

Epina y Business and Enterprise School

Rue's Remarks!

Has everyone met Luna !!!!!

Luna is our pet therapy dog and has been in and around school this term... and has also left a few surprises!
Our gorgeous new addition to the Epina y Team.

We have now come to the end of the formal consultation period on the re-designation, enlargement and relocation of Epina y School. South Tyneside Council cabinet will meet in July to consider the proposal. We anticipate that following consideration the school will be in a position to make formal plans to move school sites next year. As always we will keep you up-to-date with progress, but in the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns please contact the school.

It has been disappointing that we have not been able to arrange our end of term class and whole-school reward trips! We were so looking forward to them, but, as before, we will make sure these are arranged as soon as they can be, safely.

We have arranged a *smaller than anticipated* send off for our 2021 school leavers! They should be very proud of their achievements. We are delighted to see them leaving Epina y School as happy, confident and independent young people. Wishing them the very best for the future.

On another note... we are looking forward to meeting our new pupils, joining us in September. Although we have not been able to offer the planned transition days, Ms Price, Deputy Head Teacher, has produced a fantastic video showcasing our school site and school life at Epina y to support this transitional time. The video can be seen on the school website and social media.

Ready to listen, ready to learn together



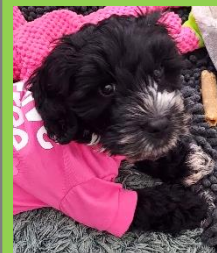
May/June 2021

For all the latest information on Epina y School check out the school website at: www.epina y.org



Luna our Therapy Dog

Luna is our Cockapoo staying with Ms Vincent who is training, with Luna, in pet therapy.



Our pupils and staff get so excited when Luna is in school, she will be *gently* introduced into school life and will eventually be in school every day!

Holiday Clubs

We were delighted to be able to offer holiday clubs during the Easter and May holidays, following the lifting of some Covid restrictions. Easter Club was for primary pupils and May Club was for secondary pupils. Both Clubs were well attended with 20 pupils attending each club. Pupils enjoyed a range of different activities and days out, developing their social skills. Activities included den building, scavenger hunts, putting up tents, trips to the beach and parks.



We have planned for Summer Club to take place during the first 2 weeks of the summer holidays, however, we will follow Government guidance in relation to Covid restrictions. Summer School information will be circulated soon.



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Home School Transport

The school office staff have been busy ensuring all transport arrangements are in place for September.

Parents/carers will have received confirmation of the arrangements for their child on returning to school on Monday 6 September.

We were also delighted with feedback from our recent home-school-transport survey:

We received 45 responses from our parents/carers -

98% said they had no concerns about school transport and the comments received were phenomenal; praising our drivers and escorts, saying it was a great and reliable service and that children felt happy and safe.

We also received 8 responses from our staff -

100% said the minibuses were kept in good condition and that they had the necessary equipment needed.

Thank you for all the responses, much appreciated.

Boxing with Sports King

Excellent to see our pupils enjoying boxing with Sports King Coaching. Offering professional coaching in schools to help young people reach their goals in sport and mature into adulthood by being positive role models.



Our pupils have loved these sessions and we hope to see these continue to widen our PE curriculum.

Pride in Epina y

Epina y School is celebrating Pride, celebrating diversity!

Epina y School are having a LGBT+ day on Wednesday 30th June where all classes will be working on Pride related topics and pupils can design a LGBT+ logo. Pupils will also be asked to wear rainbow colours.



LGBT+ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender + is used to recognise inclusion and Epina y School have been implementing the Rainbow Flag Award across the whole-school and celebrating diversity.

We now have a Rainbow Events Team who are supporting peers and planning school events.

For further information:

- ★ [LGBT+ South Tyneside Support Service](#)
- ★ [The Rainbow Flag Award](#)

Stay safe in the sun



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Upcoming Dates

In Service Day - School Closed
Friday 23rd July 2021

Summer Holidays
Fri 23 July to Fri 3 September

Pupils return to school
Monday 6 September 2021

See website or social media for further details of all events.