

KS2 Choir World Record:

In conjunction with Twinkl and about 340 other singers, our KS2 choir were involved in setting a new Guinness World Record for the largest number of people singing in a continuous relay. Each person had to sing just one word of a song, making sure it was audible and in time (as well as relatively tuneful). The record was set at the Crucible theatre under the direction of Caroline Hallam (Sheffield Music Hub and EPS choir trainer) and was featured on BBC Radio Sheffield and Look North. We were so excited and honoured to



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Yoga:

We are now into the second cycle of Yoga lessons



where every child from EYFS to Y6 will receive 8 lessons of yoga this academic year. This half term it is Y2 and Y3 children that have weekly sessions. Jo, from Kids Love Yoga, has devised a bespoke package of lively lessons that the children are really enjoying. They contain a mixture of activity and calmness that everyone, including the staff, look forward to each week.

Bikeability:

Children in Y6 have been receiving bikeability training this term. Sessions start on the playground and then the children are taken out onto surrounding roads to practise their skills and develop a greater understanding of road sense and safe, confident riding. Thanks to Cycle North for providing all the instructors.



Mylnhurst Cross Country:

Ecclesall Primary School were represented by 3 teams of 5 runners from Y3 to Y6 at the Mylnhurst Invitational Cross Country. Everyone ran the tight, twisty, three lap course very well, often pairing up and pacing each other to a better position. Once the scores were added up it became apparent that the Y5 & Y6 teams had performed very well and Ecclesall were announced



WINNERS of the whole competition. Well done everyone - you certainly deserved the sausage rolls and biscuits that followed the race.

Indoor Athletics :

Y1 Tigers took part in lots of different indoor athletics events at Ponds Forge last week. They had a great time competing against each other and themselves and displayed



really good sporting behaviours. Y6 athletes were runners up in the Indoor Athletics competition. Team EPS won the "field events" but just fell short (by 4 points) in the running relay races. Well done to all the children involved.

Y1 Sir Scallywag:



The children in Y1 really enjoyed their trip to the Crucible Theatre to see Music in the Round production of Sir Scallywag and the Battle of

Stinkybottom. They listened to lots of different instruments and learnt songs and actions to help retell the story. It was a wonderful opportunity to hear high quality live music in a wonderful environment and hopefully it will inspire musicians of the future.



Class Assemblies:

Class assemblies are a great chance for the children to revisit, consolidate and present their learning as well as work together towards a common goal. In recent weeks we have seen Y6 Hardwick tell us about their learning of Shakespeare's Macbeth, including some



very scary witches and some rather confused consciences. Y5 Stingrays had been thinking about the value of the month, "Ambition" and included songs and dance and individual "When I grow up.." statements. Y5 Starfish shared their learning about Space and the historical story of the first Moon landing. Well done to all the children who have taken part in a class assembly so far.



KS2 SFSS Cross Country:



As the season progresses so the racing becomes more challenging for the participants in the Saturday morning cross country events. The latest races took place at Bradfield Secondary School where mud was the overriding theme! The average placing has improved from 66th to 54th from the first race of the season for Team EPS. Thanks also to the staff who are taking it in turns to support the children in these events.

EPTFA Toy Sale:

The EPTFA have been busy sorting out Tea Towels, Mugs, Christmas Cards and the Toy Sale as well as making sure that everything is in place ready for the Christmas Fair - Saturday 30th November 11.00am - 2.00pm and the Junior discos on Thursday 19th December. Recent funding has been pledged for BeeBots (programmable robots) for KS1, Percussion project for Y3, Planters (currently in the courtyard) for Y6 Dig for Victory topic and a large donation towards the planned Ecclesall Hub (outdoor classroom space). Thank you.



Chess:

We welcomed Mylnhurst chess club to Ecclesall giving 14 children the opportunity to play a competitive chess match. In the first round it was all a little new to both sets of players and there was nervous rushing through moves in a tense atmosphere. The second set of matches was more thoughtful with some great chess being played on both sides of the boards. Well done to team Ecclesall who came away with a resounding win, overturning the results from the last two meetings.



Orchestral Workshop:



A selection of musicians were invited to participate in an orchestral workshop at High Storrs School. There was the opportunity to play alongside more experienced players as well as children from other primary schools. The afternoon was lead by Mrs Spencer, the Head of Music, and she put them through their paces with two pieces - the Dr Who theme tune and Mars from The Planets Suite by Holst. The afternoon finished with an informal performance by the orchestra to parents and friends.

Coming Up:

December: Value = Forgiveness



Tues 3: EYFS Christmas Workshop 9.00 - 10.00am

KS2 Choir to High Storrs 1.30pm

Wed 4: Y6 Propaganda Workshop

Y2 Christmas Workshop 9.00 - 10.00am

Y4 Hollowford Trip Meeting 3.30pm (Owls Classroom)

Thurs 5: Y1 Christmas Workshop 9.00 - 10.00am

Mon 9: Y2 Nativity 2.00pm

Wed 11: Y2 Nativity 2.00pm

Thu 12: Y2 Nativity 2.00pm

KS2 Choir - Whirlow Hall Farm Carol Service - Holy Trinity Church, Millhouses 7.00pm

Mon 15 & Wed 18: EYFS Christmas Singing 9.15 - 9.45am

KS2 Open the Book Assembly

Tues 16 & Thu 19: Y1 Christmas Singing 9.00 - 9.30am

Wed 18: Y3 Christmas Assembly @ All Saints Church 2.00pm

Thu 19: EPTFA Junior Discos Y3 & Y4 5.00 - 6.15pm, Y5 & Y6 6.30 - 7.45pm

Fri 20: Last Day of Term Dress as you please £1.00

Mon 6 January 2020: Return to School

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