



Thursday 14th December 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have had a great week and are looking forward to all the Christmas festivities in the week before the big day!

I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information, and the final one of 2024. Please note that although I am contactable over the Christmas break, my responses will be intermittent. I can be contacted at [exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:exechead@aspire-kent.org.uk). Also Lauren my PA can be contacted at [lriby@aspire-kent.org.uk](mailto:lriby@aspire-kent.org.uk).

### Sporting News-

A very cold and snowy Friday, saw children from all 4 schools take part in the KS1 football tournament at Greenfields. As the games began, so did the snow! But that didn't stop our players from playing some excellent football! We formed two teams, with Platts Heath and Leeds and Broomfield playing as Aspire 1 and Kingswood and Ulcombe playing as Aspire 2.



Platts Heath and Leeds and Broomfield played some very tough games in freezing conditions but ran out winners of their tournament! A very well deserved 1st place position!



Kingswood and Ulcombe also put other teams through their paces and came out as 2nd place winners in their tournament!



An absolutely tremendous achievement from both teams and I couldn't be prouder of them!

POM Aspire 1 - Luke

POM Aspire 2 - Joshua

Thank you to Charlie from EMC Academy, Mrs Osborne and Mrs Goodfellow for their help and support!

Miss Liddicoat

### **Aspire Eco-Ambassadors-**

The Aspire Eco-Ambassadors have introduced 'Eco-Pledge Trees' at each of the 4 schools. They are committed to making one small change to make the world a better place. The Eco Ambassadors have worked hard over terms 1 and 2 to hold meetings with the Heads of School and run assemblies to inform the other children of their mission.

The pledge trees are an opportunity for the children to 'pledge' a small change they will make. For example, children have pledged to turn the lights off when they leave a room, turn the tap off when they brush their teeth and not leave their TV on standby.

The Eco Ambassadors have their sights set on tackling litter and introducing 'plogging' in terms 3 and 4. Watch this space...

Well done all!

Leeds and Broomfield

Platts Health

Ulcombe

Kingswood



### **EMC Academy-**

EMC Academy is a Kent based footballing academy for boys and girls aged 5-19 years old. Miss Liddicoat helps run the academy along with Jonny and Henry, and the coaches who attend our Aspire Schools to run football clubs. Miss Liddicoat's involvement with EMC Academy has also allowed us to have professional football coaches at tournaments we have attended, adding an extra layer of support we provide our children at Aspire.

For more information on the academy, please visit their social media sites or their website

<https://www.emc-academy.co.uk/>

Miss Liddicoat has asked us to share the amazing work they do with their scholarship programme and post 16 education. They were invited to have a film crew follow them to film their journey as they are on the path to become National Champions. The first episode in their 6 part documentary has now been released. You can view Episode 1 of #THEJOURNEY on their official YouTube channel.

To watch, follow this link!

<https://youtu.be/jF41VasupyM?feature=shared>

### **Free School Meals-**

For those parents that are entitled to free school meals, please do look out for your e-vouchers in your inboxes.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas and New Year. Have a lovely time with all your family and friends and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on **Tuesday 2nd January 2024.**

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling  
Executive Headteacher

