

Epina y Business and Enterprise School

Rue's Remarks!

Our Remote learning offer this term has been outstanding, both our pupils and staff have been on a rapid ICT learning curve to ensure that we keep our pupils in education. We also very much appreciate the hard work all our families, we know it has been difficult and we endeavour to support you all. If there is any way in which we can help, please let our staff know via your weekly contact calls. Our staff have worked hard to ensure education provision continues to follow the curriculum and have come up with some innovative ways in which to engage our pupils at home. We have seen some interesting lesson planning and videos clips that we know our pupils have enjoyed! I would like to say a special thank you to all our staff who continue to support the school and each other, and our pupils and families.

I always look forward to our weekly school assemblies and I am always overwhelmed by the achievements and abilities of our pupils, especially during these difficult times. Our 'Stars of the Week' should be very proud, we have seen some great work in school and when learning at home. I will make sure that we have the *best reward trip ever - when we can!*

I would like to thank our Covid testing team who have put together a robust testing programme in school this term and we are very grateful that they are keeping us safe.

Finally, a sincere thank you to our local Argos store who donated 6 tablet devices to support our ICT provision.

Have a happy and safe school break and see you all again soon - ready to listen, ready to learn together!



Jan/Feb 2021

Epina y School Website

For all the latest information on Epina y School check out the school website at: www.epina y.org



16-19 Study Programme

Phase 5, group 2, students completed the Natwest Dream Bigger programme. The programme focused on developing transferable entrepreneurial skills and students received a completion certificate - **Well done everyone!**

Learning at Home

Remote lessons are provided via Google Classroom and class timetables are published on the school website weekly. Pupils are required to attend daily lessons and staff are on hand to fully support the learning and completion of work which is assessed and quality assured. We have seen outstanding live and blended lessons that have been engaging and, as shown by the high attendance numbers, learners are highly motivated.

We are delighted to be working with ICT in Schools and supporting our pupils at home ensuring they have adequate ICT devices so they can access remote learning. Through the Department of Education's Get Help with Technology programme we have delivered 83 laptops and 2 wifi routers to support our pupils at home, over the past few months.

We also have a few devices at school available to borrow on a temporary basis to anyone encountering ICT issues. Please get in touch if you are having any difficulties at home.

There is lots of help on the school website including help getting online and remote learning information for pupils, parents/carers <https://www.epina y.org/remote-learning/>

Epina y Business and Enterprise School News

In memory of ...

We received a lovely request from one of our families who recently lost a loved one. The family said that the school was close to Lynne Sheriff's heart, as her grandson attends the school, and she loved the outstanding work carried out by the teachers and staff.

They chose Epina y School to receive donations and we were overwhelmed by the family's generosity, receiving just over **£700**.

The money will go towards activities that develop our pupils' talents and skills.

Thinking of all our families

Breakfast Packs

Our breakfast packs are back after the February half-term!

All pupils in school will receive a breakfast pack; which includes a box of cereal and a packet of bagels. If your child is at home and you would like to collect a breakfast pack from school please email dmountain@epina y.org Enjoy!!!



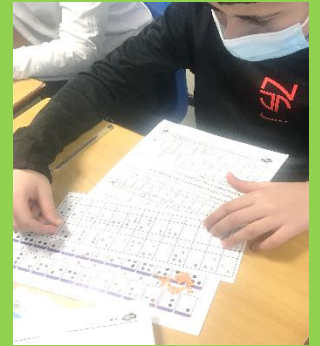
School Activities

We hope you have seen some of our activities via social media. We share lots of fun and exciting posts -and always receive lots of entries for Mr Rue's weekly competitions, from recycling ideas to cooking at home!

We all look forward to our weekly assemblies where we love to share the achievements of our pupils during these unusual times; they always amaze us with their creativity and positivity and we have seen some great work!

We continue to cover SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) topics that encompasses personal development and this term we have looked at Safer Internet Day, LGBT History, World Religion Day, Holocaust Memorial Day and World Braille day...

Brown Class completed comprehension work about Louis Braille and discussed with each other what they had found. They wrote their own braille for "my name is". Some of the class tried using red lentils to create the bumps of the braille.



Family First

Coronavirus: How to keep children healthy, happy, learning and entertained at home.

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Upcoming Events

February 2021 School Holidays
Mon 15 February - Fri 19 February

Red Nose Day - Comic Relief
Friday 19 March 2021

In Service Day
Thursday 1 April 2021

Easter Holidays
Fri 2 April - Fri 16 April
(Good Friday 2 April)

See website or social media for further details of all events.