

Epina y Business and Enterprise School

Jan-Feb 2025

Rue's Remarks

This term we have been looking at developing enrichment, active learning and movement through the curriculum.

Working with Enrich Education, we now have a range of orienteering activities and markers across the school site. Staff have received training and have access to the online Hub to support further development of the activities and the team. We will monitor impact of this new programme within lessons and are excited to see this programme develop.



We were delighted to welcome 45 delegates from **Hong Kong** as part of a learning visit on how to deliver effective career guidance to SEND students. Arranged through the North East Combined Authority (NECA). *We hope they return our hospitality and invite us to Hong Kong!*

In January, we hosted an event for Senior Leaders, Chairs and Vice Chairs of Governors from South Tyneside– sharing ideas and good practice around school governance.

As always, we are continuously looking at way to enhance the Curriculum and school facilities and have lots of ideas! We look forward to sharing some of these with you next term

Enjoy the half-term break, see you all back on Monday 3 March
- **ready to listen, ready to learn together.**

Phase 1 Curriculum

This term, Phase 1 have had visits from the emergency services. Students were learning about job roles, equipment and how the emergency services keep us safe! Thank you to the Ambulance Service, Fire and Rescue and the Police.



Challenge “Chris Box”

Please help the School Council and Sixth Form with their latest volunteering challenge. We are collecting empty crisp packets that will be turned into blankets for both the homeless and people struggling with heating costs inside their homes.

Empty packets can be posted in our “Chris Box” in school.



What a wonderful project!

Leavers Coffee Morning Alumni Network

Previous Epina y students are invited for a get together to discuss life since leaving Epina y, any help you might need and a chance for a good catch up!

**Come along on Friday 7 March
10am-11.30am at Café Epina y**
Refreshments and biscuits will be served.

Please email
kate.lamb@epina y.org
to confirm attendance

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

Children's Mental Health Week

School Mental Health Champions supported Children's Mental Health Week in February. This year's theme was **"know yourself, grow yourself."** The purpose of the week was to shine the spotlight on children and young people's mental health.

The week got off to a great start with an assembly delivered by the Healthy Minds Team. Students participated in a wide range of fun sessions to improve their wellbeing. These included a fantastic karaoke, dancing, fitness, lego and mindfulness sessions. These sessions encouraged the students to make new friends across the school. A cake sale from black class raised £53.30 -this money will be used to buy books to support mental health in school.



We also had a competition to name our worry bear. The winning name was **"Mr No More Worries Bear"** by Isaac. We all look forward to seeing him play a supportive role in helping students reach for support.

Fundraising with Brigham and Cowan

For our Spring fundraising raffle, we are working with Brigham and Cowan social club in South Shields. Any donations of raffle prizes are greatly welcomed - a list of raffle prizes will be shared shortly. Raffle tickets are on sale from Epina y School and from Brigham and Cowan.

Wanderers Trampoline Competition

Well done Epina y Sports Leaders who hosted the annual trampoline competition for SEND schools.



Our students developed their leadership skills – teamwork, self-management, problem solving, self-belief and communication
#teamepinay.

Important Dates

February Half-term Holidays
Mon 24 Feb – Fri 28 Feb 2025

In Service Day
SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS
Friday 11 April 2025

Easter Holidays
Mon 14 April – Fri 25 April 2025

May Bank Holiday
Monday 5 May 2025

In Service Day
SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS
Tuesday 6 May 2025

May Half-term Holiday
Mon 26 May – Fri 30 May 2025

Contacting School

Telephone:
0191 4898949

Email:
sstephenson5@epinay.org

Epina y Business and Enterprise School,
Nevinson Avenue,
South Shields. NE34 8BT



[www.twitter.com/
Epina ySchool](http://www.twitter.com/Epina ySchool)



[www.facebook.com/
Epina ySchool](http://www.facebook.com/Epina ySchool)

This information is correct
at the time of print

For all the latest information on Epina y School check out the school website at:
www.epinay.org where you will also find Safeguarding and other school policies.