



Dear Parents/Carers

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and New Year. We hope you all have a restful break and enjoy spending time with your friends and families. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

### **Photography Exhibition**

On Wednesday 16th December, pupils from Y4 and Y5 staged an exhibition to showcase their photography work. The children have learnt how to use a variety of cameras, and created a range of photos, using different techniques. The image below is just one example of the many delightful photos that were taken by the children.



### **Christmas Fair**

Thank you for all your support and contributions towards our Christmas Fair. It was lovely to see so many of you 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. The other half of the money will go towards funding future enterprise activities for the 2016 spring and summer term.

### **Footprints**

The children have all enjoyed participating in the 10 week 'Footprint Challenge'. It has been 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. Next half term Eco Council will be working with their classes to discuss the impact that walking has had on our health and well-being.

### **Christingle Service**

It was lovely to have parents attending our Christingle service this year. The children thoroughly enjoyed it and were very excited to share what they had learnt.



### **Science Sharing Afternoon—Pupil Voice by Yomna & Zain Y6**

On the 17th December we had our science sharing afternoon. Curriculum sharing events are when everybody either stays in their class, or goes to a different class. We do this so that we can share our knowledge with each other and extend our knowledge of a subject.

In order to make this effective the year 5 and year 6 children work together to lead the group and ensure everyone is collaborating. To share our understanding of each others' topic, we work together to produce a poster that shows all the information that we have learnt over the half term. We also write what we have learnt into our Edna Leader book.

As well as this Mina and Zain (from year 6) were given the privilege of taking Mr Brunner (one of the school governors) around each class to show him how we run our theme sharing and how our learning benefits from it.



## Goodbye

Sadly, Mrs Davis is leaving us after three years at Edna G. Olds.

I know she will be sorely missed by everyone. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication to the school. Please stay in touch Mrs Davis—we will miss you!!

We would like to wish Mrs Biston all the best with the up coming birth of her baby.

Please note, Miss O' Donovan will be overseeing the nursery, during Mrs Biston's maternity leave.

## Maths challenge by Miss Hopkin



Altogether there are 24 crackers in four boxes.

The first box has two more crackers than the second box.

The third box has 4 more crackers than the second box.

The fourth box has twice as many crackers as the third box.

How many crackers are in each box?



## Sports

After discussing the sports provision on offer at Edna G.Olds Academy with the Pupil Voice Council, there will be some adaptations to our sports provision, as we start the spring term:

<b>Spring Term 2016</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Canoville Coaching football every other week</li> <li>• Agility and skills lesson every other week</li> <li>• Tennis to continue every week for Nursery and Reception and every other week for KS1 and KS2</li> <li>• Yoga will continue weekly</li> <li>• Swimming weekly for Reception and Year 1</li> <li>• Swimming for Y2 and Y3</li> </ul>
<b>Summer Term 2016</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cricket and athletics lessons</li> <li>• Tennis to continue every week for Nursery and Reception and every other week for KS1 and KS2</li> <li>• Yoga will continue weekly</li> <li>• Swimming weekly for Reception and Year 1</li> <li>• Swimming for Y5</li> </ul>
<b>Autumn Term 2016</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rugby specialist coach to teach tag rugby every other week</li> <li>• Agility and skills lesson every other week</li> <li>• Tennis to continue every week for Nursery and Reception and every other week for KS1 and KS2</li> <li>• Yoga will continue weekly</li> <li>• Swimming weekly for Reception and Year 1</li> <li>• Swimming for Y6 and Y4</li> </ul>

These changes will ensure that all children enjoy an exceptionally diverse sports curriculum, this will help them to develop their skills and fitness levels to the maximum potential.

**Headteacher's Award:**

Swans:	Jacob	for working incredibly hard to improve his pencil control.
	Noor	for becoming more confident in attempting to write independently.
Yr 1:	Dadiyar	for writing a well thought out algorithm.
	Amina	for always trying her best in everything she does.
Yr 2:	Ziddaan	for taking care with his writing and improving the use of his phonics.
	Millie	for her consistently fantastic attitude towards yoga.
Yr 3:	Donte	for making positive steps in managing his own behaviour.
	Y'kira	for making excellent progress in her writing.
Yr 4:	Nico	for making a superb effort at lunchtimes to eat all his dinner, as well as working really hard in swimming and art this week.
	Adell	for putting an excellent effort into her work and thinking carefully about the outcome she wanted to achieve.
Yr 5:	Kadie	for making a huge effort to make our new pupils feel very welcome.
	Asif	for setting an excellent example during the KS2 production.
Yr 6:	Jago	for confidently pitching the product his group designed on their Enterprise Day.
	Mina	for setting an excellent example and working well with her group during theme sharing.

Very kind regards

**Mrs Pemberton**

Headteacher