



Edna G Olds Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

12th February 2016

Dear Parent/Carer,

We have certainly had a busy half term! The pupils have had the opportunity to experience a variety of trips to further develop their learning and understanding within their current curriculum topics. It was lovely to see so many of you at our art open event on Thursday 4th February. I look forward to welcoming you to many more 'curriculum' sharing events. We really value your support.

I wish you all a restful half term holiday. Please remember that Monday 22nd February is an INSET day, therefore school will reopen to pupils on Tuesday 23rd February.

Healthy Schools

As part of our healthy schools agenda, every class has been using their P.S.H.C.E lessons over the last few weeks to discuss the amount of sugar contained in food. This is to help children understand the importance of eating a balanced diet, so they can make good food choices for themselves. Every child will be taking home a 'Sugar Smart Pack', in order for them to learn more about eating healthily with their family.

Cross Country Festival—By Sam Coss Year 5

On Friday 7th February some of the children from year 3, 4 and 5 went on a cross-country run in Wollaton Park. A number of schools across Nottingham took part in the event. There were 4 races and over 100 children were in each race. Despite finding it difficult, all the children persevered and completed the track. In future, we aim to enable our pupils to access more of these types of events.

Coffee Morning

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who attended our coffee morning on Monday 8th February. We had a fantastic turnout. It was a great opportunity for you to be able to share your ideas and suggestions about how you could be more involved in the school life of your child/children. We will be in touch over the coming weeks about events that have been organised. Look forward to seeing you soon!

Art Theme Sharing—By Yomna & Zain Year 6

On Thursday 4th February Edna G. Olds Academy had their art sharing afternoon. After being split up into different classes, we (with the help of the year 5 and 6's) discussed the things that we had been learning throughout the half term. Themed sharing is a great opportunity for us to take ownership of our learning and to be able to deliver it effectively. In order to make sure that everyone had taken in the information that they had learnt during the afternoon, we wrote the information into their Edna Leader book. We all enjoyed sharing our learning and look forward to the next curriculum sharing event.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 9th February the children participated in Safer Internet Day. Organised by the UK Safer Internet Centre, the aims of the day were to promote the safe, responsible and positive use of digital technology. Throughout school, the children enjoyed activities and discussions which aimed to encourage them to think sensibly about the choices they make when online. Please look out for information regarding our e-safety workshop for parents next half-term.



500 Words

Radio 2 have launched a competition to encourage children to get writing. 500 Words is now one of the most successful story writing competitions for children in the world. We would like to challenge children over the holiday to have a go at writing an original story on any subject, or theme in 500 words or fewer. Please ensure that any entries are brought into school by Wednesday 24th February, so we can submit the entries on line. If you prefer you could submit an entry online yourself by visiting <http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p00rfvk1>. We look forward to reading the fabulous stories the children produce.

Enterprise Challenge

Pupil Voice Council would like to remind all children to bring the money raised from carrying out jobs at home over the last 4 weeks back to school. The money will go towards curriculum enrichment activities cross the school decided by the Pupil Voice Council. Please return the money to the school office by Friday 26th February. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Maths challenge by Miss Hopkin

Miss Hopkin's watch loses two minutes every hour. Miss Griffith's watch gains one minute every hour.

They both set their watches from the radio at 6:00 a.m. then start their journeys to the airport. When they arrive (at the same time) their watches are 10 minutes apart.

At what time (the real time) did they arrive at the airport?



Out of School Half-term Activities

We are going on a bear hunt
Messy and sensory activities.

Bring along your favourite soft toy for our teddy bears picnic.

Tuesday 16th February 10:00am—12:00pm
Radford children's Centre—0115 9287500

Zoom, Zoom, Zoom...

We are going to the moon,

Design a rocket

Paper plate alien space monsters

Rocket photo booth and more...

Thursday 18th February, 1:30pm to 3.00pm
Dunkirk Community Centre—0115 9287500

**Headteacher's Award:**

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| Swans: | Corey | for being able to spell the phrase 2 tricky words independently. |
| | Noor | for beginning to apply her phonic skills to segment CVC words. |
| Yr 1: | Fatima | for trying hard to work independently with her writing. |
| | Ibraheem | for remembering all of his finger spaces in his writing. |
| Yr 2: | Caleb | for trying really hard in his swimming lessons. |
| | Aqsa | for showing a huge improvement in her writing. |
| Yr 3: | Lauren | for putting 100% effort into her English work. |
| | Noah | for being a fountain of knowledge and sharing his ideas respectfully. |
| Yr 4: | Spencer | for generating excellent ideas about our RE topic and producing an excellent piece writing about a special place. |
| | Olivvia | for lovely clear writing about religious journeys to Hajj. |
| Yr 5: | Jace | for trying hard to develop her characters through dialogue and action in her writing. |
| | Sam C | for producing some excellent writing in his English lessons this week. |
| Yr 6: | Chandè | for consistently acting as a positive role model in all aspects of school life. |
| | Zain | for setting an excellent example to everyone in school. |

Very kind regards

Mrs Pemberton