

Y3 Egyptian Day:

We welcomed the History Alive team into school to kick start the Y3 topic about the Ancient Egyptians and transport everyone back thousands of years. The children were taught by Cleopatra and Howard Carter about clothing, daily life and rituals (including how to embalm a body). They all had a great time dressing up and learning an Egyptian dance as well as making mod-roc mummies.



Football: Girls' Champions:

What a fantastic result from the recent Under 9 girls' football team who were crowned South Yorkshire

Champions at their recent tournament at Handsworth Football Club. We will update with further details next month.

We are very proud of all our footballers who represented team EPS in the recent South Yorkshire finals. The U11 boys lost out on qualification due to a slow start in their first match. They went on to play three more games without defeat. The U9 boys lost out on penalties in their semi-final match. The children have all really enjoyed wearing the new EPS football kit (modelled above by the U11 boys), kindly provided with contributions from the EPTFA and Ecclesall Rangers Football Club.

Charity:

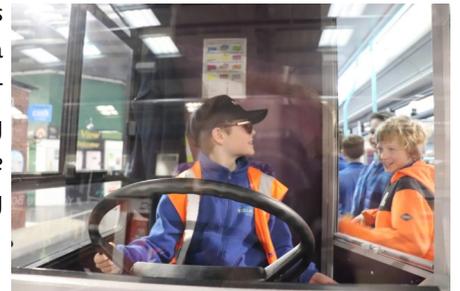
A small group of Y4 pupils decided to raise money for the Sheffield Children's Hospital by setting up a stall one Friday evening after school. They made various items ranging in price from £2.00 to 20p in order to make a difference to poorly children in Sheffield and beyond. They presented their giant cheque to the Hospital last week as well as sharing it in assembly - well done.



Crucial Crew:



The children in Y6 spent a day at the Life-wise Centre in Rotherham learning how to stay safe in various different situations. They experienced different scenarios ranging from shoplifting, peer pressure, knife crime and house fires to arson, road safety, first aid and what happens in a magistrates court. A great day with so much learning as these pupils begin to prepare for their continuing journey through school life into secondary school.



Y2 Victorians:

A very strict set of teachers arrived at school last week to welcome the children in Y2 to a day in the life of a Victorian child. They learned that school was a very different place and,



although they had lots of fun, they doubted if their Victorian predecessors would have had quite such an easy time. With the cane, drill, handwriting on slates and a dunce cap in use the children were really immersed in a Victorian School experience. They were all glad to return to the 21st Century at the end of the day!

Hallé Orchestra:

We were very fortunate to welcome Andy to school to work with the Y5 pupils. Andy is a professional musician, playing the French Horn with the World renowned Hallé Orchestra. He brought his French Horn to school to demonstrate the instrument, show the range and tone that can be achieved and talk about his



life as a musician within the orchestra. Andy also worked with the children to perform the opening theme from Tchaikovsky Symphony No. 5 using tuned and un-tuned percussion to accompany his playing. Children and their parents were then invited to attend a concert at the City Hall in which Andy was playing featuring the Tchaikovsky symphony. They also got to hear Jessica Gillam - an amazingly talented young saxophonist. This was all made possible



through our links with Sheffield Music Hub and their connections with the Hallé. An awe inspiring experience for all the children.

Tennis :

Y6 classes have been attending tennis lessons at the Hallamshire tennis club this term. A few children have shown real promise and have benefitted greatly from the expert coaching and high quality facilities that they have received at the club. Thank you very much to Zach and Ryan for providing this opportunity - we'll see you when one of our pupils is playing on centre court at Wimbledon!



Cross Country:

Well done to the super resilient cross country runners who turned out for the latest Sheffield Federation of School Sports Cross Country at Brunswick School. There were record numbers representing team EPS and some really great running, especially as the sport becomes more and more challenging with conditions underfoot deteriorating and the temperatures getting colder. Congratulations to the Y5/Y6 boys' team getting through to the South Yorkshire finals at Cannon Hall Farm later in February.



Art Day:

Children from all year groups enjoyed a wonderful day of Art activities using Degas' ballerinas as a starting point. We were joined by dancers from Dance Dronfield who moved and posed for the children throughout the morning, giving them the opportunity to explore and experiment using pencils and pastels. Back in the classrooms the children tried making sculptures from tin foil, drawing from anatomical figures and various techniques to show strength and movement. Many thanks to



Mrs Chester who co-ordinated the day and also provided a bonus ballet session for EYFS pupils.

Coming Up:

February: Value = Resilience

Tues 4 - Thu 6 : Y2 visit Mosque

KS2 Climbing competition @ The Works 12.00pm

Fri 7: Y5 Seahorses Class Assembly 9.15am

EPTFA Bun Sale

Sat 8: KS2 Cross Country @ Concord Park 9.30am

Orienteering @ Botanical Gardens 12.30pm

Y5 Netball tournament @ Sheffield Girls' 1.00pm

Mon 10: Maths Week

Y5 Climbing Wall

Tue 11: Y5/Y6 Cross Country Boys' S. Yorks Finals

Maths presentation to parents 6.00pm

Thu 13: Maths work share to parents 3.20 - 5.00pm

Fri 14: Dress As You Please £1.00

Y1 Blue Whales Class Assembly 9.15am

Mon 17: Fri 21: Half Term Holiday

Mon 24: Return to School

Thu 27: Y3 visit Synagogue

Fri 28: Y4 Eagles Class assembly 9.00am

Sat 29: KS2 Cross Country @ Graves Park 9.30am

Y6 Netball Tournament @ Sheffield Girls' 1.00pm

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