

Welcome:

Our favourite term in school, warmer weather, more opportunities to take our learning outside, the final push towards statutory tests for Y1, Y2, Y4 and Y6 and just so busy with a mixture of school trips, EPTFA activities, and inter-school events. Please do keep up to date with everything that goes on by keeping an eye on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter as well as our online calendar.



Music Hub Gala Concert:



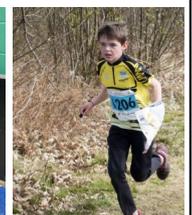
Our KS2 choir performed as part of the Sheffield Music Hub Gala Concert held at the Octagon. There was a strong recognition of everything that people went through during the pandemic and the children gave "live" performances of pieces that were released by the Music Hub using remote videos during lock downs. It was wonderful to see our children so immersed in the experience and also so many former pupils still heavily involved in high quality music-making in Sheffield. Well done to everyone involved and thank you to all adults (Music Hub & EPS staff, as well as parents) who helped to facilitate this event.

Mr Stedman's Challenge:

Mr Stedman is taking on a big challenge this summer to raise money for a great cause, [Macmillan Cancer Support](#). He will be running an Ultra Marathon of over 30miles around the Peak District with lots of hills and beautiful views. Any donations would be greatly appreciated for Macmillan and the important support they provide when people need it the most.

Individual success:

We are very aware that lots of our children participate in activities outside school, from sports to arts, scouts and girl guiding, adventurous activities or environmental campaigns. We are very proud of Jay and Edward who represent Sheffield Hockey and have recently won Yorkshire Overall League Champions and were winners in the Yorkshire Youth Hockey League Play Offs. Jack loves orienteering and recently took part in the British Orienteering Championship on the South Downs, winning a silver medal. Well done to Alice for her gymnastics successes at the Yorkshire women's artistic gymnastics, she passed with distinction and won a silver medal.



Y6 SATS:

The week of May 9th 2022, Y6 pupil's across the country will sit their SATs (Standard Assessment Tests). They will have 2 maths exams (arithmetic and reasoning), a reading exam and a SPAG exam (spelling, punctuation and grammar). Writing will be teacher assessed during June 2022, rather than a fixed exam.



The results of the SATs are shared with the government to measure schools' progress and with secondary schools. Secondary schools are also sent teacher assessed information too. At EPS we recognise that whilst SATs are important, they are not the be all and end all. Teachers try to help all children fulfil their potential and minimise the pressures on them. Throughout Y6 the children practise for their SATs and learn techniques, whilst also enjoying a balanced curriculum with highlights such as WW2 topics and Enterprise. Often many Y6 children actually report enjoying their SATs, and the teachers are always proud of how they conduct themselves throughout the week and rise to the challenge. Throughout Y6 and especially in the run up to SATs, the Y6s are encouraged to talk about their feelings, share worries, and are supported in tackling hurdles one at a time. Learning to face fears, think positively, overcome hurdles and succeed are important lessons in life.

To support your child at home, continue talking about feelings, help them acknowledge their many strengths, help them reframe any negative thoughts (e.g. Is this always true? ... Can't do it yet, ... What's the evidence for this? ... Does the worst always happen?), provide routine and structure, a good diet, exercise and plenty of sleep! Good luck to all Y6s.

SEND update:

This month's SEND contribution to the newsletter covers a range of new developments at EPS locally and nationally.

- ◆ At EPS we are continually looking at how we can best meet needs, tweaking provision accordingly and supporting staff and parents. Recent EPS developments include; purchasing a 'whole word reading scheme' to support a few children who need a different approach alongside their phonics, mental health drop-in consultations, for staff to discuss low level issues which may arise in class, embedding the use of a range of assessments tools (Boxall profile, Birmingham Toolkit, Salford Reading Tests) to track progress and we are also currently busy putting details on Y6 transition plans.
- ◆ [Sheffield's Parent Hub](#) runs seminars, discussion groups and programmes to give parents practical help and advice. Some have been specifically developed for families of children and young people with SEND.
- ◆ To try and reduce waiting lists and ensure children get the right assessments Sheffield NHS have introduced a single point of access for autism and ADHD assessments - [click here](#).
- ◆ Sheffield Sensory Service have also now provided a wealth of information online for parents of children with sensory needs, available [here](#).
- ◆ Following the government's SEND Review in 2019, the [SEND Green Paper](#) was released in March 2022. It details the direction of travel for the next few years for SEND nationally and marries with the approach at EPS; inclusive mainstream education, working in partnership with parents and aiming for the best outcomes for children. The Green Paper outlines the need for children to get the 'right support, in the right place, and at the right time'.

Y1 visit to church:



Year 1 had a brilliant time on their FIRST school trip. They walked down to Ecclesall Church and then explored the building and grounds with a range of activities. All children were absolutely brilliant, they listened well, asked great questions and came away with good work and memories. Thanks too to the parents that helped out on the visit.

Y3 Girls' Football:

Congratulations to our Y3 Girls' Football team who played in a tournament at Graves Leisure pitches. They played 5 games, winning all 5, conceding just 1 goal throughout. Well done.



Reading:



Our Reading Champions have been busy reading a variety of books over the holidays. Nathan in Reception has been enjoying the Dinosaur Cove series of fictional books; a great read for all dinosaur enthusiasts. These stories are full of adventures as the central characters go back in time through a secret cave and enter the dinosaur kingdom. Would you be brave enough to enter the cave? Martha in Y3 recommends The Creakers by Tom Fletcher also famous for being in the band McFly and taking part in Strictly Come Dancing. Martha thinks that Tom is a very imaginative author who writes exciting and magical stories. She can't wait to read more books in this series. Grace's suggestion is The Grim Grotto, number 11 in the Series of Unfortunate Events stories by Lemony Snicket (author Daniel Handler). Violet, Klaus and Sunny's wicked relative tries to steal their inheritance. Many secrets are revealed which simply makes you want to keep reading. Will this story be the one for you?

Y4 Residential to York:

Y4 children enjoyed an amazing residential visit to York - the City of chocolate (and also Vikings). They stayed at the YHA, a short walk from the centre of York and visited The Chocolate Story, Jorvik and "Dig" as well as a guided walk around the ancient city walls. Back at the hostel they participated in various games, puzzles and workshops all linking



with the Viking theme. The children (and staff) came back full of stories to tell and excited by the whole experience, if a little tired and jaded! HUGE thank you to the whole staff team who accompanied the children and ensured that they have opportunities such as these to enhance their time at EPS.

Coming Up: [Click title for online calendar](#)

Mon 2: Bank Holiday - school closed

Tues 3: Y1 Network Games am

Tue 3 & Thu 5: EYFS parent show round 9.30am

Fri 6: EPTFA Bun Sale

Mon 9 - Thu 12: Y6 KS2 SATS exams

Fri 13: Y3 Creswell Craggs visit

Mon 16 & Wed 18: Y1 YSP visit

Tue 17 - Fri 20: Y6 Hawkshead Residential

Thu 26 & Fri 27: INSET DAYS - School closed