

## Welcome:

The start of the Autumn Term is always a time of new beginnings and fresh hope.



This September that has been the overwhelming feeling around school. We are so proud of all the children, how they have returned to their new classes and settled so well, especially our new EYFS children and any others who have joined us at various stages of their primary school journey.

Although COVID-19 is very much still with us, we have cautiously begun to "return to normal" with many events and visitors coming back (see the "Coming Up" section of this Newsletter to see just how busy we are). There is still a way to go until we are completely as we were pre-pandemic but each little step gives us more hope as we move through this academic year.

We look forward to being able to report many more successes in our monthly EPS updates and please do follow and like our social media pages for more regular updates.

## Modeshift Stars Platinum:

We are delighted to have been awarded a Platinum Modeshift Stars award for our work to promote safe, active and sustainable travel. The school are now proudly part of the National School Travel Awards.

We have had a lot of fun over the last 3 years encouraging all members of our school community to adopt a more active way of travelling to and from school. As well as recording the children's daily journeys to school, we have held bling your bike/scooter days, a walking bus from a local pub car park with Living Streets, Wheely Wednesdays, we have trained Y6 pupils on the bikeability scheme and we have had Dr Bike into school to carry out basic safety checks and services.



## Y5 Ancient Greece:



Y5 had a fantastic day learning all about the



Famous Five Greeks. They experimented with lifting equipment and spirals thanks

to Archimedes, investigated water wheels with Philo, spun silk with Pamphile, opened Pandora's box with Sophocles and then took the Hippocratic oath thanks to the doctor, Hippocrates. Many thanks to Kathryn from The History Van for making the topic come alive.



We do understand that the school run is often part of a longer journey to and from their own work-places for parents and carers and we have encouraged families to park and stride whenever possible. The Active travel agenda fits well into our aim of encouraging healthy bodies and minds. We work closely with various organisations and the children have been busy growing their own fruit and vegetables, learning outdoors and making the most of physical activities.



Ecclesall Primary School are one of only a handful of Schools in Sheffield to be awarded this prestigious Platinum Award.

Click on the link [here](#) to view a video that was submitted to the panel as evidence of the activities that we do to encourage a healthy lifestyle and promote the active travel agenda.

## EPTFA Used Uniform:

We are delighted to receive donations of good quality pre-loved uniform in the green bin situated opposite the entrance to kids club (see photo). This can include anything worn to school but we cannot sell items with the old school logos on (these can be donated to most charity shops for recycling).

Pre-loved uniform is sold on the EPTFA Facebook page (there is a pinned post at the top of the page) with online payments and local delivery available.



## Music Hub Links:



We have enjoyed a brilliant working relationships with our friends at Sheffield Music Hub for many years now and we are delighted that children are beginning to enjoy and benefit from their expertise and enthusiasm once again. We have a large team of peripatetic teachers offering individual or paired lessons in drums, piano/keyboard, brass, guitar, violin, 'cello, singing and woodwind. All the children in Y2 will benefit from Nigel's tuition in their class descant recorder lessons, Y3 children take part in group, tuned percussion lessons with Roz and we are also thrilled to have our KS2 choir back rehearsing with the talented Charlotte. If you would like to find out more about musical opportunities at school please get in touch with the office.



## Star Swimmer:

Every so often we have children who are beginning to participate in "elite" sporting events and we are very proud to count them as one of "our" pupils. Huge congratulations to Megan who has qualified to swim in the Yorkshire Swimming Championships in October. She is racing in all strokes (50m) and 100m free-style. We can't wait to hear how she gets on. Good luck Megan.



## Cross Country:

Very well done to all of our hardy cross country runners and orienteers. The first events of the season saw orienteers at Endcliffe Park and Cross Country runners at Bolehills Park. All representatives of the mighty Team Ecclesall showed determination and resilience in abundance that is going to prove really useful as the season progresses and conditions for these sorts of activities become more challenging. Especially well done to the Y5 & Y6 Boys' team who urged each other on to get 4 runners "home" in the top 35 places—a great result.



## Sunflower Room:

We are delighted to announce the opening of Sunflower Room this term! In the mornings, a few children are able to access additional support with their learning and emotional literacy in a relaxing and engaging environment. In the afternoons, the space is used by all year groups for a variety of short term social, emotional and well being groups. The provision is an excellent addition to our school in helping us provide children with the support they need in order to be successful in life. The children love it and already we are starting to see the positive impact it is having throughout school.



## Coming Up:

- Fri 1: EPTFA Bun Sale  
Fri 1 & Fri 8: Baby Basics Collection  
Sat 2: Cross Country @ Parkwood Springs 9.30am  
Mon 4: Y1 Gruffalo workshop  
Tues 5 & Thur 7: Parents' Evening Appointments  
Thur 7: National Poetry Day  
Sun 10: Mental Health Awareness Day - Thankful  
Mon 11 - Wed 20: Y6 Bikeability  
Mon 11: Individual Photographs  
Fri 15: Y2 Owl Visit  
Sat 16: Cross Country @ Concord Park 9.30am  
Sat 16: Orienteering @ Shirebrook Valley 12.00pm  
Thur 21: Dress As You Please Day £1.00 donation  
Fri 22: INSET Day, school closed  
Mon 25 - Fri 29: Half Term Holiday  
Mon 1/11: Return to school Autumn 2  
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