



Edna G Olds Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

Headteacher's Newsletter

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Headteacher Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

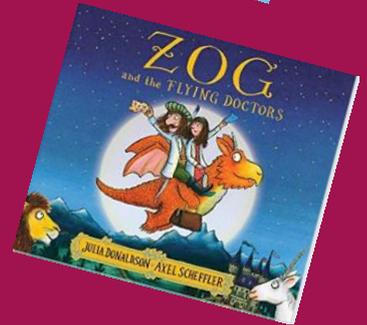
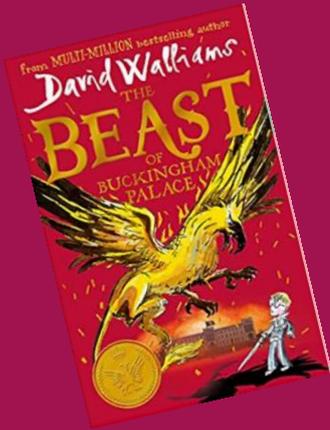
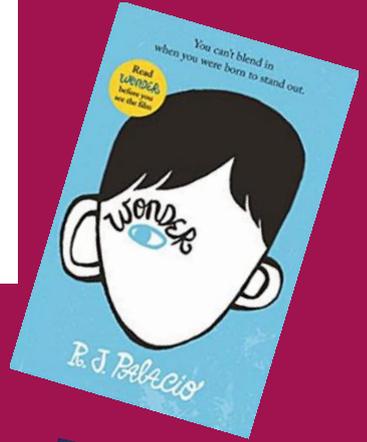
Happy greetings from all the team at Edna G. Olds Academy! As we find ourselves in this unprecedented scenario (school closure) for a second time, I wish to sincerely thank our parents and carers for your positivity and active engagement. Despite the difficulties everyone is facing, there is such a vibrant and wonderful team spirit being generated, by all members of our school community working together.

Firstly, I wish to thank pupils, staff and parents for their continued commitment to our remote learning provision, following the government announcement last Monday to close all schools - with the exception of key worker and vulnerable children. Our parents' and carers' support is highly valued and really does make all the difference to our remote education offer and its success.

Through our remote platforms, all pupils have access to enjoy their core subject teaching (live), sports provision, SEMH and creative experiences, as well as gain access to foundation subject live provision too. Teachers and teaching assistants are working exceptionally hard to provide daily live and filmed teaching sessions. This approach certainly helps to sustain our pupils' high levels of motivation and engagement with their learning – cultivating our aspirational curriculum goals and core values ethos. Our Showbie Pro Plus online learning platform is an essential tool for learning, and enables our children to access to their teachers, whilst sitting alongside their peers in a virtual classroom context. Please ensure your child logs in and registers on to their account at 9:00am each morning.

Next week, I shall upload daily invites for live story time sessions. I cannot wait to see the children on screen, spend some quality time reading and share in the wonder of the literature and stories on offer. Details of the timetable for story sessions will be posted on to each class Showbie account.

STORY TIME!



Timetable

Nursery	Monday 6pm Wednesday 6pm
Reception	Tuesday 6pm Thursday 6pm
Year 1	Monday 6.30pm Wednesday 6.30pm
Year 2	Tuesday 6.30pm Thursday 6.30pm
Year 3 & 4	Monday 7.15pm Wednesday 7.15pm
Year 5 & 6	Tuesday 7.15pm Thursday 7.15pm



Safeguarding remains our top priority. This is why our staff team have been working hard to provide safe and high-quality teaching resources, apps and links to educational websites for your children. Please note, we recommend children only access websites, apps and links suggested by school. It is important that you continue to communicate with your children around what they are accessing online or who they are talking to – as isolation can increase anxiety. This approach would also comply with our school e-safety policy. For further advice and guidance please log on to our school website and access our e-safety materials.

In addition, please familiarise yourselves with the search engines below. These are aimed at children and serve to allow access to appropriate websites whilst children are online. However, please do ensure you remain vigilant whilst children are accessing these search engines.

www.kiddle.com

www.kidtopia.info

Please do remember our 'Report a Concern' button on is still available to use on our website homepage.

Should you have any concerns with regards to safeguarding please use the link below to report your concern to schools designated safeguarding leads, Mrs Pemberton Mr Blackwell, Mrs Crotty, Mr Wood and Mrs Alcorn.

www.ednagoldsacademy.co.uk

School's designated safeguarding leads continue to be in school daily and are accessible to all families. Should you have any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 0115 915 6813.

Please do enjoy the fitness games and ideas below, designed for you to try at home with your children, requiring minimal space and equipment.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Pemberton
Headteacher

Home Learning!

Hello!

These activities are designed for you to try and home with your child/ren, and requires minimal equipment and minimal space!

Sure, you might lose a few potatoes, apples and socks though!

Enjoy!

Fitness Challenge!

And for you as well, parents!

- How long can you run on the spot?
- How many star jumps can you achieve?
- How long can you balance on one leg without falling?
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- Parents - can you beat them?!

Battleships!

This game is to be played with you parents, or siblings!

Chose three objects each, that will be your 'battleships'.

Stand opposite your partner, 3 steps away.

You will throw a ball, or small soft object, and try and hit your partners battleships and sink them.

Who can sink the boats first?!

Madagascar

Children will move around an area waiting for the parents command (below). The children will copy the movements and actions!

Commands:

- Gloria (Hippo)-Big slow heavy stomps
- Melman (Giraffe)-Stand up one toes, reach as high as you can
- Marty (Zebra)- Skip, Gallop
- Alex (Lion)- Crawl slowly on floor
- King Julian- Shake your body
- Snake- Slither on the floor

Swim Fishy!

The sharks start in the middle whilst the fishes start on the edge of the grid.

On the parents command the fish attempt to get past the sharks without being tagged.

If a fish is tagged they become seaweed, the weed must stand wherever they were when they were tagged but they cannot move their feet.

They must move their arms to tag a fish that goes past them.

Cookie Monster

All the small objects (cookies) spread around the garden or room.

When the cookie monster 'falls asleep' (that's you parents!) all players move into the area and steal a cookie (cones spread around inside of area).

When the cookie monster wakes up children must leave the area and return to their hoop with whatever cookies that have collect.

If a child is tagged by the cookie monster they must drop the cookies in their possession and return to their hoop.

What time is it?

The children ask the wolf (the parents!) what time is it?

The wolf responds with a number i.e 'It's 5 o'clock' the children take that number of steps forward.

If the wolf response by saying 'It's dinner time. the children must run back to the safety zone without the wolf tagging them.

Hit the CoConut!

The children (or parents) are in pairs and stand opposite each other with the coconut in the middle of them.

The players roll the ball back forth to each other trying to knock the 'coconut' off in the middle to win a point!

You can then progress to throw the ball, or bounce the ball, to hit the target!

Directions

Each direction of your area, indoor or in the garden, is given a name, NORTH, EAST, SOUTH, WEST.

When you call a particular direction, the child will run to that direction and wait for your next call.

Name 2 or 3 corners so children have to remember the order.

Play 'Simon Says'! They can only move when you say!

Target relay!

Children will throw an object (ball/bean bag/socks) into a hoop or bucket.

They need to collect the object after each throw.

The children move further away from the hoop/bucket/target, for each successful throw.

If they miss, they must stay where they are!

How far away from the target can you finish?

Curling!

Children will perform this against the parents or other siblings!

The children must slide the bean bag down their teams lane, the further they go the more points they get as they pass the different colour cones, or create a target area.

If you don't have bean bags, find an object that slides, or, rolls - potatoes, apples.