



# Newsletter



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Over the past few weeks, it has been wonderful to see the children showing such enthusiasm in all areas of their learning. We would also like to take the opportunity to thank parents for attending our curriculum showcase events for Years 6, 5 and 4 so far this term. We look forward to welcoming families from the remaining year groups as we continue through the spring term.

We are delighted to share that, thanks to the incredible generosity and support shown at our Christmas Fair, we have been able to purchase brand-new bikes for our EYFS children. These bikes will provide wonderful opportunities for developing balance, coordination and confidence during outdoor play and the children are already thoroughly enjoying them. We are truly grateful to all our parents, carers and friends of the school for contributing to this achievement—your continued support makes a real difference to the experiences we can offer our pupils. Thank you for helping us give our youngest learners such a fantastic start to their school journey.





## Sumdog Contest

Wow! Edna G. Olds Academy has done it again! Out of 621 classes across the L.E.A.D. Academy Trust, we've come out on top — not only taking 1st place, but securing 1st through 4th place! What an incredible achievement!

Year 6 took the top spot again, with Year 4 close behind in second place and Year 5 not far off in third. We also had some fantastic individual performances, with several children placing in the top 20 across all participating classes. How did you get on?

Here is the full list of results:

### Classes:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place- Year 6
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place- Year 4
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place- Year 5
- 4<sup>th</sup> Place- Year 2
- 9<sup>th</sup> Place- Year 3

### 24<sup>th</sup> Place- Year 1

### Individual pupils:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ayaansh Year 5
- 6<sup>th</sup> Khadija Year 6
- 7<sup>th</sup> Zarah Year 6
- 9<sup>th</sup> Katherine Year 5
- 10<sup>th</sup> Anna Year 5
- 13<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Year 1
- 14<sup>th</sup> Salih Year 4
- 16<sup>th</sup> Jacob Year 2
- 19<sup>th</sup> Mustafa Year 6
- 20<sup>th</sup> Hadi Year 4



## Year 1 Local Area Walk



Year 1 have been learning about the four seasons in science. As part of our learning, we enjoyed a local area walk to Lenton Park to look for signs of winter. We wrapped up warmly in our coats, hats, scarves and gloves and noticed that many trees had lost their leaves and there was frost on the grass.

We are looking forward to visiting again in spring and summer so that we can compare how the park changes with the seasons.



## Special Visit – Leon Baptiste Athlete

On Thursday Edna G. Olds Academy took part in the Sports for Champions event where athlete Leon Baptiste visited school! All children were so excited to be taking part in this exciting circuit-type event run by Leon. He opened the afternoon with a special assembly where children had the opportunity to hear him speak about his career, the challenges he has overcome and his experiences.

A huge thank you to Leon for his inspirational visit. Thank you to all the children and parents for gathering sponsorships to raise funds for school. The children enjoyed this special event and participated with excellent enthusiasm.



## Holocaust Memorial Day – 27th January

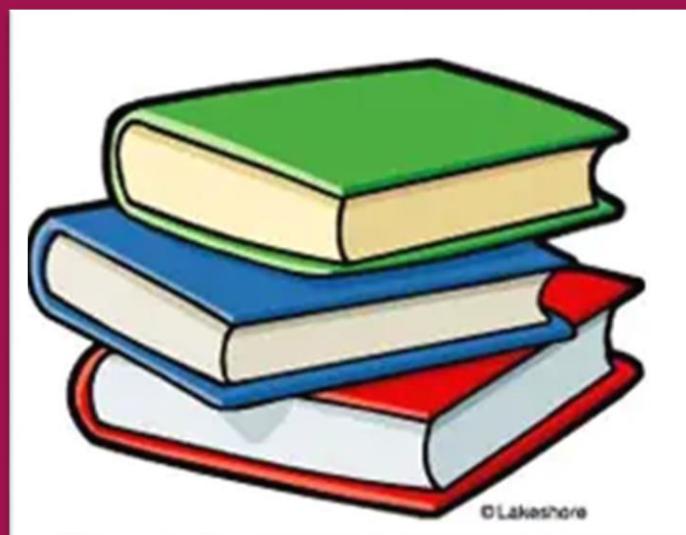
On Monday 26th January, our children took part in a thoughtful and respectful assembly to mark Holocaust Memorial Day, which takes place each year on 27th January.

The focus of our assembly was on kindness, respect, and celebrating differences. We reflected on why it is so important to treat everyone with fairness and compassion and how small acts of kindness can help make our school and our world a better place. Children then continued their learning in class on Tuesday 27th- taking time to learn from history and build on the discussions from assembly.



## Library Visits

Our classes have been thoroughly enjoying their recent visits to Lenton library. These trips have given pupils the chance to explore a wide range of books, discover new authors and learn more about how the library can support their reading adventures. The librarians have been wonderfully welcoming, sharing stories, recommending books and helping the children develop a love of reading that we know will stay with them for years to come. We are proud to see our pupils so engaged and excited about reading, and we look forward to continuing to build this positive relationship with our local library community. Further visits to follow for classes during this term!



## Drawing Competition

Some of the children at Edna G. Olds Academy were entered into a drawing competition during their time at Extended Learning Club. They were tasked with creating their ideal pet. The children were creative in thinking about the appearance, name and its abilities. We are delighted that they have all been selected and published into a book called Perfect Pets!

We are so proud of their hard work and artistic skills. It is a huge achievement to be published in a book. Well done.



## Supporting Your Child with Social Media



As children begin exploring the online world, it's important that we work together to help them stay safe, confident and balanced. We encourage parents to talk regularly with their child about what they're seeing online, set clear boundaries around screen time and keep devices in shared family spaces where possible. A little guidance and open conversation can go a long way in helping children develop healthy digital habits.

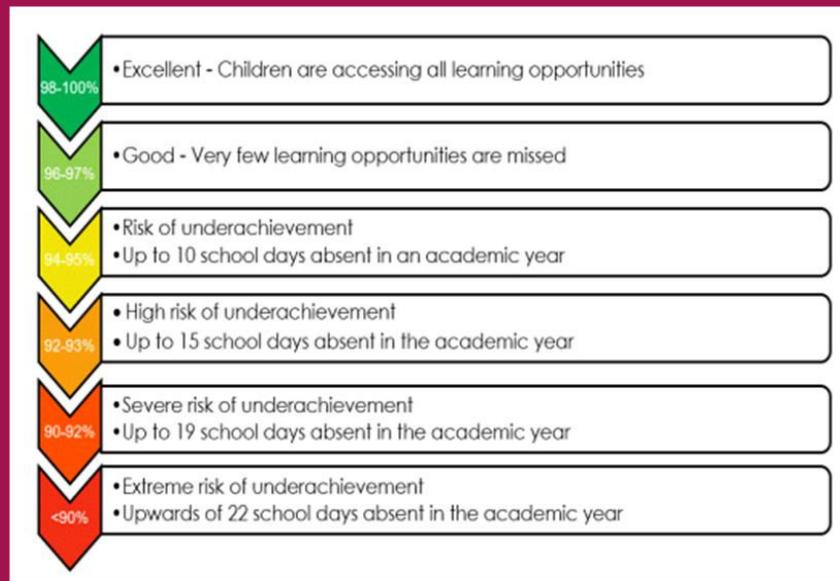
We have included a helpful link below for further advice. If you do have any concerns and would like extra support please do attend our coffee morning with our Family Support Worker, Rob Jones, on a Tuesday morning at 8.45am.

[Keeping children safe online | NSPCC](#)

## Attendance

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support in helping your child to achieve excellent/good attendance at Edna G. Olds Academy. Please do try and book appointments outside of school time to avoid disruption to learning if possible please.

Remember, every lesson really does count in your child's education.



## Parking

We kindly ask parents to be mindful of properties on Mettham Street and surrounding areas when collecting or dropping children to school. We would be grateful if you could please refrain from parking on Mettham Street outside properties as this can restrict the local residents access.





# Core Values Achievers



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| Nursery | Poppy    | For demonstrating kindness towards her friends.   |
|         | Muhammad | For showing resilience and trying really hard when writing his name each day.             |
| Rec     | Marley   | For demonstrating a great understanding of different climates and habitats.               |
|         | Sage     | For producing fantastic independent writing this week.                                    |
| Year 1  | Travis   | For always demonstrating all our core values and being an excellent role model in Year 1. |
|         | Adriana  | For always demonstrating all our core values and being a kind friend.                     |
| Year 2  | Jacob    | For his enthusiasm during art lessons this week.  |
|         | Mahira   | For her excellent comprehension work during guided reading.                               |
| Year 3  | Zaid     | For a mature attitude and motivation to learn.  |
|         | Sareenah | For growing in confidence in all areas of school life.                                    |
| Year 4  | Salih    | For his creativity within writing by showing fun, flare and enjoyment.                    |
|         | Lola     | For always showing enthusiasm in her learning and having great resilience.                |
| Year 5  | Maria    | For creativity and motivation in English.   |
|         | Ismail   | For showing personal responsibility and motivation in his learning.                       |
| Year 6  | Myah     | For showing personal responsibility and great effort in her learning.                     |
|         | Mustafa  | For always demonstrating our core values and being a great role model.                    |

Thank you for your continued support.

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