

COVID-19:

As the sun nearly sets on another school year, we should be enjoying all those traditional Summer Term activities. However, COVID-19 is still very much alive in our community and is seemingly going to have the last word on this year too. As you can see from this newsletter, we are making sure that some activities have been adapted and will be continuing in a revised/COVID secure format. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all our families who have been so supportive of the really difficult decisions to self isolate bubbles. We know how difficult and frustrating these arrangements are - you have our FULL sympathy. Please do continue to follow guidelines and help to protect yourselves and others.



EYFS Minibeasts:

We have started our new topic 'minibeasts' and the children have absolutely loved it. Our topic launch activity, bug hunt was a huge success. We have been busy learning about bees and made bee cafes, bug hotels and wormeries.



Sports' Day:

We are having to do all sorts of things differently this year, and sports' day is one of those traditional calendar events that has had to change. The children have been split into 3 E-P-S teams, Ennis-Hill, Peaty and Storey (all Yorkshire Olympians) and the children compete in their class/year group bubbles. The scores are collated and updated each day on the new Sports' Day Google Site (click on image below). Here you will find daily challenges for each Key Stage, some information about each team as well as the overall leader board. Thank you so much to our PE curriculum leaders for putting this together and making sure that we have an inclusive, competitive event for all the children and ensuring that the event will continue to run beyond the planned week to make sure that as many children as possible have a chance to take part.



Gold Active Travel Award:

We have been working hard with George, from Modeshift Stars to encourage active travel and have continued to take a daily travel survey using the WOW travel tracker from Living Streets. We will be submitting our application for this award shortly. This week we have delivered over 100 letters



to local residents, inviting them to take part in a survey about local travel and we will pass on the results of the survey to SCC. Whilst on the way, the children also took the opportunity to do a bit of litter picking - every little helps!



Sports Week 2021

Keep up to date with the daily events and winning team on here. We will update the scores daily!

The Teams



Children's Hospital Bear:

We are delighted to let everyone know that our wonderful Sheffield Children's Hospital school Bear will be placed in the Central Library over the summer. It has been a long time coming since the EPTFA helped to raise sponsorship money by completing the Sheffield 10K in September 2019. Over £2300 was split between the snowflake appeal and the bears project. We would like to encourage everyone to go along a take a look at it, pose for a photo and send it into gwillatt@ecclesall.sheffield.sch.uk to go into an online album over the Summer holidays. While you are in town, why not enjoy bear trail all around Sheffield?



Beat the Streets:

Many of you have been enjoying the Beat the Streets game that started a couple of weeks ago. The leader board changes daily so keep collecting those points and finding more and more control points. Why not persuade families to use the maps and go and explore a different area of Sheffield for an hour or so of points collecting? Keep going Team EPS!

Team	Average pts	Total pts
All		
1 Marcliffe Primary	698	196,650 pts
2 Westways Primary	681	143,240 pts
3 Lydgate Junior	639	122,630 pts
4 Ecclesall Primary School	591	114,540 pts
5 Hallam Primary	701	112,400 pts
6 Mundella Primary	556	106,410 pts

Orienteering:

We cannot wait for the gradual, safe re-opening of inter-school sport and one sport that has already managed some competition is orienteering. Congratulations to Emily, Lucy and Jack who all represented EPS in the Yorkshire & Humberside Schools Orienteering Championship near Huddersfield last month. Emily and Jack were placed 3rd in their year group and Lucy went one better, coming second in the Y6 girls category. Very, very well done.



In the news:

Pupils from EPS have been featured in two publications recently, the Star newspaper featured an item about the installation of our community

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Defibrillators installed at school after Euros drama

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A defibrillator has been installed at Ecclesall Primary School following a successful fundraising campaign led by the school's Year 6 pupils. The defibrillator was installed in the school's main hall after the pupils raised over £1,000 through a variety of activities, including a sponsored walk and a charity event. The defibrillator is a vital piece of equipment that can save lives in the event of a cardiac arrest. The school is proud to have this life-saving equipment on site and is grateful to the community for their support.



defibrillator, funded by the EPTFA and the Eat Smart Sheffield Summer Newsletter included an article about our Y6 growing project.

Computing Skills:

Since September we have all become much more familiar with online learning, video meetings and all things IT. Having put in place basic training on Google Classroom at the beginning of the year, the staff at EPS have all been working with a Google Certified Trainer, Stephen Wiles, who is also head of e-learning at Sheffield Girls' School. He has put us through our paces and prepared any staff who want to take their google Educator Level 1 exam.

The intended outcome and impact of this training has always been more about using the tools we have available to us to work more efficiently with the children and our Y6 pupils have been using various Google Apps to good effect as part of their Enterprise Topic. They have used a wide range of tools including spreadsheets to calculate costs and potential profits, creating a website to advertise their product, produced slides to present to a panel to secure funding, used groups to communicate with each other, shared docs and slides to collaborate as teams and designed forms to gather market research. Coupled with their green screen adverts and logo designing, both embedded in their slides and sites there has been a really steep learning curve for everyone involved.



Coming Up:

Mon 5 - Fri 9: Transition week

Wed 7 July: Bling your Bike/Scooter

Thur 8 July: Y6 Leavers' Party 6.30 - 8.30pm

Fri 9 July: End of year reports sent out

Fri 16 July: End of Term

Mon 1 Sept: Inset Day

Thurs 2 Sept: Children return to school

