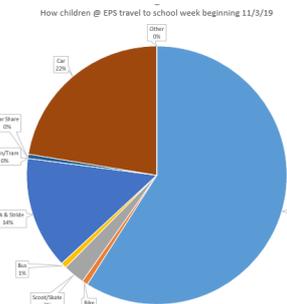


Active Travel:

We have been working hard to towards our Modeshift Stars Silver Award for encouraging active travel on the school run. The eco-team have carried out surveys about air pollution in our local area and we have surveyed everyone about how they currently travel to school. We now have additional storage for bikes/scooters so please do consider different modes of transport if at all possible, especially over the Summer Term.



Easter Assembly:

A “powerful and inspiring” re-telling of the Easter Story by the children in Y5 rounded off the Spring Term in style. The children acted, danced and sang confidently in a packed out All Saints Church on the last afternoon of term. It was great



to see so many parents and friends come along to support the children. Well done to all the children who were involved and to the staff for preparing them so well.

EYFS Playmound:

Many thanks to Vicky Parry and the EPTFA team who arranged for Dan Walker (BBC breakfast presenter) to come into school and “open” the climbing mound in the EYFS outdoor area. Dan spent a few hours at school, talking to the children in Reception and Y5 about his recent experiences climbing Mount Kilimanjaro as well as his work raising awareness of Tony Folds who tends to the memorial in Endcliffe Park. He then generously found the time the following day to mention Ecclesall Primary School on national television.



Bouldering Competition:

Congratulations to all the children who took part in the recent Sheffield Schools Bouldering competition hosted by the Climbing Works. Team Ecclesall were placed second overall after a really tense and exciting final. Special mention to Billy Johnson in Y6 who won individual second place. Thanks also to the parents who came along to assist with and support the team and to Mrs Earl for organising.



World Book Week:

There were so many activities planned for World Book Week including visits from two published authors and illustrators, Lynne Chapman and Laura Ellen Anderson who entertained the children with their story telling and insight into the world of writing and publishing.

The week was rounded off with the chance to dress up as a book character and the official opening of our library by recently retired teacher Mrs Routh. We hope that some of the activities that took place during the week will have inspired the children and helped to further develop a love of reading.



Y2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park:

It is not just ducks that like the rain - there were lots of animals out and about at the Yorkshire Wildlife Park when Y2 visited on the rainiest of rainy days. Lots of different animals came out of their shelters to see who



was mad enough to be wandering around on such a wet day. The children

enjoyed seeing their antics, especially the polar bears who were enjoying a cuddle!



National Science Week:



From Monday 11 - Friday 15 March was National Science week and we enjoyed all things scientific. We had guests into school who use science as part of their daily lives: dentists, doctors and opticians as well as experts



in robotics from the University of Sheffield who worked with Y3 children to write algorithms for the robots to carry out. All the children carried out investigations during the week, Y3 used the new data loggers purchased by the EPTFA to measure light and Y1 enjoyed investigating reversible and irreversible changes by making slime.



Y6 took their learning out of school and visited Magna where, not only did they look around the different galleries but also took part in a workshop to solve a crime using forensic science. A great week which we hope will have inspired the children.



Cross Country Races:

Determined and resilient runners have been flying the Team Ecclesall flag at the final two cross country meetings of the season. The City Championships at Graves Park saw a long, undulating course across varied terrain. Congratulations to Millie Crebbin who was third placed in Y4 girls' race. The relays at a flatter, Castle Dyke saw Team Ecclesall put out 5 teams of runners across the age groups - particular mention to the Y4 girls who came fourth.



Cheerleading Competition:

The first time that Team Ecclesall have entered a Cheerleading competition the girls came away placed 8th out of the 18 schools taking part. They were all very excited and had lots of nervous energy that needed controlling before their turn to perform at Wisewood Sports Centre. Their performance demonstrated excellent teamwork and trust with some strong movement and lifts. Well done girls.



Coming Up:

April:

Mon 15: return to school

Fri 19: Good Friday—school closed

Mon 22: Easter Monday - school closed

Tues 23: Return to school

Points Network Games at English Institute of Sport

Thur 25: MAST drop in sessions 10.00am - 1.00pm

Fri 26: EPTFA EYFS Disco 4.30pm

May:

Wed 1: Y1 trip to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Wed 1 - Fri 3: Y5 Residential to Kingswood

Fri 3: Y3 Foxes Class Assembly 9.00am

Mon 6: Bank Holiday Monday - school closed

Tues 7: Open the Book Assembly KS2

Thur 9: Y3 trip to Cresswell Crags

Fri 10: EPTFA Bun Sale pm

Mon 13 - Thur 16: Y6 End of KS2 SATS exams

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