



Dear Parents/Carers,

The children have already begun to lead a number of exciting initiatives in school, some of which include: the Edna LEADer newspaper; directing curriculum theme sharing afternoons—peer mentoring; and more recently, designing and planning a ‘Raising Awareness for Ebola’ day. I am particularly keen for our children to develop their questioning skills as well as seize opportunities to direct their own learning, as this will encourage them to challenge their thinking and enable them to take their learning to a whole new dimension/level. The following extracts have been taken from pupils’ recounts—sharing their learning and engagement opportunities. I hope you enjoy reading them as much as I have.

Able Maths Day

On Monday 23rd March, 10 children went to Radford Primary School to take part in an ‘Able Maths Day’. The workshop was led by a specialist maths consultant who has inspired children nationwide.

The focus of the day was to have fun with maths and problem solving. The children worked in small groups along with children from other LEAD schools.

Some of the comments from the children about the day: Jace said—“I liked learning new and tricky methods in maths”.

Sam said—“It was very fun and I enjoyed learning about shapes and their properties”.

Spencer Said—“ It was brilliant because you got to do things we hadn’t done in class before”.

Cleaning roles at Edna G. Olds Academy

Sadly one of our cleaners, Sue, has recently retired. She was a fantastic part of the team and will be greatly missed.

We can now offer the opportunity of recruiting two cleaners to work 10 hours each week at Edna G. Olds Academy.



If you wish to apply for this role, please write an expression of interest letter confirming any relevant experience. The closing date for applications is 17th April at 12pm.

Ebola Awareness Day—By Darius

My favourite thing in science was ‘Ebola Awareness Day’ and making bio-suits. For any people who don’t know what a bio-suit is, here’s a quick explanation: a bio suit is a specially made suit that protects you from Ebola. Doctors who treat patients with Ebola wear it so they don’t get infected themselves. We had to split up into groups and use a limited amount of resources to make a bio-suit. We had: some plastic, cling film, sellotape and an unlimited use of paper to do the job. The challenge was that we had to cover the whole body and make sure that there weren’t any gaps

Mad Science—By Darius

A few weeks after Ebola Awareness Day , we had a scientist called Dr. Dan coming in to do some science experiments using static electricity! He gave us all a balloon to rub on our jumpers in order to make it charged. It would then stick to different places! My favourite part was when he used a lighting generator! He explained to us how lightning is invisible until it finds the highest point to make contact with.

Music Auditions

Nigel and Nadia Hinson will conduct auditions for music lessons on the 21st and 28th April. All children will be welcome to try a range of instruments to establish which one is right for them. The instruments currently available are clarinet, saxophone and violin.

I believe that our provision of specialist music has truly enriched school life, and given many children more opportunities to develop resilience skills and realise their true potential.

If you would like your child to receive music tuition, please speak to a member of staff in the school office.

Outside Classroom Grand Opening

I am pleased to announce that there will be a grand opening of the outside classroom on 17th April at 2:45pm. The classroom has been built in memory of Mrs Shepherd who sadly passed away in 2013. A special bench complete with a memorial plaque will also be installed so that children and visitors can sit, enjoy the peace and remember loved ones. I would really appreciate it if all children and their families could enter a competition to suggest a name for our new outdoor classroom space - could you hand your entries to class teachers please.

Nottinghamshire Hospice

There are still some Easter themed soft toys available to buy for a £1.50 donation at the school office. All proceeds go to Nottinghamshire Hospice. Please note, so far we have managed to raise over £500 in support of the Hospice.

Attendance Week beginning 23/03/2015	
7th place —Year 1	94.1%
6th place —Year 2	95%
5th place — Year R	95.8%
4th place —Year 3	96.3%
3rd place—Year 4	96.4%
2nd place—Year 6	97.4%
1st place—Year 5	97.6%

Red Nose Day

Thank you very much for your generous donations to our red nose event. We managed to raise a wonderful amount of money (£220.85) for charity.

Dunkirk & Lenton Parnership Forum - Events

30th March, 2pm —Easter egg hunt, free entry
Radford-Lenton Library, Lenton Boulevard

14th April - Wildflower Day: Church Square - 1pm,
Radford Lenton Library community Garden—1.45pm,
Radford Recreation Ground- 2.15pm, Memorial Garden
and Ilkeston Road -3pm

Free bakery and craft stalls in the Memorial Garden—
starts at 3pm

Tasty Tuesdays—Weekly community meal, every Tuesday
at 6pm, at The Crocus Cafe

Math's Challenge

Peter, Sukesh, Amil and Jenny received a total of 38 chocolate eggs.

Jenny had one less than Peter.
Peter had 5 less than Sukesh.
Amil had half as many as Sukesh.
Peter had 2 more than Amil.



Headteacher's Award

Reception: Dadiyar	for demonstrating perseverance skills and learning to blend sounds in order to read words.
Yr 1: Layan	for her wonderful attitude towards mathematics, and working hard to solve tricky problems.
Yr 2: Jayden	for working hard and achieving the highest score in the reading tests in year two.
Yr 3: Laiba	for putting extra effort in to all areas of her learning.
Yr 4: Aidh	for displaying a fantastic attitude towards learning and showing great peer mentoring skills in tennis!
Yr 5: Faisal	for his much improved attitude and displaying perseverance in reading challenging material.
Yr 6: Leela-Mae	for her resilience in mathematics challenges which has led to a vastly improved trial SATs score.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter holiday - I hope the Easter bunny brings you lots of chocolate treats. The staff and I look forward to welcoming all children back in to school on Thursday 16th April for the new summer term.

Very kind regards,

Mrs Pemberton