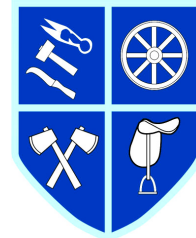


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Healthy Lifestyles

A good time was had by all - a very successful Thematic Cross-Curricular Day - **Healthy Lifestyles** took place on Tuesday when all pupils were involved in activities related to healthy lifestyles.

With normal lessons suspended for the day, pupils, staff and visitors were involved in activities around the themes of sport and healthy eating - from Street Dance and Dance Combat to Cheer Leading, Basketball Table Tennis, and world-wide aspects of healthy lifestyles. With comments from pupils of - *Brilliant, Great, Mega, Fun, etc* we are certainly looking forward to our other thematic days this year. **We would like to thank Mrs Johnson and Mrs Patrick for organising the activities and all our visitors who kindly gave up their time to enable such a successful event to take place.**

Watch out for our next cross-curricular day!

News from the Governing Body



Governors vote for TRUST Status!

Governors held their first meeting this year on Monday 12th October and the main item on the agenda was the acquisition of TRUST Status. Following all the necessary consultation and procedures, governors unanimously voted to change the designation of Etonbury to a Foundation School and to seek TRUST status. Governors are looking forward to becoming active members of our local Trust - BEST (Bedfordshire East Schools Trust) and working with our partner schools, other educational establishments, and community and business organisations for the benefit of all our pupils, parents and staff.

A trust school is a maintained school which is a Foundation School supported by a Charitable Trust. The school manages its own assets, employs its own staff and sets its own admission arrangements. The introduction of Trust Schools is part of the Government's choice and diversity agenda. The Government wants self-confident schools with a distinct ethos, working with parents, children and young people, the local community and other partners, and a clear framework of local accountability.

Trust schools are seen as one of the ways of engaging more with parents and local communities, building long-term relationships with partner organisations, and creating better opportunities for our young people. A separate legal entity, referred to as a Trust, is established to hold the land and buildings and to manage them subject to the terms of the trust.

A Trust School follows the national curriculum, is inspected by Ofsted like other schools, and is funded the same as other maintained schools (the funding goes to the governing body, not the Trust).

By working with a Trust, individual schools can develop beneficial long-term partnerships with other schools and organisations. Teachers will be well-placed to tap into the experience and expertise of all the Trust's members, sharing best practice, attending joint training sessions and benefiting from economies of scale. Now the school has decided to become a Trust School, the school's land and buildings are transferred to the Trust for it to hold on the school's behalf, **"It's about giving children opportunities to share facilities and benefit from best methods of teaching, and to give staff the opportunity to collaborate."**



Numeracy Evening

We would like to thank parents, pupils and staff for making our recent numeracy workshop such a huge success. We were especially pleased with the feedback from our parents who certainly enjoyed the presentations and the pupils' demonstrations and support. If any parents still have any queries or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Anderson - Subject Leader.

Name

Form



Sports News



Netball Results

Yr7	Etonbury 11	Henlow 1
	Etonbury 9	Woodlands 7
	Etonbury 8	Alameda 3
	Etonbury 2	Parkfields 1

Congratulations to our Yr7 Netball Team , Etonbury finished the league in 3rd position.

Year 7 Boys Rugby

Etonbury 15 Alameda 30

Congratulations to Callum Mason for once again getting into the County Football squad (second year running) well done!

Congratulations to the following pupils who are signed with football academies:


- Asia Harbour-Brown Arsenal*
- Alex Taylor Luton Town*
- Harry Bean Luton Town*
- Jodie Southby Luton Town*
- Alex Shepherd Barnet*

well done!

This is a handmade post-card from the art studio of

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Watch out for Subject Postcards —starting shortly after half-term!

Well done.....

Congratulations



Merit Marks (so far) Autumn Term 2009

Carters	108
Foresters	89
Saddlers	94
Thatchers	113



Our Pupil Representatives for 2009/10

We are pleased to announce that following traditional democratic processes we have now established our new School Council and House representatives for this academic year. We would like to congratulate our pupil representatives and look forward to them continuing the well-established Etonbury traditions that we are so proud of.

House Captains 2009/2010

- Carters:** *Kieron Lumgair, Mary Pollock*
- Foresters:** *Callum Mason, Amy Nightingale*
- Saddlers:** *Callum Bennett, Betsy Robinson*
- Thatchers:** *Luke Varns, Amelia Bacon*

Dates for Your Diary this Term

Oct	26th	Half Term Week
Nov	2nd	Training Day (school closed)
Nov	6th	KS2 Numeracy Show
Nov	16th	Anti-Bullying Week
Nov	19th	Etonbury Open Evening
Nov	20th	Children in Need KS2 Visiting Author Grand draw Launch (Etonbury Association)
Nov	25th	Chase House visit
Nov	30th	Lower/Middle Singing Event
Dec	11th	Christmas Market
Dec	18th	End of Term
Jan	5th	Spring Term
Feb	22nd	Year 5 Residential (Aylmerton)

More dates and further details to follow in due course, watch this space!



Letters parents should have received since our last ECHO

Oct. 2nd	Etonbury Association Plant and Bulb sale Year 5 residential Trip to Aylmerton Study Centre
Oct. 9th	Invite to Numeracy Evening Healthy Lifestyles Cross Curricular Day Local Democracy Week (invited pupils) Joint Schools Orchestra
Oct. 14th	Performance at Chase House
Oct. 16th	Homework Club KS2 Numeracy Show Update from Headteacher

If parents have not received these letters please check at the bottom of school bags , or contact the office for a further copy.

NB - most letters are now also available on our website!



Breakfast Club **Starting at 8.15am** **Next Half Term**



Important Reminders

• School Planners (*Diaries*)

Our pupil planner is at the forefront of our strategy for two-way communication with parents on a day-to-day basis so please check and sign at least once a week!

• Medicines

Due to current illnesses, a number of pupils are bringing prescribed and over the counter medicines into school. These medicines **MUST** be brought to the school office where a Medical Indemnity Form is available to sign. *Pupils should not carry medicines on them in school!*

• Stop Means Stop

Central Bedfordshire Council and Police have asked us to remind you that drivers who fail to stop at a School Crossing Patrol are committing an offence which carries a £60 fine and 3 points on a licence - *more importantly, it puts children's lives at risk!*

Boxtops for Books Promotion

Please keep sending your Boxtops in!
more details at

<http://www.boxtops4education.co.uk/home.aspx>

Please help us maintain standards by ensuring your child is always in full school uniform.