

# Epina y Business and Enterprise School

May - June 2022

## Rue's Remarks

## Easter Activities

It's getting exciting now, lots of work going on in readiness for the move to the new school site on Nevinson Avenue.

The last day of term will be Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July for our pupils, that gives our staff a few days at the end of term to pack up everything ready for the removal company coming in!

We have a provisional date for pupils returning to school of Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September, this gives us time to move in and prepare for our pupils joining us!

We have put these plans in place to minimise disruption and to ensure that we are all back,  
**ready to listen, ready to learn together.**

We are very excited to be moving to the new school, the facilities are going to be amazing and we have a full complement of staff to support our pupils. We have also been putting together a new and exciting curriculum offer to ensure that we continue to offer outstanding education.

It's been a very quick term but that hasn't stopped our pupils learning inside and outside the classroom. You can see some of our achievements and school activities on our school Facebook page – Epina y School.

We have also revamped our school website, making it easier for you to navigate around and *hopefully* making it easier to find what you need. Please take a look and let me know any comments, your feedback would be very much appreciated.

[www.epina y.org](http://www.epina y.org)

I hope our pupils and staff enjoyed the last day of half-term celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee marking the Queen's 70 years of service.

**Hope you enjoy lots of Jubilee celebrations too.  
Have a fun and safe break.**

Fantastic to see a lot going on over Easter with 30 pupils taking part and enjoying fun days out to local attractions; including the cinema, Down on the Farm and Mr Twisters!

The children had the best time, they were so happy experiencing new things and making new friendships too.



We are excited to offer a similar range of holiday activities during the Summer and we are also running a primary residential to Robinwood and secondary residential to Thurston.

It's fantastic to see this provision operating again.

## Reading Buddies

This term has seen the next step in our reading journey with the re-establishment of our lunchtime reading clubs and the great announcement of our search for reading buddies. We are creating a team of students who will take a lead in reading initiatives. Older and younger students will read together and develop confidence in reading, discussing reading materials, model high quality reading strategies and generally develop a love of reading together. The reading buddies will develop links with local authors, share book recommendations and help Mrs Murphy purchase new exciting reading materials for us all to enjoy!

For all the latest information on Epina y School check out the school website at:  
[www.epina y.org](http://www.epina y.org) where you will also find Safeguarding and other school policies

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## School Council

As part of the student council role, members presented at a whole-school assembly what they had been doing. They talked about how as a school they supported the Ukraine appeal, Children's Mental Health Week and how they have helped set up lunchtime clubs, lunchtime buddies and reading buddies. The student council have also worked alongside Ms Hudson and Ms Hayes to devise a collective worship which is now read out at the end of each assembly. In addition, our school council have signed up to a new forum that is being launched to bring young people together from a range of SEND schools. The aim is to share what we do, talk about our school council work and collect ideas from other schools. This is a very exciting opportunity for our budding school council members and we look forward to letting you know how this develops.

## Anti-Bullying

At Epinay we believe everybody should feel safe, secure and valued – they should be themselves and we should treat everyone with respect and kindness. We have recently implemented a Child Friendly Anti-Bullying Policy which is incorporated into our curriculum.

You can read our policy - [Child Friendly Anti-Bullying Policy](#)



## Friends of Epinay School



The Friends of Epinay School are planning another exciting fundraising event for the end of the summer term! Further details to go out after the half term.

A kind request - if you buy from Amazon, you can make a contribution to the Friends of Epinay, it doesn't cost you anything! To set up in Amazon, in the search box type **Amazon Smile** then choose the Friends of Epinay charity, confirm and turn on Amazon Smile. You will have to order via **Amazon Smile** for us to get the donation. Anyone can do this so share with your families and friends!!!!

Epinay School still have a few charity places left for this year's **Great North Run** taking place on Sunday 11 September. If you would like to run for Epinay please email Dianne Mountain at [dmountain@epinay.org](mailto:dmountain@epinay.org). T&Cs apply.

## Important Dates

### Bank Holiday Jubilee

Friday 27 May

### Half-term Holidays

Monday 30 May–  
Friday 3 June

### In Service Day

Monday 6th June

### Last Day of Term

Tuesday 19th July

### Return to the new school after the summer break

– final arrangements to be announced

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