



Edna G Olds Academy
A LEAD Academy

Newsletter

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We have had a wonderful start to the second half of our spring term. The children have especially enjoyed getting out into the community, visiting some of our fantastic local art galleries and exploring their latest exhibitions. Thank you for all of your continued support, the children at Edna G. Olds Academy are truly wonderful and we would not be able to achieve so much without your partnership.

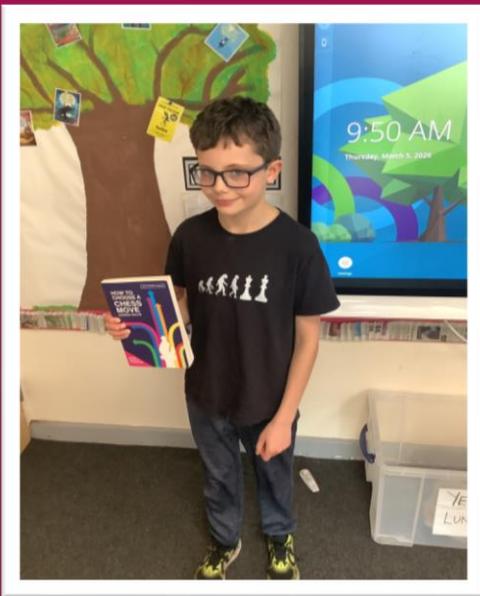
This half term the children are focusing their learning on 'Innovations and Inventions'. The children have demonstrated such enthusiasm with their holiday projects, it has been a joy to see their passion for learning during their presentation of these to their peers. They have also been building on their understanding of our core values. This half term we are focusing on 'tolerance' and 'empathy'. The children took part in a range of activities on Tuesday 24th February to further embed and develop their understanding of what these words mean and how they can demonstrate these.



World Book Day

Yesterday, we were delighted to celebrate World Book Day. It was wonderful to see the children arriving at school dressed as their favourite book characters, or cosily in their pyjamas ready to enjoy a full day of stories, imagination and creativity. Their enthusiasm truly brought the magic of reading to life.

As part of our celebrations, the children were invited to design and decorate a *story jar* or *story box* inspired by their favourite book. It was lovely to see how thoughtfully and creatively these were made using drawings, colours, words, and small objects to retell and represent the stories they love most. Each creation reflected their individual imagination and joy for reading.



Congratulations to our World Book Day competition winners:

Nursery: Victoria
Reception: Sonny
Year 1: Juliana
Year 2: Paula
Year 3: Yahya
Year 4: Mila
Year 5: Alice
Year 6: Baraa



I wanted to say a special thank you to Miss Davies for ensuring every child has had a free book to take home this week. We do hope the children enjoy reading the books that they have chosen.

At Edna G. Olds Academy, we believe that reading is an essential life skill and we encourage all children to become resilient, enthusiastic readers. Please remember to ensure you are reading with your child at least 3 times a week and that this is recorded in their School Planner.



In year 4, for World Book Day, we incorporated our design and technology skills by creating a design that represented our favourite books. We thought about different elements in the books and use a range of materials to bring it to life.



Musicians Visit

We were very pleased to welcome a group of musicians from The Harmony Brigade into school at the end of last half term, 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.



Library Trip

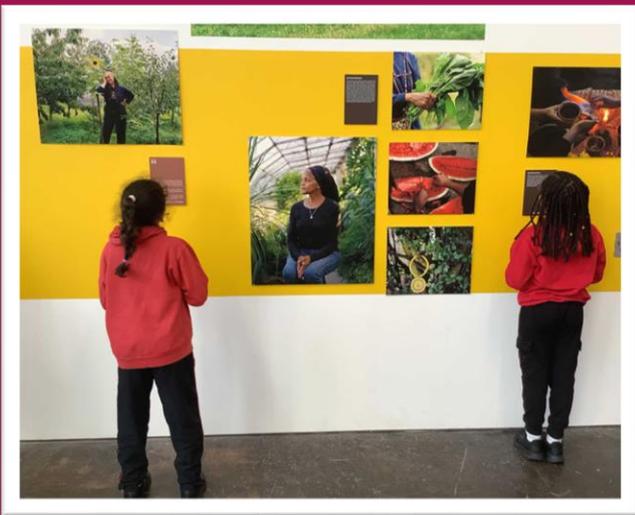
On Wednesday, Year 4 visited the local library. The children explored the wide range of books on offer and enjoyed listening to an extract from Neil Gaiman's *Fortunately, the Milk*. Everyone was excited to choose a book to bring back to school and continue reading.



Primary Art

KS2 have all enjoyed a visit to Primary Art to look at the new exhibition called 'We Feed the UK'. Here children explored the outdoor areas and the new crops that had been planted. When the children saw the exhibition inside, they were able to see what farming across the UK looked like with a focus on England, Scotland and Wales. During the talk and through the information provided, the children were able to learn about different crops that were grown and also how the climate is impacting what is grown in the UK.

The children took part in an activity to make their own biodegradable plant pot using newspapers. The children have taken these home to fill with compost and plant their own seeds.



Holocaust Museum Trip

Year 5 had an incredible experience visiting the Holocaust Centre as part of their history learning. The visit helped the children deepen their understanding of the events of the Holocaust and the importance of remembering this significant part of history.

They followed the journey of a German Jewish boy Leo, from happy childhood in Berlin, to the night of 'Kristallnacht' when his family business was destroyed, and finally to his parents' difficult decision to send him off to England, alone on a Kinder transport rescue train. It was a beautifully designed exhibition that fully immersed the children in the life of Leo, with objects, testimonies and diary extracts.

They showed great maturity, respect and curiosity throughout the visit, asking insightful questions and reflecting on what they had learned.

The visit encouraged our pupils to think about the values of kindness, tolerance and standing up against injustice. We are very proud of how respectfully the children represented our school and how engaged they were during this meaningful educational experience.





RSHE Meeting

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank those of you that attended our RSHE (Relationship, Health and Sex Education) curriculum meeting held Wednesday 4th March with Miss Davies, we really valued your contributions. RSHE is an important, but small, part of the curriculum to ensure children grow up having an understanding about healthy relationships, how to care for themselves and understand the changes they will encounter as puberty starts. RSHE also ensures that your child leaves school equipped to deal with the modern world and to be protected from the challenges that young people face with regards to internet safety and cyberbullying, as well as enhancing our safeguarding provision.

The information that was shared during the meeting will be sent out to all parents. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Big Walk and Wheel

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Core Values Achievers



Nursery	Ava	For demonstrating fantastic personal responsibility and motivation during our yoga session this week.
	Ali	For demonstrating fantastic personal responsibility and motivation during our yoga session this week.
Rec	Haris	For demonstrating great listening skills and a positive attitude to learning.
	Sumaya	For demonstrating great engagement and creativity in our World Book Day activities.
Year 1	Emilio	For demonstrating great creativity in our World Book Day learning.
	Seher	For her excellent positive learning attitude, always being focused and on task.
Year 2	Sumann	For her confidence and engagement in yoga this week.
	Chloe	For her enthusiasm during World Book Day this week.
Year 3	Subhaan	For his motivation in all lessons.
	Sareenah	For a fabulous World Book Day jar and outfit.
Year 4	Audrey	For always being motivated to go above and beyond in her learning.
	Nico	For being more self-aware and showing this through his learning by being more focused.
Year 5	Zarah	For consistently demonstrating respect and self-awareness and always being the best she can be.
	Ayaansh	For his motivation and enthusiasm towards World Book Day.
Year 6	Rayhan	For his motivation and enthusiasm towards World Book Day.
	Dyna	For always showing great determination and effort in her learning.

Thank you for your continued support.

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