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West Essex Primary Prize Awards

## **WEST ESSEX PRIMARY PRIZE AWARDS**

On Wednesday 6 July the West Essex Partnership (WEP) marked the hard work and achievements of children at primary schools across the Epping Forest district.

The West Essex Primary Prize Awards was hosted for the second year at Epping Forest College in Loughton. Almost 60 local children who had been singled out by their schools for particular praise over the last year were rewarded with book token prizes supplied by WEP.

The Partnership is made up of the three Local Strategic Partnerships (LSPs) from Epping Forest, Harlow and Uttlesford. WEP established the prize as a way of supporting attainment in local schools and to recognise and celebrate the achievements of children of primary school age.

The prizes include certificates and £10 book tokens for pupils selected by their teachers as the most improved over the last year in areas such as literacy, numeracy, science/ICT, sport and music. Schools were also able to award a special prize in any subject or category they wished.

Almost 40 schools participated in the second year of the scheme across west Essex. The chairman and vice-chairman of Epping Forest District Council Councillors Ken Angold-Stephens and Brian Rolfe have also been attending special assemblies in participating schools to hand out some of these award certificates.

The second year of the Prize scheme would not have been possible without the generous support of Essex County Council and Epping Forest College.

Chief Superintendent Simon Williams acting chairman of One Epping Forest (LSP) and member of the WEP Board commented: "It has been a great pleasure to be involved in the Primary Prize. It is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate all the great work that is going on in primary schools across the district. Members of the Partnership who have attended school assemblies have seen at first hand all the hard work, endeavour and talent that exist in our primary schools. The children who have won a prize this year range from foundation to year six and the prizes are a simple way of recognising their achievements and coming together as a community to say very well done."

Essex County Councillor Valerie Metcalf commented: "Essex County Council has a special responsibility for giving our children a great start in life and enabling them to be the very best they can be in schools that are fun and safe places to be but which set the highest standards for achievement. The County Council is very happy to support the unique Primary Prize scheme which operates in west Essex and would like to thank all the schools for their participation. Most importantly of all, I would like to thank the children for their great performance over the last year and their parents for giving them the support they need."

The event was attended by Chief Superintendent Simon Williams, the vice-chairman of Epping Forest District Council Councillor Brian Rolfe, who presented the prizes, Councillor Valerie Metcalfe representing Essex County Council and Derek Macnab Deputy Chief Executive of Epping Forest District Council.

District Councillor Brian Rolfe said: "I was absolutely delighted to attend this ceremony and add my personal congratulations to all the children at the schools. Every single one of them has worked particularly hard this year and deserves to be acknowledged for all that effort."

#### **NOTE TO EDITORS**

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