

Mental Health Awareness:

In our recent parental survey 97.3% of respondents considered that their children were "happy" at school. As this forms part of our motto it is very important to us. In the week before half term we have been involving the children in all classes in various Mental Health Awareness activities - these range from playing and listening to music of all genres to studying books that directly address issues around mental health and well-being. Y5 children worked with Dr Rosie Walwyn and Hannah Godfrey (an art therapist) to further understand the work of the Longley Centre who provide a wide range of specialist health and social care services to improve the mental, physical and social wellbeing of the people living in Sheffield. They produced some beautiful artwork to be displayed at the centre.



Sporting Successes:

Well done to all our athletes who have represented Team Ecclesall so well in various competitions over the last few weeks. Two teams of Y4 footballers came 2nd and 3rd in a SFSS tournament and our swimming team were narrowly beaten into second place in an extremely exciting evening of swimming at Ponds Forge. We will be represented by 24 Y5 & Y6 athletes in the Sheffield City Athletics finals later on this term having performed so well in the recent heats at Woodburn Road stadium.

DIVISION A - FINAL RANKINGS	
1st	Hatfield - 91 points
2nd	Ecclesall - 80 points
3rd	Lydgate - 68 points
4th	Dobercroft - 55 points
5th	Dore - 64 points
6th	Mundella - 41 points
7th	St Catherine's - 40 points
8th	Slocombe - 35 points
9th	Hunters Bar - 29 points
10th	Martcliffe - 25 points



Y1 Sculptors:

Y1 artists came across some weird and wonderful creatures on their recent visit to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. They were told about the sculptures by their tour guide and then they had the chance to work in teams to create their own



works of art. The criteria for success was that they had to combine features from two different creatures. They all looked fantastic - well done.



Y2 Botanical Gardens:



Y2 have been studying plants as part of their Science topic this term so it made sense to take them to the Botanical Gardens where they had the chance to look closely at the huge variety of plants and

spend time carefully sketching them. They also honed their artistic skills by drawing some buildings, other features in the gardens and the friendly bear too!



Y3 Cresswell Crags:

Transporting children back to the Stoneage as Y3 experienced life in a cave including fire-making, searching for food, identifying bones and learning how to party Stoneage style with music making in a cave. A great day out at Cresswell Crags.



Y4 Go Wild:

The Y4 topic of "Let's Go Wild" saw the children going wild in Ecclesall Woods on a recent visit. They had the opportunity to look closely at biomes and habitats. Having studied these in the classroom, it was great to be able to go out and see them in nature. They looked closely at pond and woodland habitats and identified some of the creatures that they found.



They also had the chance to look at natural forms, colours and textures and produce some stunning pieces of collaborative art work.

EYFS Farm Visit:

Reception children spent a great day at Whitepost Farm. Much fun was had handling and learning about the animals. The children enjoyed getting up close with the animals - even stroking an albino snake! Everyone was very comfortable with all the animals when feeding them. They enjoyed a tour of the farm and even fitted in a tractor ride. Well done to all the children who behaved so impeccably.



Y5 Kingswood Residential:

Y5 children were really challenged on their residential visit to Kingswood. There were high adrenaline activities such as the zip wire and high ropes as well as new skills such as archery and climbing. The children supported each other really well, especially when one aspect or another was found tricky by one of their friends. A great few days away putting children in situations that we cannot recreate in the school/classroom.



EPTFA:

The EPTFA committee and volunteers have been working tirelessly over recent weeks. A



very successful fun run saw 100 children (and a few parents too) complete a 2.5K course around the school grounds and there has also been an infant disco and whole school bun sale. Raising funds for projects such as the new hall projector and new outdoor play equipment that will be coming soon. They are now working hard towards the Summer Fair on Saturday 13th July. Any donations of raffle and tombola prizes, mystery jars, teddies, bric a brac, books etc. can be brought to school at anytime. Thank you.

Music Performers:

KS2 children were treated to a music assembly during our Mental Health Awareness Week. It was the turn of children who played brass, woodwind and 'cello to perform and they all played confidently, demonstrating their musicianship. If



any children from Y1 upwards would like to start to play a musical instrument the office would be happy to put parents in touch with our team of peripatetic teachers.

Coming Up:

June:

Mon 3: Children return to school

Tues 4 - Fri 7: Y6 Residential to Hawkshead

Tues 4 & Wed 5: Y1 Weston Park trip

Fri 7: Reception Polars' Class Assembly 9.15am

Mon 10 - Fri 14: Y1 Phonics Screening Tests

Tues 11: Whole School Arts Day

Tues 11: Y2 Lions' Cricket

Tues 11: Y1 Learn to Ride - Modeshift Stars

Wed 12: Class Photos

Fri 14: Reception Pandas' Class Assembly 9.15am

Tues 18 & Thur 20: New Reception Coffee & Cake 2.00pm

Wed 19: KS2 Sports' Day 9.15am @ High Storrs

Wed 19: Y2 Tigers' Football

Thur 20: Y5/Y6 Sheffield Primary Athletics Finals 4.15pm

Fri 21: Reception Koalas' Class Assembly 9.15am

Fri 21: Infant Sports' Day 1.00pm

Thur 27 & Fri 28: Y6 show @ Merlin Theatre (show times TBC)

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