

Epinay Business and Enterprise School

Rue's Remarks

We always have lots planned for this time of year and have shared the many activities and photos through parent communications, dojo and social media. I hope you got to see some of them! This year our staff worked exceptionally hard to create "Epinay's winter wonderland". This was such a treat for our students and the programme put together included an elf present hunt, a magical story area, a Santa's workshop and grotto ...and we also had a visit from a reindeer! We hope all our students enjoyed the festive activities.



We would like to thank you all again for supporting our fundraising. We have had some fabulous donations this term; including donations towards our new exploration and play centre plus the many gifts towards the Christmas raffle. Thank you also for buying and selling raffle tickets, the raffle raised **£665**. Roz, one of our parents, also ran a Christmas bonus ball competition offering the winner a tremendous prize and raised another **£750**.

As mentioned, we have had our **new exploration and play centre installed this term, another** amazing facility that will support the needs of our students. Funded through PE & Sports Premium plus donations from our amazing parents/carers, staff and families. Our students are so excited to use this new equipment!

You know, we're not stopping there ...the Student Council have asked for some new resources for the secondary yard and have put forward a request for sports equipment and a covered seated area/shelter. We hope we can support our secondary students and are now working on designs.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New year!
See you all back in January
- ready to listen, ready to learn together.

Anti-bullying Week



Students and staff came into school on Thursday 12 November ...wearing odd socks to support anti-bullying week. Students also enjoyed lunchtime activities such as yoga, mindfulness and wrote kindness pledges.

BBC Children In Need

Epinay School supported Children in Need in school this term and raised funds through activities including 'bearpees', decorating t-shirts and non-uniform day. Students and staff had a great week and raised **£215.50** to help change the lives of children and young people facing disadvantage in communities across the UK. Thank you again for supporting this great cause!



Epina y Business and Enterprise School



Nov-Dec 2024

NEW...exploration and play centre



Students are now enjoying sessions in our new exploration and play centre. Providing a safe environment for sensory exploration, developing skills and curiosity!

Epina y Showcase

Amazing to see our students performing in the end of term showcase. Delighted to invite along families of those students taking part, the hall was a buzz and the audience were treated to a feast of musical delights!



Performances included individual and groups of students signing Christmas songs and the choir joined forces with the sing and sign group. The performing arts group and sixth form shared their work, and we had a walking talking Christmas cracker telling jokes. It was a pleasure to see our student's being confident and very professional - they were all stars!!!!!!



Epina y Cafe

Sixth Form Lifeskills students had a wonderful time cooking a full Christmas dinner and then enjoyed it with their families. They also had the Mayor and Mayoress of South Tyneside come and join them! Epina y Caf  also served over 150 Christmas dinner in December!



Important Dates

Christmas Holidays
Mon 23 Dec - Fri 3 Jan 2025

In Service Day –
SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS
Monday 6 January 2025

STUDENTS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Tuesday 7 January 2025

February Holidays
Mon 24 Feb – Fri 28 Feb 2025

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