



Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! Welcome back to the spring term, I hope you enjoyed a wonderful Christmas holiday with your families. Please see our new events planner for this spring term. It contains many special dates/events organised for this term.

### Movie Night—Shrek 3

Over the course of the year, Pupil Voice (School Council) is considering a number of ways to raise money for school funds, so that they can support a variety of activities for all children. One of the activities they wish to organise is a film night which will take place after school on Monday 18th January.

Cost of tickets for the film will be £1, with an additional £1 being charged if your child would like to buy a drink and some popcorn. The film will start at 3:15pm and children will be ready to be picked up at 4:30pm. Please see the letter that has been sent out today for further information.

### Letter of Congratulations

Edna G. Olds Academy has received a letter from Mr Nick Gibb **MP** (Minister of State for Schools) in relation to the School's academic performance. In his letter, Mr Gibb congratulated staff and pupils for our continuing improved performance in national key stage 2 tests. He stated that our school's results, as published on 10th December, show that we are amongst the 100 top performing schools based on sustained improvement in attainment at level 4 and above in reading, writing and mathematics, each year from 2012—2015.

I wish to express my sincere congratulations to each pupil, parent, member of staff and governor who has contributed towards these fabulous results -over the past three years.

Without your tremendous efforts, commitment, dedication and support, results like these would not be possible—THANK YOU!

### Newsletters

Teachers have put a huge amount of effort into creating their class newsletters. Please take some time to read these as they contain vital information about your child's learning and development for this term.

### Art

This half term all the children will experience an art themed focus for their learning. It will be wonderful to see the children demonstrating an understanding of the different techniques which artists use, and to observe their enthusiasm when talking to each other about what they have been learning. We look forward to seeing the wonderful artistic pieces that the children create, as a result of their experiential learning.

The overall topic question for each year group and the pupil that thought of the question is listed below:

Year 1: How does the man (David Miller) paint so many different colours? (Maryam)

Year 2: How have people used clay in different times? (Omran)

Year 3: Why were Monet and Van Gogh so famous? (Nisaath)

Year 4: How have cartoons changed over time? (Spencer)

Year 5: Who were the most famous artists from World War 2 and how is their work different? (Zain)

Year 6: Was pottery the only art form in Ancient Greece? (Asiyah)



### Pupil Attendance

It is extremely important for you child to attend school every day. Keeping your child away from school can not only dramatically affect their attendance levels, but also their learning. The School monitors each and every child’s attendance. If your child’s attendance level is low, you shall be asked to attend a meeting with our attendance officer Rob Jones. Please note, persistent absenteeism may even result in parents receiving a fine.

Description	Attendance	Whole days lost	Lost hours of learning
Excellent	100 - 99%	0 - 2	0 - 10
Good	98 - 95%	4 - 7.5	20 - 37.5
Requires improvement	94 - 91%	9.5 - 17	47.5 - 85
Persistent Absentee	90 - 86%	19 - 27	95 - 135
Critical	85 - 80%	28.5 - 38	142.5 - 190

Please refer to your child’s home/school diary for advice about attendance matters. This also includes further guidance in relation to reporting an absence or seeking medical appointments during school time.

★ **Headteacher’s Award:** ★

Swans:	Jaden	for learning all his yellow Bear Words.
	Scarlett	for gaining confidence in using her phonic knowledge in her writing.
Yr 1:	Dianna	for becoming more independent with her writing.
	Lukas	for having a fantastic start to the spring term and demonstrating excellent focus on his learning.
Yr 2:	Sehr	for demonstrating a fantastic attitude towards learning at all times.
	Mohammed	for sharing his fantastic ideas during the discussion parts of a lesson.
Yr 3:	Lama	for providing superb, well rounded answers during our trip to Nottingham Castle.
	Haseeb	for never giving less than 100% effort. What an incredible role model!!
Yr 4:	Aliya	for using excellent problem solving strategies in maths, and carefully choosing the correct operation.
	Naeem	for sharing a more positive attitude towards his learning.
Yr 5:	Jake	for settling in well to his new class and for demonstrating high standards of behavior.
	Nia	for working and collaborating well with her group in English in order to identify key features and persuasive text.
Yr 6:	Ahmed	for applying strategies he has learnt in class, resulting in an improved arithmetic test score.
	Natalie	for displaying confidence in her acting skills during drama.

Very kind regards



Mrs Pemberton

### Maths challenge by Miss Hopkin

I roll two dice and put the numbers together to make a 2 digit number e.g. would equal 65 or 56. How many different numbers can I make? What would happen with 3 dice?

