



Edna G Olds Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

Headteacher's Newsletter

4th January 2022



Headteacher Update

Dear parents/carers,

Happy New Year to our Edna G. Olds families – our staff team and governors hope that enjoyed a wonderful time celebrating the festive period with your family and friends, and we are very much looking forward to welcoming children back to school tomorrow (Wednesday 5th January 2022).



Already 2022 has delivered some exciting news. Mrs Crotty has taken her maternity leave and has welcomed her new bundle of joy, Theodore Crotty. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her a wonderful time with her family.

During Mrs Crotty's maternity leave, I am delighted to be able to inform you that Mr Blackwell will act up as Head of School and he joins me as part of the senior leadership team for the school. Together, we will continue to provide the finest quality provision for Edna G. Olds pupils. We look forward to welcoming Mrs Crotty back to Edna G. Olds Academy before the beginning of the upcoming summer holiday.

Prior to our Christmas break, we sadly said farewell to Mr Wood. Mr Wood secured an exciting promotion within another trust school. This pays testament to the excellent leadership and development programmes provided by Edna G. Olds Academy. Throughout his time at Edna G. Olds, Mr Wood made a tremendous impression upon our teaching team, pupils and their families. I wish to take this opportunity to wish him every success in his new position.

I wish to take this opportunity to introduce Miss Dignall, who has been employed to teach alongside Miss Hopkin in year 5 as well as provide to provide PPA cover primarily in Year 1, Year 3 and Year 4. I am positive our staff team and pupils will give her a very warm welcome.



In addition, Mrs Brister secured a promotion at an NHS Trust site. Mrs Brister has been a wonderful asset to our office team over the past 4 years and we would like to wish her all the best within her new role too.

As COVID-19 infections continue to rapidly rise across the country, please rest assured that we will continue to maintain the strictest health and safety measures within school to ensure we maintain the upmost safety for our pupils, families, staff and the wider community.

May I take this opportunity to remind parents/carer's of the importance of maintaining hand washing and hygiene routines and following government guidance in relation to COVID-19. Please do ensure that your households continue to encourage everyone to wash their hands regularly for 20 seconds with water and soap, and follow social distancing rules where possible, including wearing face masks at the school gates when dropping off and collecting children.

Please be reminded that government Plan B restrictions are still in place. With this in mind, please do familiarise yourself of these restrictions via the link below.

[Coronavirus: how to stay safe and help prevent the spread - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/coronavirus/coronavirus-safety-and-guidance-guidance-for-employees-and-workers)

Also, please ensure children do not attend school if they are showing symptoms of COVID-19 (Please see list of symptoms below). They should stay at home, self-isolate immediately and arrange to have a PCR test as soon as possible. If this PCR test result is positive, they must continue to self-isolate. Children can return to school upon receipt of a negative test result - please email results to admin@ednagoldsacademy.co.uk prior to children returning to school.

Should a household member display symptoms, they must obtain a PCR test through the NHS and stay at home until the test results are received. Children living within households where a household member is showing symptoms are strongly advised to take an LFD test every day for 7 days, and to self-isolate if any of these test results are positive.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- a high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Parental support around all of school's COVID-19 safety measures has been amazing – may I take this opportunity to thank you for your on-going support.

As part of our Catch-Up Funding Programme, we have been fortunate to secure an Academic Mentor through the National Tutoring Programme. The National Tutoring Programme offers highly tailored tuition support for pupils, to help those whose education has been impacted by the pandemic. The Academic Mentor will be working closely with class teachers in order to support interventions across school, thus providing a tailored high quality programme for all eligible pupils.

Wishing you and your families a very prosperous New Year 2022.

Mrs Pemberton
Headteacher

Christmas Round Up

We saw a wonderful end to 2021 and our Autumn Term!! Children and staff had great fun rehearsing and filming our fantastic Christmas performances. We really do hope you enjoyed watching their festive productions via their Showbie accounts.

On Friday 10th December, we enjoyed our annual Christmas Jumper Day, where both children and staff wore their festive jumpers to school for a small donation, helping raise important funds for the Save the Children charity. We would like to thank you for your generosity and support with this fundraiser. As a school we managed to raise £130.00 – this is a brilliant achievement!

In addition, children enjoyed their delicious Christmas dinner, prepared by our fabulous catering team, as well as having great fun at their end of term class parties.

Prior to Christmas, children across the school had the wonderful opportunity to enter Lillian Greenwood MP's Christmas Card Competition. We are delighted to inform you that several children across the school were winners of the following sections with their amazing creative designs:

Ines Y5 – Nottingham Evening Post Winner

Kaiden Y5 – Bridgeway Winner

Emma Y4 – Nottingham City Transport Winner

Sabreena Y4 – Special Merit Award



Here is a selection of the wonderful Christmas card designs!

Winter Wonderland Decoding Day

On the final week before Christmas, several children from year 4 and year 5 had the opportunity to participate in a maths and decoding day at the Nottingham High School. The theme was 'Winter Wonderland'. The children's favourite part of the day was utilising their maths understanding to decode clues.

First Aid Training

On Thursday 9th December, year 6 were visited by the British Red Cross and participated in a first aid training session. The children learnt about what to do in an emergency, how to carry out basic first aid and practised phoning an ambulance for help. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and learnt some potentially life saving skills.

Family Friendly Activities in Nottingham this January



**Every Tuesday – Kids Yoga - Free
4pm-5pm**

**Every Thursday – Kids Street Dance – Free
4-8 year olds – 5.15pm-6pm
9 years + - 6pm-6.45pm**

**Every Saturday – Adult English for speakers of other languages
9am-12noon**

Fro more information or to make a booking, please contact 0115 941 2422

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 96.9% attendance as a whole school. Our year 2 and year 4 class are overall joint attendance winners this week with 99.1%.

Attendance – wc 13th December 2021	
Reception	88.9%
Year 1	97.5%
Year 2	99.1%
Year 3	98.3%
Year 4	99.1%
Year 5	98.3%
Year 6	97.4%



Star of the Week



Nursery	Arthur - For trying new food in nursery. Jannat - For demonstrating independence, trying hard to zip up her own coat.
Reception	Aaminah - For looking out for her friends and being a responsible member of the class. Tongai – For showing great focus and collaborating with others in the creative area.
Year 1	Kyran - For using his phonics skills effectively when writing sentences to retell the Nativity story. Maria - For always taking time and care over the presentation of her work.
Year 2	Haadiya - For doing really well reading her common exception words. Nali - For demonstrating excellent resilience during swimming.
Year 3	Zain - For taking personal responsibility for his learning. Nuha- For consistently giving 100% effort in all of her learning.
Year 4	Omer - For motivation with his times tables, to improve his speed and accuracy. Sophia - For independence and responsibility in her mathematics learning
Year 5	Sienna - For super singing and making more positive choices Murad - For showing personal responsibility for his learning and trying hard to improve his work.
Year 6	Azaan - For delivering his production lines with such enthusiasm. Shayla - For using her prior knowledge of maths to solve word problems.