

## Official Opening of EPS:

Saturday 20th October saw the official opening of Ecclesall Primary School and we were delighted that Cllr Jackie Drayton agreed to be our "guest of honour"



and perform the traditional cutting of the ribbon (blue of course). Mrs Hardy spoke to thank various people who had been involved with the expansion project before visitors moved inside to hear the Junior Choir perform under the direction of Laura Steelyard. We were thrilled to be able to open the doors to school families as well as members of the local community. We are very aware that there is still plenty of work to do before we feel totally finished i.e. display



boards, signage and furniture for storage etc. but feedback from the children (and parents) is generally very positive - thank you.

## EYFS Oreo & Friends:

We had a very busy morning in Reception when Oreo and Friends came to visit. Oreo was a raccoon, hand reared at Mayfield Alpacas Farm, now enjoying retirement in Portugal. We met one of his relatives Oden. Lots of other animals came to visit too. Everyone had the chance to handle the animals and explore their use of language to describe them and how they felt. Everyone was very brave and remained calm so as not to scare the animals. We all had to wash our hands afterwards too.



## Y4 Romans:

The children in Y4 have been learning about everything Roman this term and this has included a visit from History Alive, where they had the chance to learn about Roman Technologies and the roles that people played in their daily



lives, including holding a banquet. The children have also designed and made their own helmets and shields in order to prepare for the invasion of Ecclesall and they rehearsed their drill and tactics in the playground. Orders were barked (in Latin of course), and all infantry returned to barracks with no major casualties!

## Harvest Assembly:

Y4 children took the lead in our KS2 Harvest Assembly, which took place in All Saints Church. They made us all think carefully about where our food comes from through poems, readings, songs, pictures and dance. They also highlighted the importance of water and reminded us of how vital a resource this is. They told the audience about the work of Water Aid and the plight of people living in areas where clean water is not guaranteed. The collection at the end raised over £120 for the work of Water Aid too - thank you.

Well done to all the children and staff for their work preparing the assembly and thank you to all the parents/carers for coming to support the children.



## Y6 Netball:

Netball players from Y6 had their first taste of competition last week when they visited Shefffield Girls' for a round robin competition. They played 5 games; winning 2, drawing 1 and losing 2. They improved their skills and game playing tactics as the afternoon progressed and certainly enjoyed the



whole experience of playing against teams that they did not know, refereed by adults that they did not know and then being entertained to refreshments afterwards.

## Y2 visit from Owls:

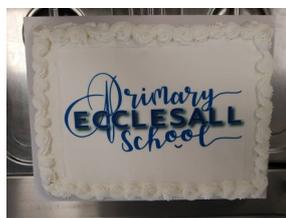
Our school hall may well have been mistaken for Hogwarts last week as there were Owls flying all around. The children were amazed at how silently they flew and how close they came when



flying overhead. They asked some really good questions of the handlers about the habits, habitats and requirements of the Owls and they listened attentively to the answers.

## EPTFA:

Many thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who work so hard to raise funds for school as well as provide great opportunities for the children and supporting the work of school. They recently ran the refreshments (and donated a cake) for the Official Opening and are currently involved with Christmas Cards and Bags/Tea Towels as well as planning for the AGM on November 7th, Toy Sale on November 10th Christmas Fair on November 24th. Please do see their facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/eptfa> or website <https://www.eptfa.org.uk/> for more information.



## Junior Cross Country:

We had another great morning of Cross Country, with seventeen enthusiastic runners representing Team Ecclesall at Norfolk Park on Saturday 13th October, some for the first time. Everyone showed determination in their races. A special mention to our top 10 finisher: Milly – 10th in the Y4 girls' race. Also congratulations to Evan, Jack, Benjamin and Liam, who had their best placing of the season so far. Well done to everyone. The next race takes place at Bradfield Secondary School on 17th November.



## 10 Day Active Travel:

To support active travel, George from Mode Shift Stars, who many of you may have met at the recent parents evening, came into school to talk to all the children about being as safe as possible on journeys to and from school. She talked about the importance of wearing bright, white or fluorescent clothing, especially once the clocks move back and the light is not as good over the winter. She has also been working with our Eco Warriors to encourage use of the walking bus routes and park and stride sites. Eco Warriors have also been busy learning about sustainability and recycling. They have made necklaces and bracelets from recycled inner tubes.



## Coming Up:

### October:

**Fri 26:** Y6 Hardwick Class Assembly - 9.00am

**Fri 26:** Dress As You Please £1.00 Last Day of 1/2 term

### November:

**Mon 5:** Return to School

**Mon 5:** Y5 Star man visit

**Tues 6:** Thur 8: Y2 visit Mosque

**Wed 7:** Y4 Losehill Hall visit meeting 7.00pm

**Wed 7:** EPTFA AGM 7.45pm

**Fri 9:** WW1 Centenary Day (Remembrance)

**Sat 10:** EPTFA Toy Sale 10.30am

**Tues 13:** Y2 Space Centre Visit

**Wed 14:** Y1 Ecclesall Woods Visit

**Fri 16:** Y5 Starfish Class Assembly 9.00am

**Fri 23:** Y6 Haddon Class Assembly 9.00am

**Sat 24:** EPTFA Christmas Fair 11.00am

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