



Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every family a very happy Christmas and New Year. We hope you all have a restful break and enjoy your festive celebrations with your friends and families. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Tuesday 3 January 2017.

As you will have seen in the local media, I am delighted to report the School's amazing achievement and performance during this year's end of KS2 statutory tests. Edna G Olds Academy finished third place overall in Nottinghamshire County. This wonderful achievement is a result of the staffs true dedication and commitment to providing the highest aspirational provision.

Christmas Performance

I liked the Christmas play because I liked playing the role of Sarah. I also liked the part when I was singing by myself and then everyone else joined in. Everybody liked the part when we were singing, but my favourite part was when the angel appeared to see the baby Jesus. I was very happy because so many children learnt their lines, which made them feel really confident.

Lubna, Year 2

I really enjoyed the Christmas play because I enjoyed having the responsibility of speaking into the microphone. My favourite songs were "No Room Here" and "Wake Up Shepherds!" because they both had funny parts in them. I thought the stars were brilliant when they introduced themselves with their "Twinkle!" lines. I thought the shepherds and sheep were good because they made me laugh when they were snoring and saying "Baaa!".

Janna and Jaafar, Year 2

On Tuesday 13th December, Key Stage 2 performed their play entitled 'Mr Scrooge's Christmas'. It was performed in front of parents and the Year 6 children were able to show off the acting skills which they have developed this year. The production also gave an opportunity for the children in Key Stage 2 to showcase their musical talents. A great time was had by all of the pupils who participated and they are really excited about future performance opportunities.

By Jace Y6

Christmas Fair

Thank you for joining our Christmas fair and making it a really special celebration. It was lovely to see so many of our parents and families there. The children really enjoyed selling their products/wares from their Enterprise initiative work. 50% of the fundraising money will be donated to Nottinghamshire Hospice and the other half of the money will go towards funding future enterprise activities for the 2017 spring and summer term.

Footprints

The children thoroughly enjoy participating in the 10 week 'Footprint Challenge'. It is great to hear that more children are now walking to school, and that parents have been parking further away from school, to enable their children to walk a short distance. Next half term, Eco Council will be working with their individual classes, to discuss the impact that walking has had upon our daily health and well-being.

Christingle Service

Our Christingle Service was held at Holy Trinity Church, Lenton. It was lovely to have our parents attending the service. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and were very excited to share what they had learnt once they returned to school.

Extended Learning

It is extremely important that parents collect their child (ren) on time from our Extended Learning Club Provision. Please note, the latest available moment to collect your child is **5:50 pm** from the nursery entrance.

If you need to contact the Extended Learning Unit after 3:15 pm, please call 07824602150.

Thank you for your ongoing support.



Goodbye

At the end of this term we have to say goodbye to the following members of staff: Dawn Foster (Head Cook), Christine Shaw (Office Manager) and Michelle Biston (Nursery Teacher).

As they leave us to take up positions at new schools, we wish to thank them for their hard work, commitment and support for our pupils' learning, during their time at Edna G Olds Academy.

Wishing them every future happiness, success and good luck with their future careers. Please stay in touch and keep us up to date with your news.

Merry Christmas and a happy New Year to you all.

Maths Challenge by Miss Hopkin

In the song 'The 12 Days of Christmas', how many presents are given? How many legs are there in the presents in total? If we continued, how many presents would the receiver get if it reached 20 days or 50 days?

- Twelve drummers drumming
- Eleven pipers piping
- Ten lords a-leaping
- Nine ladies dancing
- Eight maids a-milking
- Seven swans a-swimming
- Six geese a-laying
- Five gold rings
- Four calling birds
- Three French hens
- Two turtledoves
- A partridge in a pear tree

Headteacher's Award:

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| Swans: | Muneh | for demonstrating determination in moving forward in his learning. |
| | Mona | for gaining confidence in completing challenges within the unit. |
| Yr 1: | Sama | for gaining confidence in the classroom and excellent perseverance. |
| | Kyle | for displaying great confidence in the Christmas performance. |
| Yr 2: | Ibraheem | for demonstrating a great attitude towards learning and showing this in his practice SATS scores. |
| | Fatimah | for always showing resilience and a 'can-do' approach to learning. |
| Yr 3: | Sam | for super commitment to learning at home. |
| | Rawan | for working hard to explain her learning in mathematics. |
| Yr 4: | Curtis | for demonstrating excellent resilience in all lessons. |
| | Anais | for showing a real improvement in her learning since joining Edna G olds. |
| Yr 5: | Adell | for writing a lovely narrative over the last few weeks. |
| | Spencer | for writing a lovely narrative over the last few weeks. |
| Yr 6: | Sam | for excellent performance in the production. |
| | Saniya | for always being willing to help others and support younger children. |

Very kind regards



Mrs Melany Pemberton