



Edna G Olds Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

# Headteacher's Newsletter

18<sup>th</sup> March 2022



## Headteacher Update

Dear parents/carers,

We have had a wonderful half term so far. The children have eagerly approaching their science based learning and scientific enquiry sessions.

Children have been exploring and investigating the following topic questions:

**Year 1: Are all plants the same and if not, how could we use our working scientifically skills to find out how they are different?**

**Year 2: How can we bring nature into our lives?**

**Year 3: How important are fossils for scientific development?**

**Year 4: In what ways do states of matter affect our daily lives?**

**Year 5: Are all chemical reactions reversible?**

**Year 6: What would happen if every living thing on Earth was the size of a tennis ball?**

Recently, children celebrated World Book Day in school. World Book Day celebrates the joy and value of reading books. This year's theme was 'You Are a Reader'. Children enjoyed bringing their favourite book into school alongside an item linked to it. The creative and imaginative items children chose to showcase to their class were superb. Well done!!!



Children in nursery enjoyed listening to The Disgusting Sandwich – they even made the sandwich!!!

Reception loved learning all about their class friends favourite stories today. They individually spent time explaining what their favourite stories were and asked each other questions about the books. Reception enjoyed drawing characters from their books and some children even acted out parts of their favourite story.

As a class, we all discussed why reading is so important and learnt all the benefits that come from reading. The children watched the Newsround 'world book day' video and interacted with other class teachers who came to Early Years to read them stories and ask questions about them! It was a very busy yet enjoyable day!



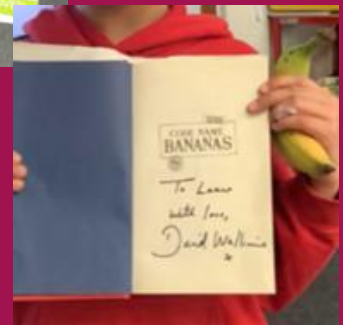






*To celebrate this World Book Day, Year 3 children have all had the opportunity to present their favourite book and item linked to their chosen book. We took the time to discuss the value, joy and benefits of reading.*

In year 4, the children have enjoyed presenting their mystery items related to their favourite book. They revealed their item and gave clues to what their book might be. Everybody did really well to explain to the class why the book they had brought in was their favourite. It was a pleasure to see all the children so engaged with our World Book Day celebration!





*For World Book Day 2022 the children were invited to bring their favourite books and an object linked to them.*

*A mixture of fabulous fiction and informative non-fiction books were shared with their peers in Year 5 and we also had visit from Mrs O'Donnell who read La Chiqa Mexiglish while Miss Hopkin visited year 2 to share 'There's a snake in my school' by David Walliams.*

*"I enjoyed telling my friends about my book and why I enjoyed it," Moni.*

*"Being able to bring my own book 'Aisha and Silver', was great fun!" Sahara.*

Year 6 had a fantastic time celebrating World Book Day. The children were excited to bring in the objects related to their favourite books and as the children arrived in the morning, there was excitement as they tried to guess which books these objects related to. Throughout the day, the children were given the opportunity to discuss the objects with their peers and share how they related to their favourite books. It was brilliant to see how passionate the children were when discussing their books and why they had chosen them as their favourite. At 11am, the children joined the live World Book Day session, where children from all over the country enjoyed activities related to Roald Dahl's literature. Later on, as part of our World Book Day teacher swap, Miss Crabtree visited Year 6 to read a book them. They listened intently and were able to answer her questions about the novel with confidence and enthusiasm. It was an excellent day and the children's love of reading really shone through.



This week, we welcomed some special visitors from Birley Spa Primary Academy, another L.E.A.D school. Several of the Governors from Birley Spa Primary Academy enjoyed visiting our school alongside Governors from Edna G. Olds Academy. Our wonderful children relished in showcasing our school and their learning journals with our visitors. Children also enjoyed a school meal alongside the Governors and took the opportunity to share with them how pupils across the school work with our catering team to help shape the termly school menu. The feedback from the Governors was fantastic, our children were amazing and showcased our school wonderfully – we are very proud of them!

Pupil Voice Council have been busy planning a number of fund raising initiatives for Comic Relief, which took place today, Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022. Children eagerly arrived dressed in their red clothing. Our wonderful catering team baked some delicious cakes for our cake sale – children had the opportunity to purchase cakes throughout the day for 50p. We look forward to sharing with you how much we have raised for this very worthy cause in our next newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Pemberton  
Headteacher

# Attendance

Your support with ensuring all children have a good level of attendance is wonderful. Please do remember – excellent attendance leads to amazing achievements. This week we have achieved 96.2% attendance as a whole school. Our Y4 & Y5 classes are overall joint attendance winners this week with 99.6%.

<b>Attendance – wc 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022</b>	
<b>Reception</b>	<b>93.3%</b>
<b>Year 1</b>	<b>98.3%</b>
<b>Year 2</b>	<b>96.9%</b>
<b>Year 3</b>	<b>92.9%</b>
<b>Year 4</b>	<b>99.6%</b>
<b>Year 5</b>	<b>99.6%</b>
<b>Year 6</b>	<b>98.8%</b>



# Star of the Week



Nursery	Subhaab - for his number recognition – he was able to match numerals to quantities. Shafza- for a positive attitude to her learning.
Reception	Aryan - for having a great 'have a go' attitude in his writing. Nila - for trying hard and showing great motivation in her writing.
Year 1	Alice - for following instructions carefully to use the different tools in Notes on the iPad. Imran - for demonstrating good control when dribbling the ball during his PE lessons.
Year 2	Ahmed - for his enthusiastic participation in our science lessons. Dyna - for having a mature attitude and always coming to school ready to learn.
Year 3	Nuha - for her effort and perseverance to improve her learning. Zain - for demonstrating confidence and resilience in his learning.
Year 4	Kya-Rose – for her motivation and responsibility in her learning and behaviour. Daniel - resilience and courage in his learning to keep trying.
Year 5	Azaan- resilience and motivation in his learning reflected in his superb reading score. Ines- For taking personal responsibility for her learning reflected in her excellent test scores.
Year 6	Aimee - for her courage during the school tour. Aimee spoke confidently to the visitors and was able to answer questions. Deontae - for his enthusiasm during the school tour. Deontae was very confident talking to the visitors.