

Tuesday 9th November 2021

Curriculum clubs letter

Dear Parents / Carers of Ecclesall Primary School,

We are delighted to be able to offer more extra-curricular clubs in school and this brings with it, various opportunities for the children to experience another, important side of school life.

We consider ourselves to be an inclusive school, giving all the children a chance to participate in various clubs and activities from singing in the choir to experiencing the great outdoors in Forest Schools in our wildlife garden, running in cross country races or orienteering events, participating in yoga, learning karate, as well as playing netball and football. We are looking forward to the completion of our “Ecclesall Hub” which will provide us with additional space to broaden our extra-curricular offer. These may include some more non-sporting opportunities including Music, Art and using it during the school day as a class linked to outdoor learning in our school grounds. We are also hopeful that other external providers will be able to offer other clubs and use these additional spaces.

Below is the present list of clubs on offer, which will be added to over the coming months:

Extra-Curricular Clubs/ Music Hub for Ecclesall Primary School

Hall	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before school	KS2 Choir	Y3-Y6 Karate	KS2 Yoga	KS1 Yoga	
After School	Y1 & Y2 Karate	KIDS CLUB	KIDS CLUB	Y2 Football	Y5 & Y6 Netball
Studio	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School	KIDS CLUB				
MUGA/Field	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School	Y3 & Y4 Football	Y5 & Y6 Football	Y1 Football		Y3-Y6 Girls Football
Wildlife Area	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School	Y6 Forest Skills	Y3 Forest Skills	Y4 Forest Skills	Y5 Forest Skills	Y1 & Y2 Forest Skills

Our school PE curriculum is very inclusive and all children have the opportunity to experience a wide variety of team and individual sports as well as focus on health benefits (both mental and physical), skills development and the importance of sporting values. Children are often challenged within the PE curriculum to set themselves targets to beat and some units of work conclude with a “festival”. Some of these will have competitive elements to them and children are taught explicitly about behaviours surrounding both winning and losing. Competition plays a vital part in sport and of course, in all walks of life, and we believe that it is

important to expose the children to this within a supportive environment whilst at primary school. Our Sports' day, for example, is fully inclusive with a competitive element. This is also true of our clubs, i.e. there is no "audition" to be allowed to sing in our choir, nor is there a trial to be allowed to participate in Saturday morning cross-country or any of the football or netball clubs etc.

There are occasions when we, as a school, are required to select a few children to participate in competitions – these are often sporting but not always. As much as we would love to take everyone it is just not possible, for that reason, we have to select a "team". The selection process is given thought before each competition and input is provided from our school coaches and class teachers. Some events have strict rules about the "make up" of a team including gender; others have no criteria at all. We will always select a team based on ability and attitudes with a view to progressing as far as possible within the competition. We will also use these situations to teach and manage children's responses to selection and disappointment when not selected.

Our new Pupil voice will be meeting with Mrs Lucas (Pupil voice Lead) in the next few weeks. They will then feedback to their classes and ask for ideas for future clubs (sporting and non-sporting). We are now only using the dining room and studio for lunchtimes so are organising opportunities for more lunchtime clubs to start up once again in the hall. We will inform you of future clubs as soon as we have the information.

Kind regards

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