



Edna G Olds Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

Headteacher's Newsletter

16th October 2020



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful first half term we have had! The children have worked exceptionally hard and thoroughly enjoyed all aspects of their learning. During this half term, there has been a strong focus on launching and delivering our recovery curriculum in order to ensure that any gaps in learning that have arisen from the lockdown are taught and pupils are caught up.

Reading

At Edna G. Olds Academy, we believe that a high-quality education in English will enable our pupils to read, write and speak fluently so that they can communicate their ideas and emotions to others. The skills of language are essential to participating fully as a member of society, and through reading in particular, pupils have a chance to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually and socially.

We believe reading plays a key role in such development, enabling pupils to both acquire new knowledge and to build on what they already know. For this reason, as a school, we aim to develop pupils with a love of reading, through the highest quality provision.

As a result, last week, we launched our Oxford Reading Owls platform, an online resource to allow your child to access a range of engaging reading materials aimed at their level. Teachers will be setting a variety of texts, via our Showbie online learning platform, for your children to enjoy over the half term holidays. We do hope that you enjoy reading these books with your children. Also, please don't forget to complete the online reading record on Showbie! Our Reading Eggs programme is currently being co-ordinated online and will commence straight after half term.

Remote Learning

In the event of a class having to close down due to a positive case of Covid-19, all of your child's learning will be moved online. Through the Showbie online learning platform, your child will have access to all of the lessons that would have taken place had school not closed down. Teachers will upload resources for each lesson, supported with a range of videos and voice notes. In addition to this, we will provide live virtual lessons in order for you child to have access to live teacher input and feedback.

We are working alongside L.E.A.D IT in order to ensure that all pupils will have access to the required technology to participate in their online learning should a pod have to close.

Please do stay safe and well. As a staff team, we are doing everything possible to ensure our school continues to be as highly effective, safe and productive as possible.

Should you require any information relating to coronavirus and current restrictions for our area please visit the following links:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/local-covid-alert-levels-what-you-need-to-know>

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a wonderful half term break and we look forward to welcoming children back to school on Monday 2nd November 2020.

Thank you for your continued support,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Pemberton', written in a cursive style.

Mrs Pemberton
Headteacher