

Welcome:

What a mad month May turned out to be - in the best possible way! With so much to celebrate and so many different activities taking place outside of the usual classroom based learning, this really is a bumper edition of the EPS Update with one or two activities just not making the editorial cut (e.g. Y5 Rounders @ SHS). With so much more planned for the second half of term, please do consider following our social media pages to keep up to date or check out the [galleries](#) on the EPS website.



Jubilee Day:

Historic occasions need marking and they also need to be memorable. The Platinum Jubilee is an event that has never occurred before and will be rare in the future too, for that reason we decided to



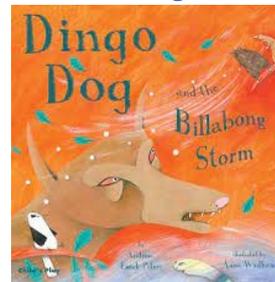
make the most of the event and celebrate as a whole school. In the days preceding our event the role of the Queen was discussed in KS2 assemblies and how she demonstrates our school values of Kindness and Respect on a daily basis.

Encouraged by the Queen herself to plant trees as part of the Jubilee Canopy, Mrs Hardy planted a beautiful Acer near to our adventure playground, watched by the whole school and parents/carers too. The infant children paraded their regal outfits to huge ap-



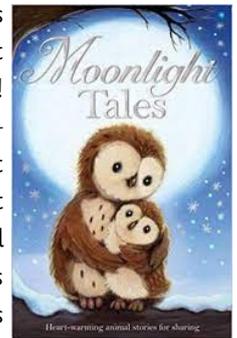
plause from onlookers! As well as class based activities (and a treasure hunt for items the Queen may have lost), there was a Jubilee themed bake off and finally a Dog Show to round off a memorable day.

Reading:

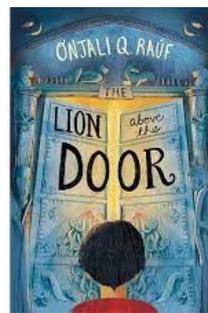


This month's recommendations come from three of our fabulous Reading Champions: Astrid in Y1, Evelyn in Y2 and Jono in Y4. Astrid has enjoyed reading Dingo Dog, a funny story with a happy ending. Dingo thinks the water is

all his but as the story progresses he learns about sharing. An important skill for us all! Evelyn has been reading Moonlight Tales, a selection of animal themed short stories by different authors, it also includes some beautiful illustrations. Evelyn's favourite is Obi's Umbrella. In contrast, Jono recommends



The Lion Above the Door by Onjali Q. Rauf who is known for writing stories our history books have yet to tell. Leo and his friend Sangeeta feel like the odd ones out at their school and they never see anyone who looks like them in their history books. Jono Says the story is very detailed and it looks like things aren't going to work out but they do in the end. Amongst other things the story focuses on the boy's powerful friendship. Thank you Astrid, Evelyn and Jono for your great recommendations.



Y1 & Y3/4 Network Games:

As part of our membership of "Points Network" for PE provision, we sent two teams to the recent Network Games, held at the impressive venue of the English Institute of Sport. Well done to all the children who competed at these events.



SEND Update:

With the end of term fast approaching, it is time to start thinking about and planning next year.



To help prepare all the children (and staff) we have a programme of transition activities and dates taking shape. With change, the more information we have the more it helps calm worries which can arise from uncertainty. Y6 have already been meeting with and have had contact with their receiving secondary schools, there will be visits planned for children and parents over the coming weeks - please contact secondary schools directly with any questions regarding this process. We will be helping to prepare all children in school (not just Y6) with their moves to the next year group through circle times and class discussions, giving them time to explore their feelings, their hopes and aspirations for the future as well as any concerns that they may have.

We have a whole school transition day on 29th June when children will spend the day with their new teacher in their new classroom. We will be circulating a "Meet You Teacher Page" and class page in advance of this session.

Teaching Assistants will start to work with children in their new year groups, playing games and building relationships. Staff meetings will focus on transition and include the transfer of notes covering a wide variety of information about the children. As part of the "Healthy Minds Project" we have a staff meeting about supporting any children with worries or low mood. Any SEN reviews will try to include current and



new teachers and there will be plenty of chances to visit new environments. Change is a challenge for everyone but by working together, we can make the process as smooth as possible.

Y6 Hawkshead:

After the cancellation of the last two Y6 trips to the Lake District it was so good to be able to get back to Hawkshead Youth Hostel with the current Y6 children. Everyone faced up to challenges from a testing hike up Latterbarrow, a hazardous ghyll scramble, sit on kayaks, sleeping somewhere different, working with peers (or adults) that they hadn't worked with before, games and activities organised by the YHA or our own EPS staff, just because they were not in school, the learning never stopped. Thanks so much to all the adults who accompanied the trip and kept everyone safe.



Y6 Girls' Football:



Our Y6 Girls' Football team won the right to represent Sheffield United in the Premier League Primary Stars Tournament finals held at Vicarage Road, the home ground of Watford Football Club. They were put up in an hotel overnight before arriving at the ground early in time for a good look around. They played some fantastic, strong football in their first 3 games going into their last group game undefeated. Unfortunately, Newport Country were just too strong for us, winning 3-1 and knocking us out just before the semi-finals. A huge thanks to the Premier League, who's organisation of the event and their treatment of all participants at the ground made the girls feel like real superstars for the day. Thanks also to ex- Ecclesall pupil and professional footballer, [Esme Morgan](#) for her Good luck video message, all the families who supported the girls throughout and especially to Mrs Evans, Jon Windle and James Murray (SUFC) for all their hard work making this possible.

Day Trips:

There have been various day trips out of school to help bring learning to life over the last few weeks. Y1 have enjoyed a day out at Yorkshire Sculpture Park, looking at art formed from both junk and natural resources. Y3 spent a day at Cresswell Crag learning more about how cave dwellers used to live and the work of archaeologists who discover history from clues left behind.



Y5 visited the Abbeydale Industrial

Hamlet to learn more about the industrial revolution and the



impact that this had on Sheffield.

With more trips planned for next half term, it is great to feel that we are, in many ways, "back to normal!"

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

June 2022

Tues 7: Return to School
Tues 7 - Fri 10: Y1 Phonics Screening
Fri 10: EYFS visit Butterfly House
Sat 11: EPTFA Jubilee Jog
Thur 16: Y2 visit Botanical Gardens
Thur 16: High Storrs Environmental Meeting 7.30pm
Fri 17: EPTFA Film Night 5.20pm
Sat 18: Orienteering Millhouses Park 12.30pm - 3.00pm
Tue 21/Wed 22/Thu 23: Y4 visit Ecclesall Woods
Wed 22/Thu 23: Y4 MTC
Mon 27 - Fri 1: Transition Week
Wed 29: Whole school moving up day