



Edna G Olds Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

11th September 2015

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to an exciting new school year. I have really enjoyed hearing all the positive comments from the children who are very excited to be back! They all look wonderfully smart in their new uniforms. Please note, our school office is still taking orders for sweatshirts, coats, etc should you require anything.

I wish to thank every member of staff for their dedication and commitment as they have worked exceptionally hard to set up their classroom, and school looks beautiful as a result.

Please look at our attached events planner for key dates this half term.

Environment Council—By Anjum Y6

Environment Council have been working hard to ensure all children at Edna. G Olds have access to a range of books during break and lunchtimes. Each class has a box of books that Environment Council take out and put under the shelter. Anyone can choose a book from any of the boxes. Part of our job has been to monitor how the books are being used, to ensure the children are using them sensibly and putting them back at the end of playtime. I have really enjoyed having books outside, so that we can just sit down and relax during playtimes.

Brilliant Breathing Challenge

We were lucky enough to have Tamba Roy visit Edna G.Olds on Monday 7th September to launch a week long challenge of 'Brilliant Breathing'. For one week all pupils and staff were challenged to take three 'Brilliant Breaths' after they sat down. There are thought to be a number of key benefits from regularly practising deep breathing which link with concentration, learning and positive wellbeing. Children and staff who participated in the challenge gave lots of positive feedback 'Brilliant Breathing makes me feel calm, no matter what is happening and it makes me feel happy' (Mina Year 6). 'Brilliant Breathing' is something that we will continue in school, even though the week long challenge is over. Ask your children to teach you about 'Brilliant Breathing' at home.

Eco Council—By Spencer Y4, Ayesha Y5 and Zara Y6

As part of our Eco council work, we planted our own radishes during the summer term. We were really excited to see that they had grown during the summer holidays. Miss Lynch, who works in the kitchen, helped us to dig up the radishes. We carefully pulled out the radishes and put them in a blue basket. It was great fun, because we grew them ourselves, but the stems were pretty prickly! The next day the radishes were used by the school kitchen, so we were all able to taste them. We look forward to updating you again when we start growing more vegetables during the spring term.



Countries of the World Theme Day

On Friday 18th September, the pupil voice school council have organised a 'Countries of the World' theme day. The aim of the day is to give each class the opportunity to research and learn about a different country, focussing specifically on the human rights agenda. One of the key areas that each class will be looking at is what education is like in each country and who has access to it. In the afternoon, each year group will be given the opportunity to share their learning with pupils from other classes as they take part in a class swap. Here they will be given the opportunity to discuss what they have learnt about their specific country and consider what life would be like to live there.



Support for Miss Button

I have signed up for the challenge of running The Robin Hood Half Marathon (15 miles) on Sunday 27th September. I thought it would be a good idea to do it for charity, therefore have chosen our school's charity, The Nottinghamshire Hospice. I would really appreciate it if you would be kind enough to sponsor me. Please send in your donations to the school office by Friday 25th September.

Thank you so much for your support.

Miss Button (Teaching Assistant Year 1)

Attendance Week beginning 7th September	
7th place—Yr 1	90%
6th place—Yr 2	90.2%
5th place—Yr4	93.7%
4th place—Yr 3	96.7%
3rd place—Swans	96.8%
2nd place—Yr 5	98.9%
1st place—Yr 6	99.4%

Maths challenge

 =7  =17  =?

The value of the circle changes in each of the following problems.

Can you discover its value in each problem, if the value of the shapes are being added together?

- (a)  =25
- (b)  =51
- (c)  =136
- (d)  =48
- (e)  =100



Headteacher's Award:



Swans: Callum	for being an excellent role model for other children.
Yr 1: Maryam	for being a fantastic role model and always giving 100%.
Yr 2: Neelam	for having a really positive attitude to learning and producing some fantastic writing.
Yr 3: Lauren	for demonstrating a good understanding of her own learning and challenging herself.
Yr 4: Adell	for Carrying out her own research at home to find the answer to a question based on the Egyptians.
Yr 5: Kadie	for working very hard in her English lessons and seeking to challenge herself.
Yr 6: Natalie	for a lovely introductory paragraph to her Dr Who narrative.

Very kind regards,



Mrs Pemberton