



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back, I do hope that you have all enjoyed a fabulous Easter break. Just recently, the weather has been amazing so I would like to urge you to apply sun screen protection for your child each morning, before school. We are happy to keep bottles of sun cream at school in order for pupils to reapply it, if necessary, during the school day too.

Please find attached our class newsletters which outline the exciting activity work planned over the coming weeks. We would welcome support from parents, for example, to accompany planned visits and special event days. Also, there is a school calendar attached to this newsletter. Please take a moment to note the dates for INSET and holidays scheduled for 2015/16. This will enable you to plan your family diaries for next year. Please note, no holidays will be permitted during term time.

Thank you for your continued support.

Opening of the outside classroom

The afternoon of Friday 17th April was bittersweet for Edna G. Olds Academy, as we all took time to remember Mrs Shepherd. Whilst the sun shone brightly on the Key Stage 2 playground, the school celebrated Mrs Shepherd's immeasurable contributions to the school.

The afternoon began with the arrival of Mrs Shepherd's family, who were treated to a rousing rendition of Shine (originally by Take That) performed by the whole school. Classes 5 and 6 then joined members of staff outside, where Mrs Shepherd's family were invited to plant a stunning magnolia tree in her memory. Mrs Shepherd's eldest son, David, then cut a bright pink ribbon to open the new outdoor classroom. This classroom will be focal point for exciting new clubs, art projects, exhibitions and activities, all of which Mrs Shepherd would have been thrilled to see.

Before Classes 5 and 6 returned to their classrooms, a final focus for our remembrance was unveiled: a wooden bench out in the sunshine, dedicated to Mrs Shepherd's memory. Edna G. Olds has incorporated the memory of this dedicated colleague, exceptional teacher, and loving friend into the very fabric of the school. She is, and always will be, a very important part of life at Edna G. Olds Academy.



Fairtrade Day

The children have been working hard to plan a Fairtrade Day with their teachers. This event will take place on Friday 1st May. As part of the day, all children will be making something related to Fairtrade produce and then selling it to make a profit. This activity will help to develop their enterprise skills further as well as enlighten them about the importance of Fairtrade practice.

We would like you to view and maybe even purchase some of our Fairtrade products. The children will display their items in the school hall on Friday 1st May. Please join us for this special occasion from 2.45pm onwards.

We look forward to welcoming you there.

The University of Nottingham

The University's Open Day for the community is going to be held on Saturday 9th May 11am—5pm.

There will be lots of free interactive fun for all ages. If you need anymore information please visit www.nottingham.ac.uk/mayfest.

Free School Meals

If you think you may be eligible for Free School meals then please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Please bring along any proof of identification and benefits that you are entitled to and we will provide you with the support required to complete the application.

Job club

There is going to be free weekly support and advice offered to help people back into work, every Thursday between 12-2pm at Dunkirk and Old Lenton Community Centre Montpellier Road, Dunkirk, NG7 2JW.

They are offering support with job searching, careers advice, cv and letter writing, interview skills, training courses, free internet access, printing and stationary and IT training and support.

Attendance Week beginning 20th April	
6th place —Year 1	94.1%
5th place — Year 2	94.7%
4th place —R	95.5%
3rd place—Year 4	96.5%
2nd place—Year 5	97.2%
1st place—Year 6 + Year 3	97.3%

Appointment of Site Manager

We are delighted to announce that David Wilson our current cover site manager from Nottingham City Council has successfully been appointed as our permanent site manager!! Mr Wilson is a truly dedicated member of our school team - he has played an instrumental role in the completion of our outdoor classroom project as well as ensuring our school environment looks as stunning as possible.

Math's Challenge

Frances and Rishi were given a bag of lollies.



They shared them out evenly and had one left over.

Just as they had finished sharing them their friends Kishan, Hayley and Paul came along. They wanted some lollies too so the children shared them out again between all of them. This time they had two lollies left over.

How many lollies could there have been in the bag?



Headteacher's Award:

Reception: Fatimah	for her excellent attempt to speak and read simple words in English.
Yr 1: Alfie	for his attitude towards learning always wanting to achieve higher.
Yr 2: Yasameen	for being a superb role model in all aspects of learning.
Yr 3: Doaa	for working hard to write an interesting description.
Yr 4: Asif	for displaying such a positive attitude towards learning and school.
Yr 5: Fatine	For producing an excellent piece of 'Big Write' showing a super variety of challenging vocabulary and punctuation.
Yr 6: Darius	for going that 'extra mile' and asking to stay in over lunchtime to improve his work.

Very kind regards,

Mrs Pemberton