

Epina y Business and Enterprise School



March-April 2024

Rue's Remarks

Delighted to announce that through our crowdfunding and school fundraising we have raised **£10,327**, so far, towards our new primary playground equipment. Over the Easter, **Play Fitness** came in to install the equipment – as a surprise for our pupils when they returned after the holidays.



Thank you for all the donations and fundraising from our families and friends. Funds raised through school fundraising events, raffles, fayres, bonus balls, Christmas lights, fudge sales, clothing bank donations and easyfundraising etc. Bucket collections by Stan Yanetta, The Maltings, The County Pub and Steamboat. Plus, cheques from Costa, Total Energies, Freemans and Innova.

***** many thanks again for your continuous support *****

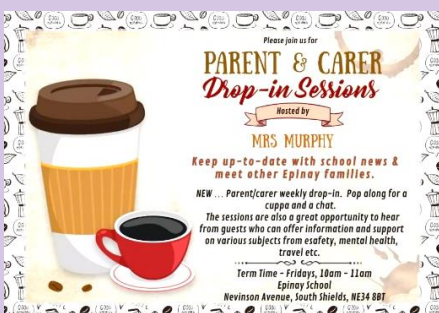
Excited to share with you all our next school development plans for our new “immersive room” being installed early June.

Continuously supporting our students so they are **ready to listen, ready to learn together.**

Tesco Blue Token Scheme

We are delighted to see Epina y School as part of Tesco Stronger Starts BLUE TOKEN in-store voting scheme. Please use your blue tokens and vote for us when in local stores. *Running from 1 April to 30 June.*

New Parents/Carers Coffee Morning



**Every Friday morning
10am-11am**

Please come and join us, talk to other parents/carers and see what other services are on offer ...or just come along for a coffee/tea! Contact Mrs Lynne Murphy for more info.

South Tyneside Proud Nominations

Well-deserved nominations for 3 of our staff;

Sandra Stephenson -Head's PA, Ronice Jopling –MAKW, and Kate Simpson -Ass Head Teacher. Recognising the hard work and commitment towards our students and staff team and always pushing for excellence for Epina y!

Easter Club and Residentials

Epina y ran an Easter club during the first week of the holidays. 20 students enjoyed activities such as bowling, cinema, football and a visit to the farm. We also ran 2 residentials, 15 students went to Derwent Hill and 24 students went to Robinswood. All students enjoyed the challenges including; zip wire, canoeing, caving, dancing, walking and the “piranha pool”! Amazing memories for students and staff. Holiday activities were supported through HAF funding. Parents/carers were invited in for a special assembly to share some of their experiences.



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Queen Elizabeth Hospital

Sixth Form students have started on a new work placement programme at the QE in Gateshead. Working in estate management, pathology, volunteering, linen services and pharmacy. This is extremely valuable work experience.



Important Dates

Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 6 May 2024

IN SERVICE DAY
-SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS
Tuesday 7 May 2024

Bank Holiday Monday
Monday 27 May 2024

May Half-term Holidays
Mon 27 May– Fri 31 May 2024

Summer Holidays
Mon 22 July – Fri 30 Aug 2024



If you are a young person in the North East and identify as LGBT+, LGBT+ North East provide friendly and practical support around gender identify and/or sexual orientation. This includes the opportunity to meet other LGBT+ young people. Get in touch to talk about your needs and agree a tailored support plan.

Call: **01325 731160**

Email: lgbt@humankindcharity.org.uk

School Facilities Available

We can now hire out school facilities during school times, term time. Facilities include a MUGA (multi use games area), sports hall, assembly hall. Facilities are available Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 4pm-6pm, Wednesdays 4pm-8pm and Saturdays 9am-12noon, *subject to availability*. Contact Dianne Mountain for further information. Email dmountain@epinay.org



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