



Newsletter

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We hope that you all had a wonderful half term break and enjoyed some well-deserved rest and time with family and friends. It has been lovely to see the children return to school refreshed and enthusiastic ready for the half term ahead.

Remembrance Day

On Tuesday 11th November we held a special Remembrance Assembly in order to honour our war veterans. Poppy wreaths were laid by each class and a 2 minute's silence was held. The children have been reflecting upon the sacrifices made during war and conflict, as well as thinking about how veterans' past sacrifices have enabled us to treasure the values and freedoms we experience today.



Teaching and Learning

Anti-Bullying Week

This week is anti-bullying week. The focus this year has been 'Make a noise about bullying'. The children loved wearing odd socks to school on Monday 10th November to celebrate their individuality and why that is important. Children across the school were involved in a number of learning activities to support their understanding of the different types of bullying, their rights to be happy and safe and their responsibilities towards bullying. The children also linked their learning to our core values, thinking about how they should be courageous to stand up for what they know is right. We discussed not being a bystander if they see or hear something they know is wrong.



AR Technology

This week, children across school were immersed in their learning through the use of virtual reality headsets on loan from LEAD. Year 2 looked at a variety of animals and sea creatures such as dolphins, and even 'walked' with a pride of beautiful Lions. Year 6 explored the circulatory system in 3D and Year 5 explored rocks, soils and the Earth's layers, inspired by the work of William Smith.



The History of Edna G. Olds Academy

On Thursday 6th November, some of our Year 6 children were lucky enough to have the opportunity to interview two ladies that attended Edna G. Olds Academy in 1969 when it first opened. The children asked lots of wonderful questions to find out more about the history of their school.



Edna G. Olds pictured at the opening of the school

We were very fortunate to meet two former pupils of our school, who attended when it first opened. We interviewed them, and we found out so many interesting things! The layout of our classrooms is still the same, but lots of other things have changed. They told us that mathematics, art, English and drama were the main subjects taught around the school. There weren't any instruments or iPads – just blackboards and chalk!

We realised that we still have quite a lot in common with them. For example, we still swim at the Lenton Centre and have sports day at the local park. They told us that pupils used to work really hard to earn a special pen for neat handwriting, whereas we are all lucky enough to be given a pen in Year 3. Another surprising fact was that they could go home for lunch, as long as their parents were there.

It was amazing to hear how much Edna G. Olds Academy has changed over time, but also lovely to see that some of our traditions have stayed the same.

Emmanuel, Zahra, Rahaf, Khadija and Imara Y6

Year 3 Visit to the Arboretum

On 5th November, Year 3 went to the Arboretum for our book launch. The children listened to the story “The Bear and the Piano”. They then used instruments to create a musical piece which explored the different emotions of the story. The children also loved seeing all the different trees, the Chinese Bell Tower and lots of squirrels!



Children In Need

We have had a fabulous day fundraising for Children in Need. We held a bake sale and the children came to school dressed in spots, something yellow or their pyjamas! Children also loved participating in the 'Challenge yourself to 25', every class took part in fun and creative challenges linked to the number 25 – for example, completing 25 star jumps, reading 25 pages, or performing 25 acts of kindness. The children demonstrated such enthusiasm throughout the day. We managed to raise £579.78.



Thank you for all the wonderful cake donations and your continued support.



Pupil News

A huge well done to Lawren who raised £291 for Children in Need in her own time. We are all very proud of her!



Key Dates – Autumn 2

4 th November 2025	Core Behaviours Launch day
10 th November 2025	Anti-bullying week - Please come to school wearing odd socks
11 th November 2025	Remembrance Day. Themed day across school
12 th November 2025	Year 2 Class assembly and curriculum showcase at 9am. Finishes at 9:30am.
14 th November 2025	Children In Need Day – Non Uniform
19 th November	Year 1 Class assembly and curriculum showcase at 9am. Finishes at 9:30am.
3 rd December 2025	Christmas Fair
8 th December 2025	KS1 & Reception Christmas Production at 1.45pm KS2 Christmas Production 9.15am
9 th December 2025	KS1 & Reception Christmas Production at 9.15am KS2 Christmas Production 1.45pm
10 th December 2025	Nursery Christmas Production 9.15am
11 th December 2025	Nursery Christmas Production 2 pm
11 th December 2025	Christmas Jumper Day
12 th December 2025	Modern foreign language theme day
16 th December 2025	Christingle Workshops and Service at Holy Trinity at 1.30 pm
17 th December 2025	Christmas Dinner
19 th December 2025	End of year class parties Last day of school





Core Values Achievers



Nursery	Zakee	For showing such brilliant motivation and resilience in his first week at Nursery.
	Maheera	For showing great motivation and focus in tasks she has chosen for herself.
Rec	Golden	For demonstrating great enthusiasm and listening skills in our maths activities this week.
	Jheida	For always demonstrating a great attitude to learning, acting as a great role model to her peers.
Year 1	Rehan	For excellent teamwork and motivation in the new mile run.
	Amelia	For demonstrating great courage by putting her hand up more in lessons.
Year 2	Aiza-Eimaan	For demonstrating a positive attitude to learning and trying really hard.
	Jacob	For always focusing in maths lessons and being determined to do his best.
Year 3	Magid	For excellent focus in our Geography lessons working out distance on a map.
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Year 4	Audrey	For showing determination and personal responsibility within her learning.
	Hadi	For always demonstrating many of the the core values and working so hard in all areas of the curriculum.
Year 5	Isabelle	For demonstrating courage when rehearsing for our play, singing confidently and performing expressively.
	Monroe	For showing personal responsibility and motivation in his learning.
Year 6	Imara	For demonstrating creativity and authorial intent in her writing.
	Damian	For demonstrating resilience in his learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

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