

## Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Congratulations to the whole school who worked extremely hard to bring this amazing performance to the stage on Monday 15 and Tuesday 16 December!

There were two fantastic performances and our very talented pupils and staff showed off their dancing, singing and performance skills in a spectacular re-telling of the adventures of Charlie Bucket. Charlie was played by the amazing Nathan Carrick, Jade Pires mesmerised the audience as Violet, Michaela Kirkham dazzled as Veruca, Dante Foreman

broadcast his talents as Mike Teevee and Owen McCaffrey played a well rounded Augustus!



A heart warming thank you goes to Michael Heatley - Artistic Director and Choreographer of the show. Special staff thanks also go to Mrs Walsh & Mrs Harrison who co-ordinated the rehearsals and worked tirelessly to make the show happen and of course, the staff band for providing the live music! Well done to all!



*Merry Christmas & Happy New Year from all at  
Epinay Business & Enterprise School*

Welcome to the Christmas edition of our newsletter! Once again we have had another really busy term and this newsletter shows just some of the events and activities that have taken place. This term an enormous amount of preparation has been spent on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and I am sure you will agree, this was a spectacular event!

As usual, there has been lots of charity events held - McMillan Coffee Morning, Children in Need day, Jeans for Genes, Shoe Box Appeal and Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day!

Pupils continue to work hard and excellent GCSE and Entry Level results were seen in August.

Mrs Henderson, Teaching Schools Manager, has been in post since September and as part of our Teaching School status, we are supporting other schools as well as offering placements to students within Epina. Mr Meikle, our new Assistant Head Teacher, is working to develop creativity in Maths and has enjoyed the challenge his new post has brought! Mr Martin is now head of Post 16, based between Bede's World and South Tyneside College. The students are accessing a course based around life outside of school and are enjoying a range of activities leading to further qualifications.



Some of our pupils have been lucky enough to go to Thurston Outdoor Education Centre in the Lake District and four of our Key Stage 4 pupils have just returned from a town twinning trip to France!

Once again, many thanks for your continued support. Have a great Christmas and New Year and please note that pupils return to school on Tuesday 6 January at 8.50 am.

## Have a very happy and peaceful Christmas

Hilary Harrison, Head Teacher



## Enterprise Update!

Once again this term Epinay pupils welcomed pupils from Westoe Crown Primary school to join them in an enterprise activity. Working in mixed teams the groups explored a construction brief using marshmallows and spaghetti! The activity was hugely competitive and great fun for all of the pupils involved.

Pupils from Woodlawn School in North Tyneside joined us for a Christmas enterprise activity. Putting their team work and financial skills to the test, pupils created and filled Christmas crackers. Staff and pupils from both schools enjoyed the opportunity to work together and are already looking forward to the next joint venture.



Key stage 4 enterprise pupils have had a hectic run up to Christmas. Once again this year they have created and sold a new range of Christmas products for sale. Demonstrating excellent marketing skills two product ranges were completely sold out by early December.



## Garden News!

The Epinay garden club have had a wonderful year. The Café area has been revamped, the wild garden has been a great success, bulbs have been planted for the Spring next year and a border has been erected alongside the Car Park. We received a £500 grant from the Big Local and bought warm clothing and gardening equipment. We are also linked with Bedes World and will be developing a vegetable garden there in 2015. If anyone would like to volunteer to help on a Thursday next year (even the odd hour) it would be much appreciated.



## Art & Performing Arts

This term we have been researching the artist Keith Harding, the theme was Movement. The group took photographs of each other and used their silhouette to create layers, they explored materials such as acetate sheets and acrylic paint to create their final piece.

Performing Arts went to visit the Theatre Royal to see the Ballet of The Three Little pigs as part of their coursework.



## Sustrans Bike It Project

This term we have been fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with Claire from Sustrans. She has worked with Class 9JB to improve their cycling skills. As well as learning basic skills in school, the pupils have been out cycling along the cycleways in and around the Jarrow area. All pupils have benefited from these sessions as they have been taught road safety and they can now all ride a bike! We hope to continue the Bike It project with another class next term.

