



Edna G Olds Academy
A L.E.A.D. Academy

6th November 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second part of our autumn term, I hope that you have had a wonderful break. The children have already experienced some exciting events during this week; each year group commented on how much they enjoyed the Bonfire Night themed dinner that the kitchen staff provided yesterday. There was a lovely atmosphere in the dinner hall and the kitchen staff had even made Bonfire themed decorations! Year 6 have been incredibly busy this week, learning about first aid during their visit to the QMC, and further developing their understanding of history, after their fun visit to the theatre to watch 'Horrible Histories'. Year 5 also had the opportunity to visit the Art Exchange to view and learn about the exhibition 'Sound Systems Back in Da Day'.

Every class is also looking forward to visiting Nottingham Contemporary Gallery next week to view the 'Alien Encounters' exhibition.

Harvest Festival

We would like to invite you to take part in our Harvest Assembly on Monday 23rd November at 9am. Reverend Dr Megan Smith will be leading the assembly. If you are able to donate any food items such as tins, packet food etc. then please send it to school the morning of 23rd November. We will be donating all food collected to Emmanuel House, who will distribute the food to the most vulnerable citizens of Nottingham. Please see the attached poster with information on the items that would be most useful to donate. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Nominations for parent governor

A parent governor vacancy has now arisen within our Local Governing Body (LGB). Please read the attached letter.

This is an opportunity to be a voice on behalf of the parents of Edna G. Olds Academy. If you are interested in this post please submit your name to the school office.

Science

This half term every class has a science focus for learning. The children have already been busy thinking about questions that they wish to investigate. The overall topic question for each year group and the pupil that thought of the question is listed below:

Year 1: How are animals different? (By Amanda)

Year 2: Why are some materials more breakable than others? (By Sam)

Year 3: Why are some rocks rough and some rocks smooth? (By Kaltoma)

Year 4: How do we hear sound? (By George)
How does liquid stay together? (By Kaunapenda)

Year 5: Once you have changed a material, can you bring it back again? (By Zain)

Year 6: How have animals evolved to suit different habitats? (By Ahmed)

Stay and Play with the Tooth Fairy

This week the nursery parents enjoyed having the opportunity to come into school for a 'Stay and Play' session. This enabled parents to spend time with their child in school and gave them an insight into the types of activities their child enjoys participating in. In addition we were lucky to be visited by the 'Tooth Fairy' who provided lots of information and advice about the importance of dental hygiene for parents. Her visit also marked the launch of our 'Brushing Buddies' oral health programme, which starts in nursery on Monday. We look forward to seeing lots of bright smiles in the nursery in the future.



Children in Need

This year's theme is 'Champions of Change'. Pupil voice council have decided in order to raise money we will have a non-uniform day to celebrate that everyone is a champion and has a talent to share. Therefore, on **Friday 13th November** children will be able dress up to showcase their talent for a cost of **50p**. Most popular ideas were to come dressed as: a scientist, sports person, historical figure, artist, musician plus many more. We will also be having a cake sale at break time, where children will be able to purchase a cake made by the kitchen for **50p**.

It is also world kindness day, so during the day children will also be creating a class charter about the ways in which they are kind and caring to others, they will then have the opportunity to share their acts of kindness during Monday's assembly.



Remembrance Day



On the 11th November at 11am Edna G.Olds Academy will observe a one minute silence to remember all those people who have been affected by war. Prior to Wednesday 11th November all children will have the opportunity to make their own poppy to add to a class reef of remembrance.

Maths challenge

This is a basic form of the ancient game of Nim. You will need seven objects, such as counters. It is a game for two players.

Place the 7 counters in a pile and decide who will go first. (In the next game, the other player will have the first turn.) Each player takes turns to take away either one or two counters. The player who takes the last counter wins. Keep playing until you work out a winning strategy.



Does it matter who has the first turn?

What happens when you start the game with more counters?

Write down what you found out and Hand in to Miss Hopkin next Friday.

IMPS Year 6 -By Yommna

On the 4th November Year 6 went to the QMC to take part in I.M.P.S training. This enabled us to apply our basic first aid skills. When we got there we were split off into two groups and rotated around the activities. The activities were: learning to save an unconscious person's life, putting on plaster casts, looking around A & E and learning what to do if someone was choking. The most useful thing that we did was delivering CPR because now if we see anyone unconscious we can save their life.



Headteacher's Award:



Swans: Tariq	for using his phonic skills to segment simple words.
Yr 1: Abdul	for showing great enthusiasm with all of his work.
Yr 2: Omran	for his fantastic effort and attitude, particularly in maths.
Yr 3: Noah	for committing to his learning at home and at school.
Yr 4: Reem	for a super explanation about how we hear things.
Yr 5: Pharrell	for excellent group work in maths, helping and supporting others in his group.
Yr 6: Aasiyah	for a great attitude during the I.M.P.S visit to the QMC.

Very kind regards,

Mrs Pemberton