

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Epinay School breaks up for the Easter holidays on
Wednesday 23rd March 2016 at 2:00pm
(Good Friday is on 25th March)

Please note that pupils return to school on
Monday 11th April 2016 at 8:50am



There are also lots of exciting new features and information on the school website, including calendar of events and news updates.

Please take a look - www.epinay.org



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SPRING 2016 NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our Spring Newsletter . . .

This has been a busy term with some new and exciting programmes happening as well as many exciting classroom and whole school activities.

We continue to offer a fantastic range of curriculum-led and out-of-school programmes and have seen the return of some of our regular events including Fair-Trade Fortnight, Sport Relief, World Book Day and British Science Week. Plus our children have enjoyed a wide range of curriculum trips and reward trips. We are delighted to share with you all in this spring newsletter.

After school and breakfast clubs continue to be popular and we have some new clubs starting in the new term including; youth club for KS4 and the popular family learning programme, run through the Foundation of Light.



Clubs will return second week back after the Easter Holidays. Letters have been sent out to parents/carers about our clubs programme for next term.

Our Creative Partners continue to play an important role in the school and pupils have had many achievements, especially in dance – see Pulse news.

We hope to open our own Sixth Form in September 2016. So watch this space! This will give us increased flexibility in our Post 16 offer.

Warm wishes for a happy Easter.

Mrs H Harrison
Head Teacher



FAMILY LEARNING COURSE

Come along and enjoy this fun-filled 10 week course for children with a family member over the age of 18.

Epinay Business and Enterprise School and the Foundation of Light are running FREE family learning sessions every TUE SDAY 2pm-4pm starting from 12th APRIL 2016

If you would like further information call the Foundation of Light team on 0191 551 5195.

COURSE HIGHLIGHTS:

- One hour spent playing fun games with your child every week!
- Unique family learning file personalised for you
- Two free tickets to an SAFC home match upon completion
- Graduation event at the Stadium of Light

"At the start of the course I had low confidence. This course changed that."
Jamie, Durham

Please fill in your details below to register your interest.

Your first name: _____ Last name: _____
 Child's name: _____
 Telephone/mobile: _____ Email: _____

Foundation of Light uses the power of football to involve, educate and inspire young people and their families through a broad range of innovative programmes helping improve lives across the North East. Registered Office: Foundation of Light, Sunderland, S6 4SQ. Telephone: 0191 551 5191 Fax: 0191 518 7122 - foundationoflight.co.uk @SAFCnl

THE WORLD AT YOUR FEET REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 1089333

NEW.....

family learning programme

starting
Tuesday 12th April,
2pm-4pm
at Epinay School

All welcome

(2-3pm parents/carers, 3-4pm parents/carers and child/ren)

NEW..... Youth Club

starting
Friday 15th April
3.15pm-4.15pm
at Epinay School

Please join us

YMCA NORTH TYNESIDE

Young People's Youth Club
@ Epinay School, Jarrow

Time to relax with your friends
Every Friday 3.15pm - 4.15pm FREE

Sessions for students start 15th April

We have Music, Arts & Crafts, DJing, Dance and other activities.

For further information contact:
T 07522 365 460
E warren.crake@ymcanorthtyneside.org

YMCA NORTH TYNESIDE would like to thank the following for their support:

JARROW
BORN IN 1886. REBORN IN 2016.

YMCA enables people to develop their full potential in mind, body and spirit. Inspired by, and faithful to, our Christian values, we create supportive, inclusive and engaging communities, where young people can truly belong, contribute and thrive.

SUPPORT & ADVICE ACCOMMODATION FAMILY WORK HEALTH & WELLBEING TRAINING & EDUCATION

PARENTS/CARERS DROP-IN



Parents/carers/families and the local community are welcome to come along to our monthly coffee drop-in. The drop-in's are held monthly and the next session is:

on Thursday 28th April 1.30-2.30pm at Epinay School

Please come and join us, call in for a cuppa, a chat, meet others and find out more about school projects, access information and support fundraising events.

Supported by the Friends of Epinay.



FRIENDS OF EPINAY SCHOOL

The Friends of Epinay work with volunteers, plan fundraising events and support school programmes. This year, the Friends group have raised over £3,000 through fayres, raffles and events. They have purchased a range of school equipment and resources, including:

- *Waterproofs for primary and forest school
- *Polo tops for Post-16 students
- *Bug-club, Rapid-plus, Knowledge Box resources
- *Microwave for the life-skills room
- *New sensory equipment

These purchases would not have been possible without the support from staff, pupils, parents/carers and the local community. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

SPORTS RELIEF



On Friday 18th March, pupils took a very active part in raising money for **Sports Relief**. Following a whole school assembly, the primary classes completed a treasure hunt, Post-16 did face painting and seniors took part in Mrs Walsh's sports challenge. The red raffle, as always, drew a great response and prizes were *many* red cups, chocolates, pens and face cloths.

We raised a fantastic £214.05

Well done everyone



Epinay School's Community Garden



Woohooo.....Epinay School came second in the **Tesco's Bags of Help** programme and will receive **£10,000** to develop a Woodland Learning Walk.

Our new learning areas and woodland walks will combine natural environment with sensory experiences and provide educational and therapeutic benefits to children, their families and the local community.



Thanks to you all who supported and voted for our project

INTERNATIONAL LINKS

Epina School were delighted to have students from Germany, **Tom and Florian**, on work placement from 29th February until Wednesday 16th March. Working alongside Primary 1 and Primary 3; Tom, Florian and our primary pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience. They also immensely enjoyed visiting some of our local sites and tourist attractions. We hope to keep in touch with our new friends and develop potential future foreign exchange trips.



CAFÉ EPINAY

Customers wanted... we run a community café every Tuesday and Thursday from 12noon (term-time) which is open to parents/carers and the general public.

**THE
LUNCH
CLUB**

**** Offering a 2-course meal only £4.50 ****
(including refreshments)

To book please telephone Café Epina on 0191 489 8949

Café Epina provides a safe and friendly learning environment for pupils working towards NVO catering qualifications.

FUTURE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

Summer Fayre – Saturday 9th July

A date for your diary, Epina School's Summer Fayre will be held on Saturday 9th July. Planning and preparations are currently underway. Further details will be circulated in the new term.

Great North Run 2016

We are delighted to have 11 runners taking part in this year's **Great North Run** on Sunday 11th September, raising funds for Epina School. You can sponsor all our runners online by visiting our school website www.epinay.org/events



You can also make a donation using your mobile phone -
- text **EPIN41** £amount to **70070**

Good luck Team Epina: Colin Becke, Dianne Mountain, Melanie Soutar, Carrie Welsh, Craig Burnside, Stephen Harrison, Carla Burden, Laura Finlay, Ashleigh Walker, Suzanne Baker and Paul Rosen (from Sweden).

If anybody would like to run for the school and needs a GNR number - we still have 3 charity places left!

For further fundraising details contact Dianne Mountain at Epina School (email: dmountain@epinay.org)

SUMMER SCHOOL

We are pleased to be running our Summer School programme from



Monday 25th July to Wednesday 10th August

Further details will be sent out to parents/carers and promoted on the school website – soon.

Epinau School Enterprise Group

The enterprise group, **Sparkly 7** have continued to develop their business skills through the development of a new range of products.



They established a “pop-up” shop filled with unique Valentine products and developed their communication and marketing skills as they sold their wares.

For Easter they have produced Washcloth bunnies, a new product available from the team at pocket money prices.



PULSE....great news....our Epinau entertainers 'Pulse' performed at Dance City in February and have been selected to perform at the Regional finals at Dance City. Well done.

In addition, Epinau School has been given a choreography Award from Liberdade Dance Company. The Award offers one of our pupils the opportunity to choreograph their own piece of work, mentored by Michael Heatley, and perform the piece at Dance City and other platforms across the North East. Such a fabulous chance which may open doors to new opportunities!

FOREST SCHOOL

We are delighted to be working with Clervaux Nursery and accessing their forest school facilities that offer an innovative approach to learning and allows children to explore and engage in learning through positive outdoor experiences. Activities aim to enhance the creative curriculum and support children's natural curiosity.



SCHOOL SHOWCASE

Congratulations to all our pupils who starred and helped with our Showcase concert held on Tuesday 22nd March. We always look forward to our end of term events and this year was no exception!

WELL DONE



Post-16 @ Epinay

Post-16 has had a slightly disrupted term with the unexpected temporary closure of Bede's World and therefore our inability to access our Jarrow Hall rooms. Thanks though have to go to Mark Black for allowing us to take temporary residence in the luxurious Clervaux Exchange. Thanks also to Rohm and Haas for providing furniture for our temporary rooms.

The Friends of Epinay have also supported us by providing polo shirts. Although uniform is not compulsory in Post-16, our students decided that some form of identifiable and unifying clothing would be of benefit.



Thank you to Big Local for the grant to purchase a shed for Post-16.

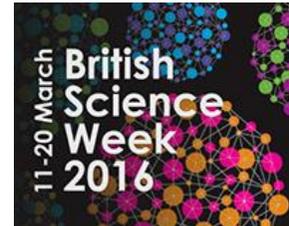
Great storage for our outdoor programmes.



Post-16 @ Epinay

Post-16 has undertaken First Aid training from the British Red Cross, particularly aimed at coping with incidents that may happen in their age group. Melanie Wallace, our instructor said "they have been a fantastic and inspirational group of young people to work  **BritishRedCross** with."

As part of the suite of ASDAN qualifications being studied, they have looked in depth at some conservational charities. This has meant some fabulous, if slightly muddy visits to the National Trust Wallington Estate. The group also volunteered at an out-door charity event in Hexham on 5th March, students braved the cold and wet and were remarkable considering it was a very long day!



Through a grant received from the Institute of Physics the school has been able to purchase a **3D printer**. The printer was setup ready for **British Science Week**

Having access to modern, exciting equipment within school offers good practical learning for pupils and enhances cross-curricular programmes in maths, science, art and design as well as developing creative and imaginative projects.

