



Edna G Olds Academy

A L.E.A.D. Academy

Headteacher's Newsletter

18th June 2021



Headteacher Update

Dear parents/carers,

We wish to extend a warm welcome back to our Edna G. Olds pupils and families, as we commence our final few weeks to the 2021 summer term. The children are eagerly approaching their new learning – wonderful! They are enjoying spending quality time investigating their scientific knowledge, as well as exploring topics themes through the following questions:

Year 1: What are the differences between the seasons?

Year 2: How are sounds made and why are they different?

Year 3: What are the different types of forces?

Year 4: In what ways can electricity and sound influence our surroundings?

Year 5: We wonder what would happen if our school was built from other materials...

Year 6: What would the impact on life today be if there was no electricity anywhere in the world for 24 hours?

Before we break up for the summer holidays, our children will have numerous opportunities to discuss and reflect upon their learning, including have an opportunity to curate a display for our parents and carers, in order to showcase their work from this term. Please look out for further information regarding the upcoming exhibition.

Prior to our half term break, children were finding out about the many different aspects of Buddhism and on Wednesday 26th May children enjoyed celebrating the Buddhist festival of Wesak. This festival is the most important for Buddhists and it is the celebration of Buddha's birthday. The children took part in a variety of activities, including retelling the story of the Buddha, exploring Buddhist symbols and making lanterns and masks, along with eating a special celebration meal prepared by our amazing catering team.



Last week, a group of our Year 6 children participated in an exciting project with Nottingham City Homes.

On Wednesday 9th June, the children supported Nottingham City Homes with planting a wild meadow on Lenton Green. It is hoped that the wild meadow will attract further wildlife to our local area. It is very exciting for us because more wildlife environments will enable our children increased opportunities to study wild meadow habitats, enhancing their geography and science learning.

We really look forward to watching this wonderful community space bloom over the coming months.



In addition, the children in Year 4 enjoyed the unique opportunity to observe a partial solar eclipse. Above is a photo that Simah captured as the partial eclipse was taking place.



Next week, Year 5 & 6 will be representing Edna G. Olds Academy at a mini-olympics day, due to be hosted by Nottingham High School on Friday 25th June 2021. We will let you know how they perform in our next newsletter. Good luck Year 5 and 6!

Pupils have been carefully considering how we can learn about empathy and display its philosophy through the use of books. Here are some suggestions on how you can further support your child with developing this special quality, especially whilst you are reading with them:

- When discussing a book, focus more on characters and their feelings than the plot.
- Allow children time to ponder responses to exploratory questions such as, “Which character was the most interesting?” or “Why do you think X behaves in this way?”
- Ring-fence time to read a shared book aloud. This helps to build an empathetic understanding of the characters together.

Please could you ensure, as the summer has arrived, that during any hot weather, your child(ren) has a red school cap with them each day. In addition, please ensure your child(ren) applies sun cream prior to attending school should it be required.

Finally, please take a moment to look at the flyers attached, regarding ‘Way2Work’ a Nottingham City Council initiative offering support to parents wishing to return to education, training or the workplace.

Wishing you all a sunny, happy and restful weekend! Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Pemberton
Headteacher



Star of the Week



Nursery	Zoya - for her superb effort when forming the letters of her name. Adam - for using positional language independently when accessing the mathematical area.
Reception	Mazin - for always displaying respect to his friends, teachers and environment. Safaa - for being enthusiastic in maths sessions and applying her prior knowledge to solve problems.
Year 1	Ahmed - for making a super effort to focus and apply his knowledge in all areas of the curriculum. Ashry - for applying her knowledge of phonics and grammar when retelling the story of 'Where the Wild Things Are.'
Year 2	Ruby - for always being kind and caring towards her class peers. Kyle - for always presenting his work with care and applying letter join handwriting across all subjects.
Year 3	Laila - for consistently trying hard with her phonics. Abdulkadir - for settling in really well and adapting into a new school environment.
Year 4	Ines - for applying herself to her learning and always pushing herself to achieve higher standards. Muhammadmahdi - for taking ownership of his learning and becoming responsible for himself and his success.
Year 5	Lystra- for making some excellent contributions during English this week. Seddig- for taking personal responsibility in ensuring accurate punctuation in his writing.
Year 6	Retaj- for displaying her creativity skills during art. She really connected with the images and was able to express them. Adawy- for his great motivation and determination during P.E



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Edna G. Olds Events Planner

Summer 2 – 2020/2021

Please do not miss out on the following days, as set out below:

8 th July 2021	Sports Day
13 th July 2021	Summer Fair - TBC
14 th July 2021	Y6 Bikeability starts
16 th July 2021	Science Showcase on Showbie
21 st July 2021	Class Swap days starting
23 rd July 2021	Y6 DARE presentation
26 th July 2021	Y6 Leavers Assembly Last day of term
27 th July 2021	INSET DAY