlighted by all four teams (Junior Boys, Inter Boys, Junior Girls, Inter Girls) qualifying for the National Athletics Finals in July – a remarkable and well-deserved achievement!



Pupil Success

SPORTS DAY



On Wednesday 17th July, the Academy held its annual Sports Day on the Mondo Sports Track. The winning House in each year group was announced and each Sports Captain was presented with a shield. Photos were taken by Creative iMedia pupils Leon H. (10S), Ruby G. (10S), Elsie N. (10E).



Year 7 Winners
Elveden



Year 8 Winners
Elveden



Year 9 Winners
Elveden



Year 10 Winners
Ashdown



Overall House Winners
Elveden



LIBRARY LEADERSHIP TEAM -

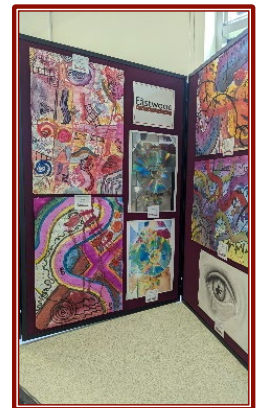
We are extremely pleased to announce our new KS3 and KS4 Library Leadership Team - Layla O. (7S), Aniko S. (7R), Layla H. (7K), Mac M. (7B), Daisy L. (8R), Bronte B. (8A), Amy J. (8A), Freddie S. (8E), Layla M. (9W), Sophie C (9K), Lillie-Belle Porter (9S), Emma D. (9W), Martin I. (9S), Tia P. (9R), Harriet B. (9A), Amelia T. (9S), Will E. (10W), Harry S. (10R), Varsha PL. (10K), Amelia H. (10K), Olivia P. (10R), Emma B. (10P), Fran H. (10E) Sophie S. (10W), Ashwita S. (10E). After completing a detailed application and meeting with our Principal, the team are ready to start their new positions in our school library. We are extremely excited to open our library in the coming September.



LEIGH ART TRAIL SCHOOLS EXHIBITION



Congratulations to those who entered the Leigh Art Trail Schools competition, themed around the word 'reflection.' The artwork was exhibited at the Leigh Road Baptist Church 13th – 14th July. The entries were all produced to a high standard and the art department were so proud of the artistic achievements of our talented artists.



Pupil Success

FRENCH SUCCESS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have achieved their 10 merit award in French this half term. This is a fantastic achievement – great work!

Logan J. (7A), Emily N. (7A), Mia F. (7R), Annabel S. (8E), Harrison L. (8W), Arun P. (9B), Kian B. (9K), Jasmyrn N-M. (9K), Yahya O. (9R), Alessandro T-S. (9R), Edward B. (9W), Summer-Lilly S. (9W), Kandi S. (7W)

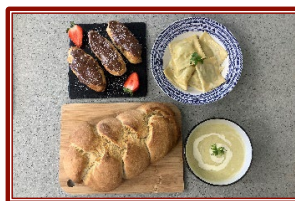
Well done to the following pupils who have achieved their 20 merit badge in French this half term. This shows an outstanding commitment and effort to their work – well done! Keep up the excellent work next year.

Violet F. (7E), Yayin P. (7E), Isla H. (7R), Sharad P. (8B), Marshall H. (8W), Liam B. (9S), Rafe D. (7S)

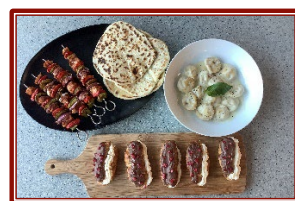


FOOD PREPARATION NEA

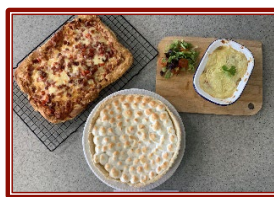
Week commencing 24th June, Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition pupils completed their mock practical. Pupils had to produce three dishes in three hours demonstrating as many skills as possible. Everything had to be made from scratch and they had to produce a detailed time plan that they could follow throughout the exam. They have demonstrated their excellent practical skills completing a three hour mock practical exam in preparation for their year 11 NEAs.



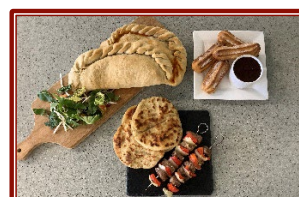
Eloise D. G. (10)



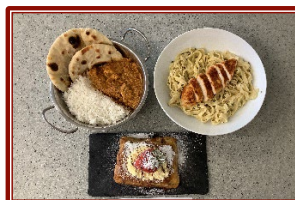
Demi-Lei L. (10W)



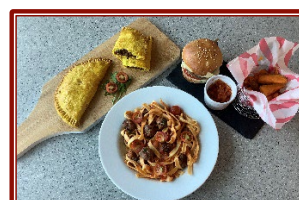
Zac S.-B. (10)



Elsie T. (10)



Ellie W. (10)



Connie W. (10)

ENGLISH KARATE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS SOUTHERN CUP 2024

Since joining his new club Stock Shotokan karate, Rio P. (10W) has participated in this competition four times and enjoys this competition as it is the local one in Clacton. It is every few months and Rio likes to compete in to keep his competition training up. Rio has come close in the past to being a medallist but this time he cracked it in this age category of 15 - 18 years. It's always a tough competition at his age being 15. Rio done well in his fights to get to the final out of fifteen competitors. Congratulations on some amazing results: KATA – Silver lost out on gold by 0.1, KUMITE – Bronze, 1st fight 4 - 0 to Rio, 2nd fight 4- 0 to Rio, 3rd fight 0 - 0 against another England competitor. Rio was just so happy he didn't concede any points!

CHARITY PARK RUN

Congratulations to Rosie W. (9A) and Billy W. (7A) for completing the 5K parkrun at Gunners park on Saturday 8th June. Both competed the run in good time and have never participated in a run before. They have raised nearly



£500 so far for Cancer Research UK.

LANGUAGE AMBASSADORS

Big thanks go to our wonderful Language Ambassadors: Robbie-Jay N. (10E), Ashwita S. (10E), Elsie N. (10E) and Gracie-Rose B. (9K). This year they have been busy running the language club, helping during Eastwood Language week and the School's Open evening as well as writing articles for the Newsletter. The MFL department is proud of you!



Pupil Success

SPORTS LEADERS

On Tuesday 18th June 12 of our Sports Leaders were given the opportunity to assist at Eastwood Primary School's KS2 sports day. They all did brilliantly, demonstrating the activities and motivating the primary pupils. Many of the Eastwood Primary staff complimented them on their politeness and confidence. Dexter H. (8K) and Shane M. (8K) need a special mention showing exceptional enthusiasm and leadership skills throughout the morning.

Quote from Mr Thompson at Eastwood Primary School:

"Please pass our thank yous again to your young sports leaders. They were fantastic with our children and a real credit to your school. Once again thank you to everyone for allowing your young adults support our KS2 sports day. We look forward to welcoming them again next year."

Thursday 11th July saw the Annual Primary School Mini Games on our track, one of the favourite sporting events on the Primary School calendar.

The morning session had 12 schools participate in the KSI event and the afternoon 11 schools participate in the KS2 event. All the pupils had a fun enjoyable day. Our Sports Leaders planned, organised and delivered a variety of activities including long jump, obstacle courses, dodgeball and rugby. We are very proud of how they delivered their sessions with such confidence and enthusiasm.

Many of the primary school teachers complimented our Sports Leaders on their engagement and how encouraging they were with all pupils. For example, Isabelle B. (8B) "really enthusiastic and great with the kids right from the start", Amy W. (8A) "brilliant, showing lots of energy and got them all cheering" and Lennon P. (8A) "well organised, great personality and very encouraging".

At the end Ruby R. (8W), Sofia F. (8A) and Nancy A. (8R) volunteered to deliver a lovely thank you message to all the schools for attending. Well done Leaders.



ATHLETICS NATIONAL FINAL SUCCESS

On Friday 5th July, The Eastwood Academy travelled to Stoke-on-Trent (the birth place of our very own Mrs. N. Hewitt), to compete in the 43rd English Schools Athletics National Final. In recent times, the Academy has been fortunate enough to represent at the National Final over consecutive years, but this year was special. Over 1000 schools enter this competition across 46 counties and The Eastwood Academy managed to send all 4 athletics teams to the National Final for only the second time in the Academy's history, a feat that no other comprehensive school has achieved! The competition day was definitely not a day for any personal bests with cold, wet and windy conditions at hand and the sunshine was being very temperamental throughout the day. Nevertheless, pupils were competing against the best athletes in the country and they rose to the challenge. All pupils competed fiercely and with purpose across the day.

The final standings were:

Junior Girls – 5th

Junior Boys – 6th

Inter Girls – 3rd

Inter Boys – 7th



To achieve top 7 in the country for all teams and a podium for the inter girls is an amazing accomplishment, one that will live in the memories for years to come. All pupils did themselves and the Academy very proud.

WORLD DANCE CUP - BALLET

Congratulations to Jessica M. (7E), Felicity W. (8B) and Ruby L. M. (7R) placing 1st and 2nd in the world in small ballet groups at the dance world cup on Pague earlier this month. An amazing achievement, well done!



PUPIL SUCCESS

If pupils have any achievements outside the Academy, please send a short explanation of the achievement with photos to be shared in the half-termly Newsletter.

E-mail: achievements@eastwood.southend.sch.uk

Enrichment

DUKE OF EDINBURGH



On the Friday 7th and Saturday 8th June, a very large group of Year 10 pupils completed their bronze Duke of Edinburgh final expedition in the

Danbury area. The Year 10s have shown a vast amount of commitment to the award as they have been participating in the bronze programme every night after school on a Tuesday with Mrs. N. Lillywhite, Mr. S. Harrison, Ms. S. Rose, Mr. J. Cox and Ms. I. Lisle. Having completed their training in map reading, writing route cards, mastering the highway code and countryside code, learning first aid including how to treat burns, broken bones, lay someone in the recovery position and perform CPR the pupils were raring to go. The pupils started at Hatfield Peverel, walking the footpaths to meet staff at the very remote rural checkpoints before reaching their destination at Riffhams. The routes really test their map reading skills as footpaths criss cross one another and there are multiple points

where a wrong path takes you miles off course. Two other schools were on DofE and our wonderful Year 10s were helping the other pupils as were staff when they arrived at our checkpoints in desperate need of water. Our last two groups finally got back to camp at 6.45pm- they wanted to walk the last section despite offers to go on the minibus as they had well and truly covered the required distance of day 1. After dinner, where one of our groups cooked actual steaks, we had a lovely bonfire with songs around the campfire. Mr. W. Piercy played the guitar and at one point Mr. B. Foley, Mr. L. Clare, Ms. A. Baker, Mr. J. Cox, Ms. S. Rose, Ms. A. Searle and Mrs. N. Lillywhite joined in with "Sweet Caroline." Our Year 10s had so much energy but by 11pm they were in the tents snoring away whilst Mr. S. Harrison, Ms. S. Rose and Mrs. N. Lillywhite did the final checks before going to bed just after midnight. I am not sure if it was the birds or the girls' rather loud voices as they went to the toilets but by 6.40am the majority of staff and pupils were up and whilst the pupils tucked into pancakes and porridge. Day 2 started well with the first groups out early at 8.40am and pupils were far more confident in their navigation skills. At every checkpoint pupils were smiling and regaling stories of their epic treks.



It is wonderful to see our pupils beaming with pride as months of planning and learning pays off. The Year 10s were so helpful on site with pupils like George B. (10R), Leon H. (10S) and George P. (10W) asking for bin bags so that

they could tidy the boys' campsite, Katelyn H. (10W) who helped with the washing up, Jack M. (10B) who collected the wood for the bonfire and Tom L. (10B) who helped people put up their tents. On the Saturday afternoon, was sitting at camp with one pupil who had hurt his feet. He could have gone home early but instead he chose to sit and answer the school phone and help direct pupils when they went off track. There was also another pupil



who had lost her shoes and socks when she sank into a "mud swamp of cow poo and sewage". She was caked in mud and poo with her feet inside plastic bags whilst water dripped off of her. She was wet and cold but despite the state she was in she stayed until the end so that she could see her group in. Don't worry- Mrs. N. Lillywhite did wrap her in a fluffy blanket and then she was all smiles. However, if we have to sum up this amazing group of pupils that we were privileged to help out it would be the group of 5 who walked their route whilst pushing one of their team the whole way in a wheelchair. At times they had to carry the chair and physically support their friend when the terrain became too difficult (there had been a lot of rain) and despite a re-directed route and Mr. S. Harrison tracking the group in the minibus as they walked, they finished the expedition unaided and as they had started it – a team of 5. This Year 10 group were an exceptional lot. Thank



you to the wonderful staff on the expedition - Ms. A. Baker, Mr. L. Clare, Mr. J. Cox, Mr. B. Foley, Mr. S. Harrison, Mr. S. Howard, Mr. S. Mason, Mr. T. Howard, Ms. I. Lisle, Mr. W. Piercy, Ms. S. Rose, Ms. A. Searle and Ms. C. Wilkinson.

Enrichment

DUKE OF EDINBURGH EXPEDITION



Over the 24th - 25th May one hundred Year 9s completed their final Duke of Edinburgh bronze expedition in Danbury. Despite it being the first time carrying the full kit the pupils left with smiles on their faces and copious amounts of sweets. Pupils were met at checkpoints by staff enabling us to check on their wellbeing and their map reading skills to ensure that they could keep to the route cards that they have been working so hard in class to complete. A number of staff on the weekend were assessors and as such are responsible for monitoring specific groups throughout the weekend to make sure that they were meeting the DofE criteria to evidence the award. Once back on site pupils explored the woodland and then set up the tents and equipment with the help of Mr. D. Piercy who joined us for the afternoon and evening. There were some very well thought out meals including meatballs and spaghetti as well as a homemade apple crumble and custard. Then we had the epic task of watching the Year 9s clean the Trangias and wash up. Something that they clearly are not used to doing- based on the amount of water and time that it took. The evening ended with a campfire, a sing song and a lot of marshmallows being consumed before the air was filled with the sound of snoring.



An early morning start saw the pupils walking an easterly route to avoid the Essex leg of the London bike ride – 2000 riders descending on the area! The second day of walking was by far much better with the pupils working well in their teams to stay on track to reach each checkpoint at the designated time. The pupils did themselves and the Academy proud and have set the bar for the next group.



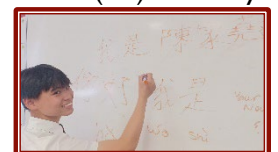
SAMSUNG COMPETITION

During the summer term KS3 computing pupils had the opportunity to take part in Samsung-Solve for Tomorrow Next Gen national competition. Samsung's Solve for Tomorrow Next Gen programme, designed for 11-15 year olds, is back for its 4th year to inspire the next generation of innovators. This programme now reaches over a third of secondary schools across the UK and Ireland and offers interactive video lessons, Design Thinking and Careers resources for teachers to use with their pupils and a fun competition on the popular theme of inclusivity. The Academy submitted over 50 competition entries that use tech to reduce social barriers to help everyone feel part of society and the community. We wait we bated breath to see if any of our groups win the national title.



LANGUAGE CLUB

Language club kicked off this term with a presentation from Gracie-Rose B. (9K) into mastering the basics of sign language. We were fortunate to welcome two guest speakers. Mrs. A. Ashley-Chelton introduced us to the Czech Republic and its unique attractions as well as presenting us with their famous specialties such as the mouthwatering sweet dessert from Prague: "trdelnik!" We even learnt a few greetings: "ahoj!" Secondly, Mrs. L. Cenciai spoke about the unique features and delicacies of her home region in France and the differences of the French school system compared to the UK. We learnt about the range of French dialects and enjoyed hearing some eccentric expressions which the French really love to use! Next, Thomas C. (10W) gave us a lesson in Chinese, focusing on the complexities of this spoken and written language and how the correct intonation of each word is vital, causing insult if pronounced wrongly! Both Gracie Rose B. (9K) and Riley W. (9A) were commended by Thomas for speaking a few greetings in perfect form: "nihǎo!" We ended the summer term watching language video clips and tasting some European delicacies. If you would like to get involved, we will be starting again in September.



Enrichment

GO APE TRIP

A day of fun, challenge and adventure, this was the Year 7 trip to Go Ape on Wednesday 10th July.

182 pupils were divided into two sites: Leeds Castle and Bedgebury, Kent, where they undertook three levels of treetop obstacles, ranging from a “simple” stepping path held up by shaking wires, to more complex routes requiring pupils to swerve their bodies in between cords on either side of spaced floating planks that would sway as you walked on them. Slightly terrifying as you’re in mid-air.

Although this was certainly a challenge for many novices at the site (newbie Aryan. A (7R) cautiously manoeuvred his way around the trees, completing the first level with a smooth zipwire descent), those more experienced sought new way to push themselves. Pupil Felix M. (7W) hurtled round the different obstacle levels of height effortlessly, more than once, while several pupils were spotted venturing backwards through the courses or zipping down the wire as if they were angels (Isla H. 7R), arms and feet gliding up and down.

Other activities included Go Ape problem solving, Baboonzled, where pupils worked around a Trivial-Pursuit-style board, undertaking challenges, testing their teamwork and communication skills. A clear, friendly battle arose between Rudy P.-K. team (7A) and Freddie C. (7E), though neither were able to declare first place.

Ending with games such as SPLATT and Wink Murder, pupils headed to their coaches content. The idiom “time flies when you’re having fun” has certainly proved itself today: no sooner had we arrived, we were already on the way back.

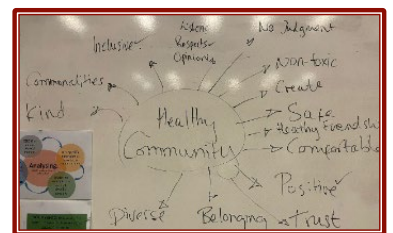
The Year 8s visited on Friday 12th July; Year 9s on Tuesday 16th July; and Year 10s Thursday 18th July.

COMMUNITY WORKSHOP



On 11th July 2024, some of our Year 9 pupils were invited to attend a workshop run by Emma O Hara; an ex-Eastwood pupil who now works for

Southend Borough Council as a Youth Participation Worker. The workshop focused on what it means to be part of a community. They discussed how we define community and what the important features of a healthy community are. Some of the definitions that pupils gave were ‘safe’ ‘non-toxic’ ‘inclusive’ ‘respectful’ ‘diverse’ ‘commonalities’ ‘healthy’ ‘no judgement’



The pupils then explored these terms more deeply through a series of focused workshop

games and tasks which explore aspects of community. They then analysed how they respond to situations. This included feelings of injustice trust and why we may feel alliances. The pupils then created a short scene where there is a betrayal of trust in the community but give this a fairytale



ending where justice is served!

Peyton J. (9E) who took part in the workshop said “the workshop was a really fun introduction to drama it made everyone’s brain think constantly and everyone was very supportive of those who weren’t as confident.” Oscar W. (9K) added “I enjoyed it very much as it was full with people like me people who like drama it made me feel so at home I loved it and I would love to do it again.”

Elliot H. (9E) said “It felt really nice to know that lots of people are really passionate about Drama and it was inspiring to think that we can get things done and make positive change in a community”



Events

CHINESE TEACHER VISIT



On Thursday 27th June, 12 Teachers from China spent the day at the academy looking at the differences between their education system

and ours. It was fascinating to discover how different things are. Throughout their visit they were in awe of what we do here and had many opportunities to see the

Academy's brilliance. Thank you to all those who's lessons we dropped in during the tour and especially to all members of staff who accommodated our lesson visits.

Throughout the entirety of

the day, staff and pupils were fantastic and made our guests feel very welcomed. The Student Leadership Team attended a session where they were questioned about their experiences of school and the opportunities to develop and grow. The Chinese teachers then presented the StLT with a range of gifts as a token of gratitude, including Chinese fans and lucky knots.



BOOK TRUST LIVE AUTHOR EVENT

A group of Year 7 pupils were specifically selected by members of the English Department to attend a very exciting live author book event. In collaboration with BookTrust, the Academy hosted Sharna Jackson, a renowned young adult crime writer. Jackson read an extract from her recently released book and discussed the process and history behind her writing. The pupils also received a book of the authors and some delicious sweet treats to enjoy whilst watching



YEAR 7 DROP DOWN SESSION -

Recently, Year 7 girl pupils took part in a session led by Miss. L. Malliff focusing on Menstruation and how to deal with periods in and outside of school. The session began with debunking period myths and talking about the common misconceptions that are held about periods. The session



delved into the signs, symptoms and stresses of having a period as well as the natural and medicinal ways to relieve symptoms and carry on with normal life. The pupils also went home with gift packs filled with sanitary products, body wash, an information booklet and lots of yummy sweets.



YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE 2024

The Academy introduced Work Experience as part of the Year 10 curriculum this year, giving over 220 pupils the opportunity to experience a one-week work placement to



complete half-term 5. Pupils visited a wide range of employers that included many local primary schools, the NHS, Ford, the Cabinet Office, NatWest Bank and many more. Having reflected on their experiences, it is clear that the programme was an overwhelming success! The vast majority of pupils indicated that Work Experience had made them think about their future careers, having enjoyed their week of work. All pupils developed a range of work-ready skills, including: listening, communication, teamwork and problem solving. One pupil is now working part-time with their employer and has received an offer of an apprenticeship ready for when they leave school! The Work Experience programme was so successful this year, that the Academy will provide the same experience to future Year 10 groups. Next year's Year 10 Work Experience week will be between 19-23rd May 2025.

Events

MUSIC FOR A SUMMER'S EVENING WITH SPECIAL GUESTS THE MUSIC MAN PROJECT

On the evening of Tuesday 9th July, the Concert Hall was filled with joy as The Music Man Project joined forces with The Eastwood Academy Music Department to provide an evening's entertainment.

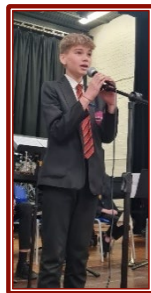


The Music Man Project is a multi-award-winning, world record-breaking international music education charity for people with learning disabilities. It provides accessible music tuition leading to inspirational performances, gives grants for accessible arts education, promotes equal access to performance, carries out research and raises awareness of the achievements of disadvantaged people in the arts.

The concert showcased performances from our own choir, chamber choir, jazz band, percussion ensemble and orchestra, together with some spellbinding performances from a selection of soloists.



The highlight had to be the finale to the concert where the audience witnessed Mr. S. Sterling (CEO of Eastwood Park Academy Trust), Mr. D. Piercy (Principal of The Eastwood Academy) and Mr. M. Pearl (Assistant Headteacher) dancing gangnam style, the floss and the can-can! The concert was free to attend with a retiring collection for The Music Man Project which raised a tremendous £400.



We plan to hold many more musical events in the future where we can collaborate with other community groups.

Click here for more information about [The Music Man Project UK.](https://www.musicmanproject.org.uk)

EASTWOOD ACADEMY PRODUCTION OF 'NIGHT AT THE MUSICALS'

On the evening of Friday 21st June 34 pupils from Years 7 – 10 performed to a capacity audience in 'Night at the Musicals'. The event was planned in order to showcase the plethora of amazingly talented singers that we are fortunate enough to have at The Eastwood Academy. From Les Miserables to Mamma Mia, The Greatest Showman to Barbie, there was something to suit every musical taste. The audience were in for a real treat as the lights dimmed, the headsets were turned on and the show began! There were some truly spellbinding performances and at times there was not a dry eye in the house – for that is the power of musical theatre!



"We all come to the theatre with baggage. The baggage of our daily lives, the baggage of our problems, the baggage of our tragedies, the baggage of being tired. It doesn't matter what age you are. But if our hearts get opened and released - well that is what theatre can do and everyone is thankful when that happens.

The Acts were accompanied by a live house band – many thanks to Mr. Clarke (Eastwood's private guitar teacher) and Adam S. (9A – drum kit and percussion) who, together with Mrs. S. Stanley, provided the musical accompaniment for the evening. A special mention must also go to Varsha P. (10K) who expertly assisted Mr. S Harrison with all the technical aspects of running the show and operated the sound like a professional.



Sports Presentation Evening

On Wednesday 3rd July, the Academy celebrated pupils' achievements in Sport. Winners received an invitation to attend this special event with family members and friends and were presented with various sporting commendations. Below are the 'Sports People of the Year' for their respective year groups.

Congratulations to the winners below:



PTA
Freya M. (10A)



PTA
Aydan H. (10A)



Girls' Team of the Year
Inter Girls Athletics Team



Boys' Team of the Year
Year 7 Football Team

GIRLS			BOYS		
1 st	2 nd	3 rd	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
 Katie C. (7K)	 Elsie B. (7B)	 Rosie M. (7S)	 Stan S. (7S)	 Rafe D. (7S)	 Ronnie G. (7R)
 Heidi W. (8E)	 Camille C. (8R)	 Nancy A. (8R)	 Albie L. (8K)	 Tom B. (8S)	 Remy M. (8A)
 Amy P. (9B)	 Alice B. (9A)	 Violet B. (9B)	 Josh H. (9E)	 Ben P. (9R)	 Noah T. (9K)
 Jessica W. (10W)	 Dulcie G. (10A)	 Desire K (10S)	 Jerome W. (10E)	 Zach N. (10B)	 Adam J. (10E)

INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCE OF THE YEAR

Year 7



Lillia N. (7K)



Rudy P.K. (7A)



Year 7 Boys 200m:
Stan S. (7S)



Year 8 Girls 200m and
300m: Heidi W. (8E)



Year 8 Boys 100m,
Shot Put & Discus:
Albie L. (8K)



Year 8 Boys
Javelin: Tom B.
(8S)

Year 8



Eva B. (8E)



George V. (8R)



Year 9 Girls Pole
Vault & 75m Hurdles:
Alice B. (9A)



Year 9 Girls High Jump:
Amy P. (9B)



Year 9 Boys 100m:
Cameron N.B. (9B)



Year 9 Boys Pole
Vault: Josh H. (9E)

Year 9



Chloe B. (9R)



Harry B. (9E)



Year 10 Girls Javelin:
Evie N. (10A)



Year 10 Girls Hammer:
Freya M. (10A)



Year 10 Boys 400m
Hurdles: Rocci W.
(10B)



Year 10 Boys
100m & 80m
Hurdles: Zach
Norris (10B)

Year 10



Freya M. (10A)



Rocci W. (10B)



Year 10 Boys
400m:
Oscar C. (10E)



Year 9 Girls Relay: Alice B. (9A),
Olivia T. (9E), Cali G. (9E), Violet B.
(9B)



Year 10 Boys Relay: Oscar C.
(10E), Jerome W. (10E), Adam J.
(10E), Aydan H. (10A)

BOROUGH RECORD HOLDERS



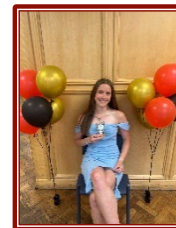
Year 9 Girls Pole
Vault:
Alice B. (9A)



Year 9 Boys Pole
Vault:
Josh H. (9E)



Year 10 Girls 1500m:
Jessica W. (10W)



Year 10 Girls Hammer:
Freya M. (10A)



Year 10 Boys 400m
Hurdles:
Rocci W. (10B)

Celebrating Success

Congratulations to all the pupils who were presented with certificates in the end of term House assemblies.

ASHDOWN



BOWLAND



ELVEDEN



KIELDER



RICHMOND



SHERWOOD



WHINFELL



NUT ALLERGY

Further to a recent communication sent home, from September we will have pupils in the school who have a severe allergy to nuts - particularly peanuts.

These allergies are severe and exposure in any form (including airborne exposure, skin contact, and ingestion) could result in anaphylaxis - a potentially fatal condition that requires immediate medical attention.

As a consequence, we are asking all parents to be both aware and conscientious in the food and snack selection that your child brings to school i.e. not sending in products that contain nuts.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS (PCE) – PARENTAL SURVEY

Many thanks for your engagement with the survey. After reviewing your responses for 2024-25, all PCEs will be held in-person in the Academy.

All dates for these year-specific events will be communicated at the start of the new academic year.

Mr. M. Pearl
Assistant Principal

Have you changed your contact details recently?
If so please make sure you come in and tell us or email enquiries@eastwood.southend.sch.uk