



ERDINGTON HALL PRIMARY NEWS

December 2022

STAFFING

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Aldridge at the end of this term, she has worked at the school for 3 years and is currently the teacher in Year 1. We would like to wish her well in the future.

We would like to welcome Mrs Shafiq who will be joining the staff as of January 2023 as the new Year 1 teacher.

REMINDERS



School closes on 16th December 2022 until Wednesday 4th January 2023



Set up Parentpay account so can pay for dinners/trips with ease



Set up Arbour account for your child so that you can see and update information about your child



School Closes for half term on Friday 17th February 2023

Celebrations & Fundraising

This term, we've made each other laugh with our own jokes contributing to Children in Need. We made sure you couldn't miss our odd socks, in order to raise awareness around Anti-Bullying week. Most recently, teachers and learners donned their most fabulous jumper or string of tinsel to raise money for Save the Children on our Christmas Jumper Day.

Amongst all of these special events, we've continued to celebrate our learners each week. The attendance trophies are moving across classes and there are more Stars of the Week shining brightly.

We would like to thank you all for your support with regarding to recent charity events. We raised the following:

Children in Need - £154.00

Christmas Jumper Day - £42.00



PARENT WORKSHOPS

We know that parents and carers are the first teachers for our learners. We can learn so much from our school family, which enables us to go a long way in supporting learners and families alike. This term, we have focused on workshops for our learners across the school. This has been from Year 1 to Year 6. Parents and carers have enjoyed taking part in the workshops, which have mainly focused on Maths.

In each workshop, there were games and activities that the children could complete with their parents and carers. It has been brilliant to be able to open our doors to our families and we are planning to hold more workshops throughout the year. These will include Nursery and Reception too. One of the most important things for us to at Erdington Hall is to build successful relationships with our families, so that they feel confident in what we do and that they feel welcome and can approach us with questions and to share ideas with other parents and carers too. There is great community spirit at Erdington Hall and we plan to go from strength to strength in supporting and celebrating the work that everyone does. We are extremely proud of our learners and our families and our colleagues who have worked hard to make these workshops run so well.



In the Community

What a wonderful time we had singing at Good Hope Hospital! The children brightened up the waiting room and sang beautifully on Friday 9th December. It was our Year 5 learners that took part, they sang in rounds, in German and French and even did some sign language for some of the carols. One of the visitors to the hospital who came over to greet the children told us that she attended Erdington Hall over 30 years ago. She was extremely proud of our school and still felt a part of Erdington Hall. What is wonderful is that when you become part of the Erdington Hall school family, you become part of something much bigger!

Our learners really enjoyed themselves and were able to show our community that it is good to give as well as receive. Donations were made by patients and visitors to the hospital, which was given to a very worthy cause, UHB (University Hospitals Birmingham). This is a charity which goes 'over and above' for the patients, staff and families across the city, funding facilities equipment, research and more. It was great that our learners could be part of this, helping them to be outward facing citizens who are supportive of their community. We are very proud of our learners; their behaviour and manners were impeccable. Also, well done to Mr Horn, who led the singers, and to Mrs Bi and Miss Sangera who supported our learners being excellent ambassadors for our academy.



School Support

- Please ensure that you send your child to school with a water container/bottle.
- Please put your child's name in their clothing, this help when items get lost.
- If you wish to change lunch arrangements please complete a form in the office to avoid any overpayments.
- Please inform the school office if your child is not coming into school and provide a reason.
- To improve communication, we will put letters on the school website, send via Dojo and also papercopy.



School Trips

If your child has a school trip, please ensure you complete and send the consent form to the school office as soon as possible.

If there is an issue with payments for trips, please see Mrs Rodgers in the Office.

We want all pupils to have new and exciting experiences

After School Clubs

Due to the success of the after school clubs last term we are in the process of sorting clubs for the new term and will be sending information out once confirmed.



Visits Here and There !



We love inviting members of our community into school, and this term has been no exception. The Birmingham City Gospel Choir came in and inspired us to use our vocal chords with soul. Some of our everyday local heroes came in to meet us including our PCSO and fire service. Similarly, we ventured to exciting locations including a chocolatey day at Cadbury World, a Science extravaganza at the ThinkTank, and discovering through play at Newarke Houses Toy Museum. Some of our mathematicians headed off to King Edward's School in Edgbaston for a Maths competition against six other schools. The children were a credit to Erdington Hall and managed to come third overall!

Future Dates for your Diary

Communi-tea - Thursday mornings 9.00am to 10.00 - come in for a coffee/tea, talk to staff/get support

