

# Epina y Business and Enterprise School

## Rue's Remarks

I've been delighted to see so much active and practical learning going on around school so far this month. I'm hopefully going to spend the rest of November getting around all classes -get ready for my tricky questions! We had a fabulous Halloween games and party afternoon on the last day of term. I know lots and lots of you enjoyed this, we'll do the same next year, the sports hall used to have lots of space to run around and dance.

We've bought new picnic tables for the senior yard so more of you can 'chill out' over lunch, phase one has been given lots more sensory equipment and we have a new intervention room beside sixth form.

Our sports leaders have started coaching younger children, and lots of you have already been on class trips. Our next edition will be our Christmas edition - I can't believe we are getting close to seeing Rudolph already!

Keep up the good work everyone  
Mr Rue

## Town Hall Visit

Mrs Hayes took a group of three students to the Town Hall for a visit on 14th October. The group consisted of two school councillors, Noah and Ryan and our vice head girl, Keisha. They played a range of problem solving games with students from other schools. They also discussed ideas on how to make improvements to Haven Point. 'It was quite fun', said Noah.



Ready to listen, ready to learn together.

## Phase 1 Stay and Play



Blue and Green Class parents and carers attended an autumn stay and play session on Monday 20th October. Parents and children participated in a variety of autumnal crafts and explored their children's new classrooms. Thank you to all the parents and carers who came to the event!

## Spooky Spectacular




This year's Halloween Disco was a huge success. There were lots of games that the students could play, some of them were very spooky! We had a disco and a competition for the best-dressed students.

Tia said, 'I loved dancing at the disco. I had an amazing time'.

Joseph said, 'I loved the balloons'.

## Outstanding Advisor



Mr. Rue had a little trip to London last month and he was so happy to share that he picked up the most Outstanding Special Education Advisor in the UK 2025!! Mr. Rue said, 'This is great news for the North East and South Tyneside! Team Epina- we are stronger together!'.  


## Music Quiz

The Group Challenge in Music is a race against the clock to guess the artist and the song title. There are often golden oldies and new songs, covering every musical genre from rock and roll to techno music and the latest chart hits! Each class has a score of up to 20 to bank for each week, and the scores on the doors for each half term are what decipher the winning group!

It runs in every music lesson across school and the winning group gets a certificate and a selection of treats!

But watch out, even the staff are competitive when it comes to the challenge...



## Important Dates

### Christmas Holiday

Mon 22nd Dec-Fri 2nd Jan

### Half Term Holiday

Mon 23rd Feb- Fri 27th Feb

### Easter Holiday

Mon 3rd April- Fri 17th April

### Inservice Training Day

**SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS**  
Friday 1st May

### Bank Holiday

**SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS**  
Monday 4th May

### Half Term Holiday

Mon 25th May- Friday 29th May

### Inservice Training Day

**SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS**  
Friday 3rd July

### Summer Holiday

Commence- Mon 20th July

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