



Edna G. Olds Academy

A L.E.A.D Academy

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to wish all of our families a very happy new year and welcome back!

We enjoyed a wonderful end to our Autumn term with lots of exciting experiences. Parents and visitors were treated to three fabulous productions; 'A Miracle in Town' was performed by our EYFS children, 'The Nativity' by KS1 children and 'The Christmas Carnival' was presented by our KS2 children. We also enjoyed our annual Christingle celebration at the Holy Trinity Church in Lenton, led by Reverend Megan.

Throughout this year, we are looking forward to celebrating many other festivals, these include: Chinese New Year (coming up on Thursday 23rd January), and also Easter, Vaisakhi, Eid-UI-Fitr, Harvest festival, Diwali and Hanukkah, later on in the year.

Following the recent devastation caused by the Australian bush fires, children and staff wish to organise a special memorable learning day in conjunction with Australia's national day on Monday 27th January. As well as celebrating Australian heritage, we will be holding a cake sale and a bring and buy sale to raise money. Teachers are very busy creating a range of exciting activities around the Dreamtime stories which are based upon aboriginal ancient creation stories. Please support our fund raiser appeal.

Please can we remind parents that schools have been informed that the May bank holiday is to be moved to Friday 8th May, in honour of marking the 75th anniversary of VE day. Therefore, our holiday calendar has changed – please note, school will be **OPEN** on 4th May 2020. Please see our holiday calendar (attached) with this updated information.



17th January 2020

Newsletter

Recently at Edna G. Olds...

Pupil Voice

Over the next two terms, pupil voice council are concentrating on organising a number of theme days for pupils across the school to be involved in. Events such as: World Book Day and Sports Relief 2020. Pupil Voice work alongside the other school council members, in the Eco and Environment Council to ensure our school functions at the optimum of engagement and motivation. Additionally, they will continue to work with the kitchen staff and look at ways of keeping our menu as exciting and tasty as possible.

KS2 Christmas Production

Over last term, year 6 pupils planned the theme for the KS2 Christmas production on 17th December. Inspiration for the play was taken from the topic last term of 'Carnivals and Festivals Around the World'. As a class, we decided to include aspects of our fashion show within the performance, coming up with title 'A Christmas Carnival', where the story followed a trio of carnival enthusiasts as they discovered some of the different traditions of Christmas. Some of the members of the class also supported in creating our own carnival cart, which we were able to use within the production itself.

Hammad (Y6)

Year 5 Learn by Design Morning

On Thursday 9th January, Year 5 attended a workshop by the LEAD Learn by Design Team. This was in preparation for our forthcoming S.T.E.M day later this month. As part of the session we thought about different types of energy and how this travels around the country. We also thought about disability and the challenges people with different disabilities face on a daily basis. The learning from this session will be used later this month during our S.T.E.M activity day. We are looking forward to using our creativity and problem solving skills!

Amina (Y5)





We are currently looking for a new parent governor to join our governing body. If you are interested in becoming a parent governor then please call into our school office to collect a nomination form. Unfortunately, we haven't yet received any applications from previous adverts. Please do contact us if you feel able to support our wonderful AGB team.

As a school we are wholly committed for our pupils to develop a love of reading. Over recent years, we have invested and amassed a collection of high quality texts. It is essential that pupils read everyday – research shows that to become a consistent writer then pupils need to have a good grasp of reading strategies. We strive to achieve 100% of our pupils reading at least 5 times per week. Please help support us with this aim and record your supportive comments in your child's diary.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Pemberton
Headteacher

The Good Schools Guide

Congratulations to our school community! It is amazing to have received 5 stars over the range of school KPI's in the most recent Good Schools Guide. However, I was saddened to see we received 2 stars for our pupils' attendance. Therefore, I wish to improve upon this area so that we attain 5 stars in the future. Please support us in achieving this ambition by not taking holidays during term time (unauthorised).

<https://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk/>

LEAD Pupil Newsletter

Please view the LEAD Pupil Newsletter (attached) to view the latest LEAD Academy Trust Pupil Newsletter, outlining curriculum enrichment programmes which some of our pupils have recently taken part in.

Christmas Card Competition

Some of you will have read in the media that Saliha Hussain (Y4) created the winning design for this year's Lillian Greenwood MP Christmas card competition. Saliha has won a trip to the Houses of Parliament for her and her family. We look forward to her sharing her memories and learning once she has experienced this wonderful trip.



School clubs reminder.....

We run a variety of before and after school activities. If you would like your child to attend any of these exciting clubs, please contact the school office.

Extended Learning Club

Monday to Thursday 3.15pm – 5.50pm
Friday 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Breakfast Club

Monday to Friday – 8am-8.45am

Swimming Club (KS2 only)

Every Tuesday - 3.15pm – 3.45pm

Dance Club (KS2 only)

Every Wednesday – 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Football Club (KS2 upto 13th Feb & KS1 from 27th Feb)

Every Thursday – 3.15pm – 4.15pm



Headteacher's Award

Reception	Zion – For showing inclusion and tolerance by including others. Baraa – For her fantastic creativity in our art work.
Y1	Joury - For demonstrating courage when learning to swim. Kodi – For focusing well and trying hard to join in during yoga.
Y2	Saley – For fantastic effort at swimming, demonstrating lots of confidence and perseverance. Lamar – For great effort in her maths this week.
Y3	Wayne & Humaira – For showing resilience and self awareness during their maths column addition and subtraction.
Y4	Sumaiya – For showing effort and motivation in learning. Prince – For taking ownership of his learning.
Y5	Muhammed & Sky – For their creativity and personal responsibility by including key descriptive features in their writing.
Y6	Carmela – For her effort and concentration during Yoga and for demonstrating really good focus. Kearno – For taking personal responsibility to improve this arithmetic score – making good progress every week.

Dates for your diary

23 rd January 2020	Chinese New Year celebrations
27 th January 2020	Australia Day Y5 Stem Day
10 th February 2020	Road Safety Quiz – KS2
13 th February 2020	Art around the world exhibition – 3.15pm
14 th February 2020	Core Behaviours afternoon

Topic Questions

Our topic questions for this half term are:

What are the houses like in Africa?

Year 1 class

How can we join materials without glue?

Year 2 class

Why did Van Gogh think he wasn't a good artist?

Zeenat - Year 3

How can I use Picasso's approach to art to develop my own creativity and art skills?

Year 4 class

What would Britain would be like if Germany won the war?

Fatima - Year 5

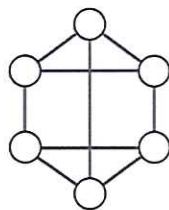
What aspects of Greek art continue to influence British culture?

Efrata - Year 6



Maths Challenge

Use each of the numbers 1 to 6 once.
Write one in each circle.



Numbers next to each other must not be joined.
For example, 3 must not be joined to 2 or 4.

1 2 3 4 5 6

