

Welcome:

We feel as if the first half term of this academic year has been a huge success and we hope that you all agree. The seven and a half week stretch has seen us celebrate World Poetry Day (with an environmental theme and the help of local poet Annie Lloyd-Hyde), Mental Health Awareness Day (see our "Thankful" film [here](#)) and Black History Month as well as all the events covered in this newsletter. We were also delighted to be able to re-introduce the EPTFA bun sale and we are already looking forward to further, cautious, easing of restrictions as we move into the next half term. We have plans to be able to serve hot, plated dinners, re-start a few more extra-curricular clubs and begin to welcome more visitors into school to help enhance the curriculum yet further. Fingers crossed for another successful half term as we run up towards the wonderful season of Christmas and all the magic and excitement that it holds in schools for all the children.



Y2 Flying High:

Thank you very much to Bob Morley who brought in a number of owls that the children were able to get up close to. They looked carefully at how the owls moved and then re-created the shapes and the idea of movements in some wonderful collages. Well done Y2!



Points Network (Sports):

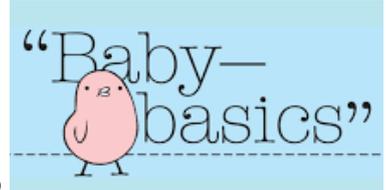


We are so fortunate to have the English Institute of Sport so close by and it makes the perfect venue for various events throughout the year. Children from Y2 and Y5 have visited over the last few weeks taking part in events hosted by Points Network (a PE provider we buy into using our Sports' Premium funding). Y2 competed in indoor athletics, coming a close second overall while children from Y5 took part in a non-competitive team building afternoon where they had to work together to complete various challenges. Once again, we were proud of the sporting behaviours and values that were demonstrated by the children at both these events - well done.



Harvest Appeal:

Thank you so much to everyone who donated to our, slightly different, harvest appeal this year. Instead of collecting items of food we decided to support the charity Baby Basics who provide much needed essential items for children and families living in and around Sheffield. Three car loads were delivered to their HQ on Glossop Road and the staff there were overwhelmed by your generosity. Thank you again for making a difference.



Y5 Ancient Greece:

The topic of Ancient Greece is so rich and varied and lends itself well to making cross-curricular links. From Art & DT to drama, dance, PHSCE & citizenship and geography (as well as history of course), the children can really immerse themselves in the learning.

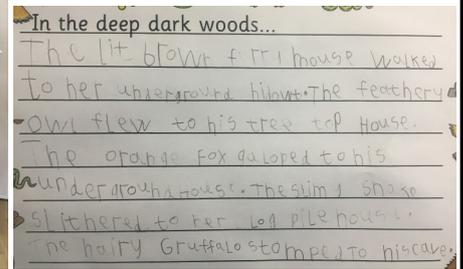


Y1 Gruffalo:

The children in Y1 had the chance to meet a real Gruffalo - yes, there is such a thing! He was not as scary as some of the animals in the wood thought though and he inspired the children to complete



some amazing writing using wonderful vocabulary. Well done Y1.



Cross Country events:

Congratulations to everyone who has had a go at one of the three cross country events so far this term, all of which have been mild and dry (long may that last). There have been some great performances and everyone now has their own personal position target to aim for. Well done to the 20 children who represented team EPS at the invitational race at Mylnhurst School - again, some great running and they all demonstrated our school values of positivity and respect in abundance.



Y6 Seeing is Believing:

Things are not always as they seem and our eyes can deceive us. Y6 were well and truly duped



into thinking that they saw things they did not by illusionist Andrew Todd. This provides an unbelievable start to the topic about light and how the human eye works.

Coming Up:

Mon 1/11: Return to school

Wed 3/11: Y6 Information Evening (virtual) 6.30pm

Tue 9/11: Y3/Y4 Football tournament TBC

Fri 12/11: Paul Sturgess visit Y5/Y6 PHSCE

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Sat 13/11: EPTFA Toy Sale 10.30am

Sat 13/11: Cross Country @ Bradfield School 9.30am

Sat 13/11: Orienteering @ Botanical Gardens 12.30pm

Tue 23/11: Dennis Ashton visit Y5

Sat 27/11: EPTFA Christmas Fair TBC

Sat 27/11: Cross Country @ Norfolk Park 9.30am

<https://ecclesallprimary.co.uk/calendar/>

EPTFA Bun Sale:

Thank you so much to the EPTFA who organised and staffed a wonderful return of the traditional bun sale. This event raised a whopping



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which will go towards enhancing the experiences of all the children at school. Thank you also to everyone who bought, baked, ate and enjoyed the buns - we can't wait for the next one!