



Edna G Olds Academy
A LEAD Academy

Newsletter

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Welcome back to the start of another exciting year at Edna G. Olds Academy. The children have returned to school bright, sparky and full of energy. Its been a wonderful start to the year as they all look smart in their uniforms! Welcome to our new Reception cohort, the children have had a fantastic first week, settling in to and exploring their new environment.

Please don't hesitate to ask us any questions if you are unsure about any aspect of our provision.

Reception

In reception we have been settling into our new classroom and exploring the different learning areas. We have had lots fun exploring in our outside area, finding minibeasts and drawing pictures. Olaoluwa found out, through observation, that ladybirds have 6 legs and they can fly!



Year 1

Our overarching history enquiry question this half term is 'Would Wangari Maathai have been significant if the transatlantic slave trade still existed?'. In order to delve in to this question, we learnt all about a little girl named Wangari, she noticed something very sad 70 years ago — the beautiful trees around her village were being cut down. This made Wangari feel very upset, but also very determined. She decided she wanted to do something magical; Wangari grew up and started planting thousands of trees, and she even created something called the "Green Belt Movement". Wangari believed that every tree planted could make the world a better place and so, we took part in our own planting activities, we had lots of fabulous fun!



Year 2

In year 2 we have been exploring the inspirational life of Harriet Tubman. We discovered some of the signs used to support passengers of the Underground Railroad. We painted each other's left foot to print our own tree trunk sign. These footprints helped the passengers to the safety of the free state.



Year 3

As part of our learning about resilience, Year 3 read the book 'Beautiful Oops!'. They investigated whether they could turn a 'mistake' (a splash of paint across their page) into something they liked by using their imaginations. We had some wonderful creative artwork, as a result.

Year 4

In year 4 we have been investigating which countries were conquered by the Roman Empire during their reign. The first Roman King, Romulus, took us on a tour back in time to learn about the Roman times. The multi-media we used helped bring out learning to life.



Year 5

Year 5 have been learning about the Vikings. Pupils have been sampling what it is like to be an archaeologist, by unearthing Viking artefacts and studying them closely to see what they tell us about Viking life. This helps us to understand and compare how our life varies today from Roman times.



Year 6

Year 6 have been exploring the circulatory system and studying the effects of exercise on the body. We participated in outdoor activities to measure and record our heart rates (BPM). We also created our own circulatory system sculptures and identified the main functions of the heart, blood, and blood vessels.



Live Assembly

We are proud to have taken part in the live (nationwide) assembly this morning, alongside 100's of other UK schools.

On Friday 6th September, all children in KS2 took part in a live school assembly 'Celebrating our Differences and Overcoming Adversity'. Thousands of children across the country were able to join the assembly where there was time to reflect on the events that took place over the summer, explore the British Values of 'Mutual Respect' and 'Tolerance', and provide an opportunity to celebrate who we are and the importance of strengths in our local communities.

We are valuing our school community culture, as it truly thrives upon uniting one another, celebrating differences and always seeking to build appreciative and respectful relationships.



Exciting News – We have a New - Family Playgroup



Wednesdays during term
time
in the new building (KS2
playground)
9.00-10.00
Sessions are FREE!

Join us for singing,
stories, sensory play
and more!
Ask Miss Owen for
more details

Edna News Updates

Secondary Admissions 2025

Parents of Year 6 children will have received their application information for their child's move to secondary school. Deadlines for secondary admissions are 31st October 2024.

Please remember to return your form. Please note, we can help you with any aspect of this process.

School Dinners

Our delicious menu for the Autumn Term is now being served. Please see the website for the full menu.

Please also be reminded that all children in Reception to Year 2 receive Universal Free Meals. Years 3-6 meals are payable unless entitled to Pupil Premium. Please do ask the office should you require any further information.



Asda Cashpot for Schools

Please find link below to sign up to the Asda Cashpot for Schools App. Your help with raising money for our school would be much appreciated.

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Upcoming Event Dates

Our events list for the autumn term will be on its way to you on Monday. Look out for our exciting Autumn planner. This will also be available on our website should you need view it online.



Core Behaviours Achievers



Nursery	Haris	For coming back to school with such a brilliant attitude and showing great personal responsibility.
	Maria	For coming back to school with such a brilliant attitude and showing great personal responsibility.
Rec	Maulana	For being responsible and respectful member of the class, making her an excellent role model.
	Harley	For being super focused in the classroom and enjoying what he sets out to do.
Year 1	Samasneha	For being resilient in her first week and being so kind to everyone.
	Joshua	For being resilient in his first week back and being so kind to everyone.
Year 2	Alanna	For showing creativity in the English book launch day.
	Zeus	For demonstrating resilience in and out of the classroom.
Year 3	Remae	For her kindness to others, supporting them in their routines.
	Ibraheem	For his resilience with his letter formation.
Year 4	Imran	For showing resilience during writing lessons.
	Isabelle	For always being resilient and motivated in all lessons.
Year 5	Ari	For his resilience this week, Ari has shown great motivation this week.
	Myah	For her resilience this week. Myah has been really focused in all the activities.
Year 6	Mahdi	For his kindness and motivation all week. Mahdi has worked super hard this week.
	Jana	For her resilience this week. Jana has tried really hard this week.

Many thanks for your continued support

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