

# Epina y Business and Enterprise School

## Rue's Remarks

### WOW WOW WOW - What an end to the term!!!!

So delighted to be working with South Shields Football Club again this year for SSFC Takeover 2. Offering our Year 10 and Year 11, in preparation for adulthood, a week of work experience in a range of areas at the Club including; hospitality, horticulture, retail and sports.

*We also tagged on a bit of fundraising* – raising a fantastic £1,550 through the raffle and sales.

Thank you so much to SSFC and to all our students, staff parents/carers for all the support.

I would like to share our appreciation to our staff team. They have seen a lot of change over the past 6 months and, as always, have been resilient and supportive throughout.

We are very excited to have Samantha Ramsey taking a lead role with our SENSES group after the Easter holidays, she will bring experience and a new creative drive in ensuring our children get the very best deal, we are very much looking forward to seeing her and the team flourish.

In other staffing news we have a little bit of recruitment to do leading up to the summer holiday as our student numbers increase, we will hopefully be adding apprentices, TA's, teachers, escorts and drivers to the team - all very exciting!

Wishing you a very happy holiday and see you all back after Easter, **ready to listen, ready to learn together.**

## Speech and Language Therapist



Delighted to introduce Mrs Cohan, Speech and Language Therapist (SALT). Mrs Cohan has worked as a SALT for over 10 years with children, teenagers and adults with additional needs from across the North East.

Mrs Cohan is passionate about SALT being functional for the children with the aim to improve confidence and independence throughout their day and increase their experiences within school. SALT is not just about improving speech of children but working on the details of communication such as understanding and expression of language, emotions, social skills, assertiveness and building friendships. It is about the child having and using their voice whatever that may look like!

## Happy Days Children's Charity

Thank you to Happy Days for funding the recent Production of **The Hobbit** by M&M Theatrical Productions. Our students thoroughly enjoyed the event, the characters and costumes were fantastic! Another great opportunity for our students to enjoy and look back on.



## New Trim Trail and MUGA

Following on from the move, we now have a new trim trail in the primary yard and the Multi-Use-Games-Area is nearly ready. Another two amazing resources for our students to enjoy. We are also looking to move the existing trim trail, from around the perimeter, nearer for our older students.



# Epinay Business and Enterprise School



January – March 2023

## Epinay Enterprise

Lovely to see the new range of Epina Enterprise products available this term, from Valentine's and Mother's Day gifts to Easter gifts. Ms Duckworth is working with our enterprise students to develop items at low-cost or through upcycling and then selling to make a profit. Items are advertised on the school facebook and via school communication and are available to buy from school or via the new on-line shop.

<https://friends-of-epinay-school.sumupstore.com/>

## Breakfast Programme

We have seen an overwhelming take up of our new breakfast programme, provided each morning when students arrive into school. Students have an option between a cereal bar, yoghurt drink or piece of fruit. Breakfast food options can change termly following feedback from students.



As you may know, we have set up a new way to communicate with our parents/carers via The School Gateway. Parents/carers will receive regular information **via email and/or via the app**. We hope to use this system as the main method for communicating in the future. Thank you for your support with getting this up and running.



## Friends of Epina School



We still have a places left for this year's **Great North Run** taking place on Sunday 10 September. If you would like to take part and raise funds for Epina School please email Dianne Mountain at [dmountain@epinay.org](mailto:dmountain@epinay.org). T&Cs apply.

Sign up to **Easyfundraising** and support Epina School for Free. You can raise donations whenever you shop online with over 7,000 brands. Make a difference at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)

Look out for our Epina "merch" and Summer fundraising activities, including a Summer Fayre. Thank you again for all your support and donations - we very much appreciate it.



## Important Dates

### Easter Holidays

Mon 3 April – Fri 14 April

### May Bank Holiday

Monday 1 May

### Bank Holiday King's Coronation

Monday 8 May

### May Half-term Holidays

Mon 29 May – Fri 2 Jun

### Summer Holidays

Mon 24 July – Fri 1 Sept

### STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL

Monday 4 September

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