

Epina y Business and Enterprise School

Rue's Remarks!

Lovely to see our pupils back in school following their return, as Covid the restrictions for pupils are being eased! We still have Covid risk assessments in place plus we saw the introduction of our robust Covid testing programme which started back in February... and I can proudly say that the last few weeks have been tremendous and our attendance continues to be at an impressive high at around **96%**. Well done everyone!!!!

We have been inundated with generosity and support from our local community, families and staff. I mentioned in the last newsletter that we had received a donation of 6 tablets from Argos; this month we have received £500 in resources from NEU, as part of their Help a Child to Learn campaign. We have received books from Morrisons and sensory poppy pads from Nico a local business man. We have also had a fantastic donation of 172 Easter eggs from CMR who bought them through their own fundraising efforts. We continue to receive support from AK Teaching who provide our termly attendance rewards where two of our pupils receive £50 gift vouchers.

We have continued to support our families through the free school meal vouchers and this month our non free school meal families will receive a £10 Aldi voucher. We arranged for 4 of our families to receive gift vouchers as part of our family rewards for their work during lockdown, and now ...we are giving away two £30 ASDA vouchers every month, organised by one of our staff members!

I am overwhelmed by the support for our school and our families and we would like to thank you all very much.

More exciting news!!! You might have heard that we will have a new member of the Epina y family. Look out on our social media for announcements - can you guess who might be joining us!!!



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Epina y School Website

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



National Education Union (NEU)

We are delighted to have received a grant of £500 for learning materials as part of the NEU Help a Child to Learn campaign. We have identified lots of sensory equipment and resources that will support our pupils in school and at home. From sensory lighting and sounds to tactile sets and spider balls! We look forward to these arriving in school. Thank you NEU and Hope Education.

Consultation on the re-designation, enlargement and relocation of Epina y Business and Enterprise School

We are moving forward with the proposal to move to a new school site, former South Shields School site on Nevinson Avenue. We want to make sure that everyone has the chance to give their views on the proposed move and to have access to all the information they need. All the information that has been emailed to our parents/carers is also available on the school website, including a questions and answers sheet.

<https://www.epina y.org/consultation-on-the-re-designation-enlargement-relocation-of-epina y-business-and-enterprise-school/>

Responses or any queries should be sent to Epina y Business and Enterprise School or email: Epina y.queries@southty neside.gov.uk

Epina y Business and Enterprise School News

Play Therapy

We are delighted to announce that Sarah Campbell qualified as a Practitioner of Therapeutic Play Skills with Play Therapy UK.



Sarah has supported individual pupils during this time and we will continue to support Sarah on her next stage of play therapy professional development with the introduction of group work activities. Epina y School provides a range of therapeutic services to support the needs of our pupils. Well done Sarah.

ActivAll

With our PE & Sports Premium we have bought two new cardio walls, called **ActivAll Compact**. These interactive walls offer high impact reaction games designed for fitness, health and fun! They encourage communication, focus and challenge the users physical and cognitive abilities.



Our pupils have already been enjoying them. The new equipment will be used as part of school PE lessons as well as during school breaks and afterschool.

Easter Club

Our Easter Play Scheme will be up and running from Tuesday 6 April to Friday 9 April, 10am-2pm. The Scheme is open to children in Phase 1 and Phase 2 (classes: Blue, Green, Purple, Pink, Yellow and Red). We have lots of Easter activities planned including; crafts, cooking, team games and a film day - we hope you enjoy! Further information is on the school website.

<https://www.epinay.org/easter-playscheme/>



We will be advertising our May and Summer Clubs next term.

Comic Relief - Red Nose Day 2021



Ohhhh what fun we had on Friday 19 March raising money for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. Epina y Joke-a-thon was fantastic, we hope you enjoy all the jokes.

Thank you for your donations

we raised an amazing

£170

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Upcoming Dates

Easter Holidays
Friday 2 April to Friday 16 April
(Good Friday 2 April)

In Service Day - School Closed
Monday 19 April 2021

May Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 3 May 2021

May Holidays
Monday 31 May - Friday 4 June
(Bank Holiday Monday 31 May)

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