



Newsletter

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We hope that you had a lovely Easter break with your families. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such enthusiasm, they have made a fantastic start to the summer term, settling back into routines and showing real excitement for their learning ahead.

The Core Values we are focusing on this half term are **'motivation'** and **'creativity'**. On Tuesday 22nd April the children took part in an exciting day of learning all about motivation, creativity and the many possibilities their futures could hold! Through a range of hands on activities, inspiring stories and creative challenges the children explored how their interests and talents could one day shape their careers. We were so proud to see the children working together, asking thoughtful questions and sharing their ambitions with confidence and imagination.



Motivation helps us reach our dreams when we grow up. In Year 1, we thought about what we want to be when we are older and about how to stay motivated in order to achieve this!

Creativity helps us to solve problems, make new things and ensures learning is fun.



In Year 3, the children learnt about the role of an archaeologist. As part of their exploration of our core value 'motivation' and its connection to possible future careers, they investigated the school grounds to experience what the work of an archaeologist might involve.

Year 4 thought about how they could motivate people to save more water. We created creative murals that encourage people to save water because it will help our world, people and animals.

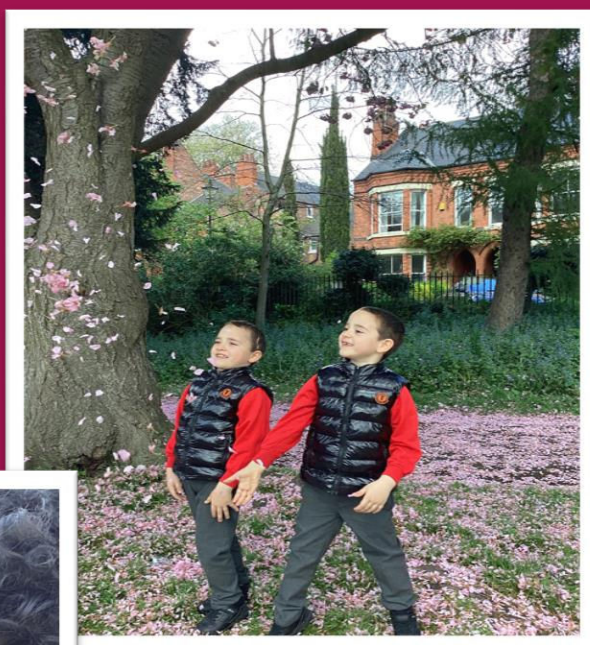


Our Local Area Year 1

This half term, we are looking at the local area in geography and are learning how to conduct surveys about it in order to find out information. We had a very busy topic launch day and went on two local walks!

On our first local walk, we surveyed the area and noted how many bus stops, shops, playgrounds, post boxes, places to eat, places of worship and traffic lights there were. We recorded this information in a table.

On our second walk, we went out with iPads and took photos of things we like in our local area. We then showed our images to our groups and explained why we thought the subjects of our photos were interesting. We also got to see lots of beautiful blossom and enjoyed taking photos of this - Joshua particularly enjoyed taking these photos as he told us that he wanted to be a photographer when we discussed our dream jobs as part of our core values launch day.



Teaching and Learning

This half term, our learning is centred on the exciting theme of 'Power and Communication'. The children will be discovering how communication has changed over time, from exploring inventions throughout history and then applying their science understanding to this. The children will also be exploring developments that have taken place linked to 'power', thinking about how the global world has impacted upon this and how the future may look different, especially when considering environmental implications. We look forward to sharing the children's learning throughout this half term.



On Thursday 1st May 2025, Edna G. Olds will be holding an election to elect their very own MPP (Member of the Pupil Parliament) and DMPP (Deputy Member of the Pupil Parliament). These roles are vital for the leadership of our children. They will work closely with all the other schools in the trust make informed decisions on behalf of everyone at Edna G. Olds. Holding an election at school is a fun and educational way to teach pupils about democracy and leadership. The voting process helps pupils learn about fairness, responsibility, and the importance of making their voices heard. It also builds confidence and teamwork in a supportive environment. It's not just about casting a ballot—it's about learning to use your voice, make informed decisions, and be an active part of the community.



Vaisakhi

Today, the children learnt about Vaisakhi, a vibrant and important festival celebrated by Sikhs around the world. Through stories, music, and creative activities, they explored the history and traditions of the festival, including the formation of the Khalsa and the values of community, equality, and courage. The children also had the opportunity to create colourful artwork and reflect on the importance of respecting and celebrating different cultures and beliefs.



Pupil News

"This is me wearing my Beavers uniform. I attend Beavers every Thursday. I am very proud to have achieved my building badge. I had to build a tower out of boxes."

Well done! Arthur Henley -
Year 2



Big Walk and Wheels

Last half term the children joined the Sustrans 'Big Walk and Wheel' event. The event inspired our children to make active journeys to school, improve air quality in their neighbourhood and discover how these changes benefit our world. It was wonderful to see how passionate the children are about making a difference to improve their environment. Thank you to our Year 5 and Year 6 Eco Council for gathering the data each week.



Nursery Provision

Come and join our outstanding 'Early Years' learning community

Don't miss out on this opportunity!

Secure a firm place on our highly popular nursery waiting list.

We are pleased to announce we offer 30 hour funded places for working families. Those eligible for 30 hours are asked to check the term before their child's third birthday and obtain a code. Additional costs for meals are charged. Full time places 08.45am - 3.15pm.

*We also offer funded places for 15 hours per week.
Morning session 08.45am-11.45am
Afternoon session 12.45am-3.15pm*

Contact us via our school email account, or pop in to our school office to collect an enquiry form. Alternatively, please call us on 0115 9156813, for further information.

Our youngest learning community is welcome to join us, the term after their 3rd birthday.

Edna G. Olds
Academy Nursery
Provision for
Ages 3 - 4 years





**BEAT SURGERIES TO BE CONDUCTED BY BEAT MANAGER PC 4317 CHRIS HALDERSON
ALL ARE WELCOME**

Monday 3rd of March – 14:00 to 16:00hrs – Booked – Lenton Centre
Saturday 22nd March – 17:30 to 19:30hrs – Palmer Court

Tuesday 1st of April – 14:00 to 16:00hrs – Booked - Lenton Centre
Saturday 5th of April – 09:00 to 11:00hrs – Booked - Lenton Centre

Tuesday 6th of May – 14:00 to 16:00hrs – Booked - Lenton Centre
Saturday 24th of May – 17:30 to 19:30hrs - Palmer Court

Monday 16th of June – 09:00 to 11:00hrs – Booked - Lenton Centre
Saturday 21st of June - 17:30 to 19:30hrs - Palmer Court

Monday 7th of July – 14:00 to 16:00hrs – Booked - Lenton Centre
Saturday 26th of July – 17:30 to 19:30hrs - Palmer Court

Monday 4th of August – 14:00 to 16:00hrs – Booked - Lenton Centre
Saturday 9th of August – 10:00 to 12:00hrs – Booked - Lenton Centre

Monday 1st of September – 14:00 – 16:00hrs – Booked - Lenton Centre
Saturday 6th of September – 09:00 to 11:00hrs – Booked - Lenton Centre

The Lenton Centre, Room 3, which is the second room on the right down the corridor to the pool.

Palmer Court, on Park Street behind the Savoy Cinema. Contact details to get in will be at the entrance.



Core Behaviours Achievers



Nursery	Haseeb	For showing great motivation in the classroom and always trying his best.
	Anvika	For having the courage to share her ideas and use new language.
Rec	Travis	For being willing to try something new with our fruit tasting activity.
	Elizabeth U	For always demonstrating respect and kindness in the classroom.
Year 1	Marlo	For demonstrating fantastic creativity in our different art projects this week.
	Joshua	For having the motivation to follow his passions and being creative with them!
Year 2	Aimar	For being really engaged during our core values launch day.
	Omobolaji	For developing her confidence when reading in front of the class.
Year 3	Robbie	For his creativity in creating beautiful art work for our plants topic.
	Audrey	For using her creativity to create ideas for reusing plastic.
Year 4	Safaa	For great teamwork and showing good creativity all many areas of the curriculum.
	Aahil	For showing resilience within his writing and being motivated to improve.
Year 5	Imara	For demonstrating creativity and motivation during both our core values launch and book launch.
	Morris	For showing resilience and creativity in his writing.
Year 6	Arissa	For demonstrating motivation and resilience across all areas of her learning.
	Eshan	For being an exceptional friend, a great listener and a source of endless support for everyone in Year 6.

Thank you for your continued support.

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