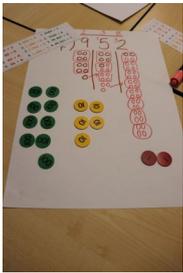


Maths Evening:

Parents were given the opportunity to experience for themselves exactly how Maths is taught at EPS and a huge number of parents really wanted to find out at our recent Maths evening. Methods and pedagogy were demonstrated in the hall before everyone had the chance to be taught by the children from each year group to see how they answer calculation questions, often using concrete resources. The main message was that Maths must be made fun and engaging both in school and at home.



Cross Country:

Demonstrating this month's value of RESILIENCE in huge bucket loads have been our growing number of cross country runners. We have had two events in February, Concord Park and Graves Park (City Championships) both tricky courses, made even harder by conditions underfoot - especially at Graves Park where just staying upright deserved a medal. Congratulations to all the



children who have taken part, especially Annabelle (Y4) and Evan (Y6) who have regularly been placed in the top 10 runners in their age groups in the City. We will be recruiting a few extras to make sure that we have strong teams for the relays at Castle Dyke on Saturday 21st March.



Football Girls' Champions:

At the very end of January the Y4 girls were involved in the South Yorkshire football finals held at Handsworth Sporting Club. Having successfully navigated the group stages they proceeded to the knock out where things got a little more tense. A draw in the semi final led to a penalty shoot out which saw team EPS go through to the final against Dobcroft. A close game with really good play from both sides saw our girls win 2-0. Congratulations to the whole team—**South Yorkshire Champions.**



Class Assemblies:

Class assemblies are a really good chance for children from each class to demonstrate their confidence and team work and present their learning to a wider audience of parents, grandparents, friends and children from other classes. We have been treated to some excellent presentations over the last month from Y5 Seahorses who took us on a journey up a mountain, Y1 Blue Whales who showed us under the sea and told us about the effects of plastic pollution and Y4 Eagles who reminded everyone (very tactfully) that "What goes in must come out". Well done to all the children involved and thanks to everyone who supports the children by attending class assemblies.



Orienteering:

On a number of Saturday afternoons throughout the year, at various parks and venues around Sheffield, a team of resilient children from EPS can often be seen, with maps in hand, running full tilt whilst looking for various control points. These are our orienteers who are demonstrating their mental and physical skills so well. We are hoping that the eagle eyed may have noticed our permanent orienteering control points up around school - staff will be receiving training on this later on this term. Please see the online calendar for future events - all welcome.



Healthy minds:

We are all very aware of how important it is to lead a healthy lifestyle in order to ensure both our bodies and our minds stay healthy. This year we have been working with the Healthy Minds project and have introduced a number of initiatives into our curriculum. These include yoga (with Kids love Yoga), wellbeing time and directions about how to take a sensory break during lessons. It is also important that we make the learning as fun as possible and children from Reception to Y6 have been enjoying cooking as part of their learning in recent weeks. EYFS children baked ginger buns to link with their topic about the Gingerbread man whilst Y6 children learned about traditions and vocabulary related to Mardi Gras in French as well as having the chance to make (and flip) crêpes.



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Y5 Climbing Wall:



A stunning finale to their topic on mountains and explorers for Y5 as they finally got the chance to climb on the mobile climbing wall. After a couple of failed attempts due to poor weather conditions were perfect for sightseeing from the top of the mountain and many of the children achieved their target of making it to the summit. Well done to everyone who challenged themselves.

Y3 Synagogue visit:

The children in Y3 visited the Synagogue on Psalter Lane as part of their topic on Judaism. Rabi Golam talked to the children about the symbols that they saw around the building, the groups of people that make up a community as well as items, traditions and rituals that are important to Jewish people. A really fascinating insight into the Jewish religion brought to life by the Rabi - thank you.



Y5 Netball:

Y5 girls had the opportunity to show their skills in netball when they competed in the recent Sheffield Federation of School Sports tournament hosted by Sheffield Girls' School. They started strongly, undefeated after two games but as the tournament progressed so the opposition became harder. The netball improved significantly but results did not see them progress into the knockout stages. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to Hannah and Mrs Burdon for their work with the team.



Coming Up:

March: Value = Honesty

Mon 2 - Fri 6: Y6 Mock SATS tests

Tues 3 - Fri 6: Scholastic Book Fair

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Wed 4: EYFS reading & phonics workshop 9.00am - 10.00am

KS2 Choir joint concert @ Silverdale 6.30pm

Fri 6: EPTFA film night 5.20pm

Mon 9 - Fri 13: National Science Week

Mon 9: Y6 visit Magna

Rahul Mandal - British Bake off work with Y1

Tues 10: Y2 visit Yorkshire Wildlife Park

Wed 11: Quantum Science Theatre Visit

Thu 12: Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 7.30pm

Fri 13: Y1 Seals class assembly 9.15am

Sat 14: Orienteering @ Norfolk Park 12.30pm - 3.00pm

KS2 Swimming trials 4.00pm @ King Edwards' Pool

Tues 17: Y4 Football Tournament @ Goodwin Sports pm

Parents' Evening 3.30pm - 5.30pm

Thu 19: Y1 visit All Saints Church

Junior Disco - 5.00 - 6.15pm & 6.30 - 7.45pm

Fri 20: Y3 Hedgehog class assembly 9.00am

KS2 Bouldering finals am @ The Works

Y5/Y6 Boys' Football tournament @ Goodwin Sports pm

Y5/Y6 Girls' Netball tournament @ Ponds Forge pm

Sat 21: Cross Country Relays @ Castle Dyke 9.30am

Wed 25: Y1 reading & phonics workshop 9.00am - 10.00am

Y5 Easter Assembly @ All Saints Church 2.00pm

Thu 26 & Fri 27: INSET days - school closed

Easter Holidays

School open Tuesday 14 April

<http://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/index.php/calendar/>

