



Newsletter

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We have had a fabulous half term filled with exciting learning opportunities, creativity, and hard work from all our pupils. From engaging lessons to special events, it has been wonderful to see the children's enthusiasm and progress.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 11th February the children took part in a range of learning activities across the school to understand more about how to navigate the digital world safely, as part of 'Safer Internet Day'. This year the theme is 'Together for a better internet'. Children in KS2 also took part in the BBC live lesson. The interactive lesson helped the children to understand the importance of staying safe online, recognising digital risks, and making responsible choices when using the internet.

Please see the link below for resources to support staying safe online at home:

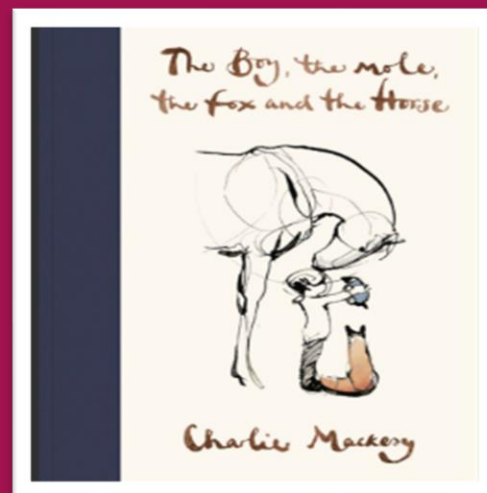


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Mental Health Week

Last week, we took part in 'Children's Mental Health Week', exploring the importance of well-being and self-care. Through a range of activities, with a focus on the book 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse', our pupils have learned about expressing their feelings, building resilience, and supporting one another. From mindfulness exercises to creative tasks, it has been wonderful to see the children engaging in ways to look after their mental health.

We encourage families to continue these conversations at home, reminding children that their feelings matter and that talking about emotions is important.



Book Fair Writing Competition

Congratulations to Hannah (Y6), Morris (Y5) Isabelle (Y4) and Abdulhadi (Y3), on winning our writing competition. The children wrote inspiring, spectacular short stories and earned themselves a prize at our annual book fair.

Cultural Celebration

We wanted to say a huge thank you to all the parents that took part in our cultural celebration event on Monday 10th February. It was fantastic to see our school community come together to share and appreciate the rich diversity of cultures that make our school so special. From delicious food to traditional clothing, storytelling and much more, the event was a wonderful opportunity for our children to learn and celebrate different traditions.

Due to the success of the event we are looking to organise another event during next half term. Please look out for further information if you would like to be part of our next cultural celebration.



Lunar New Year Celebrations

On Wednesday 29th January, we celebrated Lunar New Year across the school. Each class learnt about an element of Lunar New Year, then we all came together to share our learning in the hall. It was a fantastic day of exploring the traditions of Lunar New Year through the arts.

EYFS learnt about all the different countries that celebrate Lunar New Year. Year 1 learnt about some of the important traditions and created a wonderful dragon dance. Year 2 learnt how Lunar New Year is associated with a zodiac animal and painted some incredible artwork based on the animals that they had explored. Year 3 enjoyed exploring the myth of the 'Great Race' and how the Zodiac animals were chosen. Year 4 learnt how Lunar New Year is celebrated around the world and made a beautiful collaborative Dragon. Year 5 learnt how music forms part of the Lunar New Year traditions. They learnt about the Pentatonic scale then composed and performed a piece of music for a Dragon dance. Year 6 explored how Lunar New Year reflects cultural identity and connects communities worldwide. They applied their learning by creating a fantastic collage.



Library Visits

This half-term, we have been visiting the local library, where we have had the chance to explore a wide range of literature. Each of us also had the opportunity to borrow a book.



Curriculum Enrichment

Musicians Visit

We were very pleased to welcome a group of musicians from The Harmony Brigade into school, to perform a number of Barber Shop songs. The group was made up of people from across the globe, including America and Germany, to attend a convention in Nottingham. They very kindly offered their time and talent to share with us. The songs were sung in four-part harmonies without any instruments accompanying them. It was incredible to hear how each individual voice intertwined to create a wonderful sound. We were mesmerised! The children learnt how to sing 'Row, Row, Row your boat', in a round.



Primary Art Visit

KS2 were very fortunate to visit Primary, an artist-led contemporary art workshop and gallery, on Seely Road. in order to see their winter show 'Kolam'. The children were able to explore a range of artworks including photography, musical installations and Kolam rice patterns that celebrated the Tamil community, identity and culture.

The children met the artists, asked some fantastic questions; demonstrating their Core Values of inclusion and respect, then worked collaboratively to create and present their own Kolam artwork.



Viking Workshop

Year 5 were visited by Dr White, who came to share some Viking artefacts. The children were able to examine replica artefacts, handle them and guess what they were used for. There was a drinking horn, chess piece and even an ice skate! They looked at the trade routes of the Vikings and then played a brilliant trade game where Vikings and Merchants had to trade. Thank you so much to Dr White for giving her time and energy to provide such a brilliant experience for year 5.



Our Community

Year 1 went for a walk in the local area and around the school grounds to conduct a survey about litter. We know that we have a responsibility to keep the local area tidy, so we went out with litter pickers just in case we needed to act straight away and clean up! We saw lots of rubbish that was not good for the local environment, and this made us very upset. On our walk, we were joined by Mr Button! He is a very kind man that volunteers in his local community to pick up litter. Because of his fantastic attitude and help, he was nominated for an award! He told us all about why he likes to litter pick, what he has to wear and how often he goes out! He is a true role model, and we want to do our part to help the earth like him and encourage others to do the same! We collected 4 whole bags of litter on our walk!



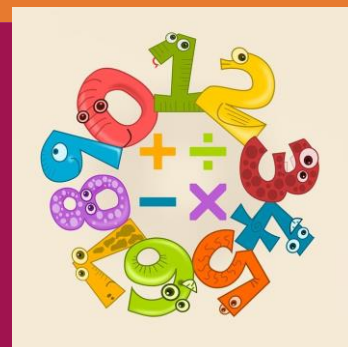
Cross Country

On Friday 7th February, our fantastic team of runners took part in the Cross-Country event at Wollaton Park, representing Edna G. Olds Academy with determination and enthusiasm.

Despite the challenging course and some tough competition, our pupils showed incredible perseverance, teamwork, and sportsmanship.

We are so proud of everyone who participated, and we would like to thank the staff, parents, and supporters who cheered our team on. Well done to everyone!





L.E.A.D Academy Trust Sumdog Maths Contest

WOW Edna G Olds , what an achievement! Huge congratulations to all the children who took part in the SUMDOG contest and especially to Year 6 who were the winners of the trophy this time round. All of our classes were in the top 6 classes which is an outstanding achievement. Across the trust 2,115 students competed with 421,213 questions answered correctly during the competition. A special mention also needs to go to Ayaansh, in Year 4, for topping the leader board out of all the children taking part in the competition.

Thank you for your continued support. Looking forward to the next one!

Miss Hopkin **Children in the top 10 across all the schools**

1st	Ayaansh Year 4	999
5th	Teodora Year 6	976
6th	Khadija Year 2	975
7th	Veer Year 2	972
9th	Katherine Year 4	969
10th	Beatrice	969

630 Classes entered	110 Classes qualified	2,115 Students played	574,490 Questions answered	421,213 Correct answers
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Position	Class name	Score
1st	6, Edna G. Olds Academy	788
2nd	1, Edna G. Olds Academy	722
3rd	5, Edna G. Olds Academy	657
4th	3, Edna G. Olds Academy	628
5th	4, Edna G. Olds Academy	522
6th	2, Edna G. Olds Academy	512
7th	5, Radford Primary School Academy	497
8th	3ES, Birley Primary Academy	446
9th	CL 6Y, Sycamore Academy	427
10th	5- Road To, Windmill L.E.A.D. Academy	424

School Dinners



As you know, our children are fortunate enough to receive delicious meals from our catering team on a daily basis for a small cost of **£2.00**.

Every pupil in Early Years up to and including Year 2 eats together for family service under the Universal Infant Free School Meal offer. **The School is continuing to aim for all Key Stage 2 pupils to eat meals provided by our school meal service, given the health benefits and positive impact on pupils' concentration.**

As a high quality provider of meals, we are able to meet every child's special dietary requirements/allergies and, as always, we will endeavour to cater for all their specific needs. In KS2, if you decide that your child would like a packed lunch, then it must be healthy. To assist you in preparing a healthy lunch for your child, here are some simple guidelines and suggestions:

Healthy Packed Lunch Guidelines

Include a variety of foods:

- **Carbohydrates** for energy (e.g., wholegrain bread, wraps, or rice).
- **Protein** for growth (e.g., lean meats, eggs, beans, or cheese).
- **Fruit and vegetables** for vitamins and minerals (e.g., carrot sticks, cucumber slices, apple, or berries).
- **Dairy or alternatives** for strong bones (e.g., yogurt or plant-based alternatives).

Limit less healthy options:

- Avoid foods high in sugar, salt, or saturated fats (There should be no crisps, chocolate bars or juice drinks).
- Consider healthier snacks, such as rice cakes, yoghurt, fruit or oat-based snacks.

Drinks:

- Water

Additional Information:

- Please be mindful of any allergies within the school, there should be no nuts contained in any packed lunch.
- Keep portions appropriate to your child's age and appetite.
- Encourage your child to try new foods and enjoy their packed lunch experience.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring that we continue to provide a healthy and positive environment for all our students.

Your partnership in this initiative is greatly appreciated. Together, we can help our children develop lifelong healthy eating habits.

Pupil News

Marlo and Talia have shared their achievement with us! They joined in with the 33rd Annual Challenge Walk in Sherwood Forest and were rewarded with a certificate and a badge for this! We are really impressed with the girls and their efforts!





Core Behaviours Achievers



Nursery	Ava	For showing super personal responsibility and showing respect towards our classroom.
	Golden	For showing great motivation especially in his phonics learning.
Rec	Tharagai	For being a superb member of our class, always acting with respect and kindness and putting 100% into her learning.
	Emelio	For excellent motivation towards his learning, always trying his best.
Year 1	Mahira	For demonstrating resilience and lots of enthusiasm for all of her learning this week!
	Paula	For always showing kindness, respect and responsibility within the classroom and around the school!
Year 2	Sareenah	For always producing fantastic homework and using her inference skills.
	Yahya	For always being enthusiastic and wanting to do more!
Year 3	Abubakar	For always showing respect to everyone and sharing with the class about his religion.
	Zoya	For supporting our inclusion work in the culture sharing afternoon.
Year 4	Ismail	For being a great role model and modelling inclusion during theme sharing.
	Isla	For great motivation and determination in all that she does.
Year 5	Emmanuel	For being a sensational member of our class, always demonstrating respect, motivation and altruism.
	Baraa	For incredible motivation and personal responsibility.
Year 6	Kristy	For always being determined and resilient in all her learning.
	Mahmoud	For his determination to improve his writing.

Thank you for your continued support, we hope you have a restful and enjoyable break! We look forward to seeing everybody back on Tuesday 25th February. Please remember Monday 24th February is an inset day.

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