



Newsletter



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Newsletter

We are about to trial something new. In order to ensure that everyone is able to access the newsletter in a way that suits them we are now going to put an audio copy of the newsletter onto our website. This will ensure that it is accessible to those who are unable to read the text. At present the newsletter is put onto the website, Twitter, text and a paper copy is also available at the main entrance. With an audio copy also we are reaching out further to more families. Our digital learner group who meet after school on a Tuesday will be trying this out for us. Fingers crossed that it will be successful. Let us know your thoughts and if you have any further ideas for the newsletter please let us know.

Mother's Day gifts

Thank you to the parents who helped the school in buying, wrapping and selling Mother's Day gifts for the children. It was a great success, the children absolutely loved it!

PTA meeting

During the last meeting we spoke about Father's Day, Easter activities, how to spend the money raised and the plans for the summer fete. Please please please try and come along to the next meeting. The more help we get the better. Big thank you everyone!!!

Easter Raffle

We will be holding an Easter raffle in school on the last day of term. Please could you donate an Easter egg to school. The more eggs we have the more chances the children have of winning. Raffle tickets will go on sale this Friday 23rd and through to the following week. 20p per ticket or £1 for a strip.

Cycling in school

The bike and scooter sessions the children have had in school lately have been excellent. Many thanks to our road safety team!!

Inspection report

As you know the school received another visit from Estyn this term in January. We received the report on March 12th. Inspectors looked at five of the nine recommendations. In a nut shell:

R2 Numeracy - they found that there is now thorough planning in place and numeracy is focused in classes. There hasn't yet been enough time for these to impact significantly enough as yet though there is clearly progress.

R4 planning for skills - they report that the planning fulfils requirements and is clear for teachers. They now suggest we focus on children becoming more independent. They recognise that we are now in a position to challenge the more able and talented pupils. Significant progress will be identified when this is demonstrated in pupils work.

R5 Safeguarding - the school has addressed all the shortcomings identified in the original inspection.

R7 Leadership - headteacher, senior leaders, governors. All staff now understand the vision for the school and each leadership strand is improving and continuing to develop.

R8 monitoring, evaluating and improving - monitoring and evaluation is now planned and they recommend that there now needs to be more focus in additional areas.

Overall the school is making progress and now needs to continue doing what has been put in place so that it impacts on all aspects of school development, from pupils to staff to provision, to parents, to premises; all aspects of school life at Eastern! Well done everyone keep up the hard work. They will be visiting us again in the summer term.

If you wish to read the full report please ask for a copy at the main office.

Food hygiene rating

Assessed as a 5 this week. As usual! Well done kitchen staff. Always amazing!

Paint

A request was put out for paint. We had a great response. Thank you so much Ruby's Dad! Very much appreciated.

Mobile phones, xboxes, consoles, tablets

We are hearing more and more horror stories about children accessing inappropriate material, leaving themselves open to perpetrators, acts of bullying. These all happen outside school. Although the children have been educated and know 'the rules' it seems that they think it won't happen to them!! Please, I urge you keep a close eye on what is happening when your child uses these machines. As soon as we can we will be putting on a parent event so that you are aware of how easy it is for perpetrators to access your child's accounts.

Diary Dates

March 19th	Parent meetings 3.30 - 5.30. Appointments only.
March 20th	Year 5 visit to Dyffryn - dress rehearsal for show School nurse - Year 6 - puberty and hygiene
March 21st	Free family day at Margam Park - see poster on newsletter dated March 2nd School nurse - Year 5 - puberty and hygiene
March 22nd	Year 2 cricket
March 26th	Parent meetings 3.30 - 5.30. Appointments only
March 27th	3.20pm at school. Year 6 parent meeting - plans for leavers
March 28th	Easter bonnet parade NPT photographer in school in the morning. For LEA publicity.
March 29th	Last day before Easter holidays 9.30am Mr Clarke to meet with year 6 parents regarding transfer to Ysgol Cwm Brombil Easter raffle

