



EPS NEWS



Written by the children, for the children.

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Meet the Reporters

Welcome to our brand new publication. Let's meet the team who have put this together for us and find out what makes them tick!

Ebenezer Tawiah: A history enthusiast, Ebenezer loves finding about what happened in the past. Researching either history books or the internet, he enjoys sharing his knowledge with those around him.



Julian Koroma: A keen rapper and comedian, Julian is surely a future star. He loves to write funky lyrics about almost anything as well as sharing hilarious jokes.

Joseph Tommy: There are no limits to Joseph's interests and he is famous for being able to relay all kinds of facts. At the moment he is particularly into dragons and adventure games.

Riyana Noyan: Riyana is a very keen learner who is always kind and tries her best. She is a house captain and loves singing (and she is a member of choir) . Her favourite song is 'Havana'.

Zehara Bowes: At home, Zehara's favourite place is the kitchen as she absolutely loves to bake cakes. She is also a very good comedian who loves to make people laugh. She has an angelic voice and her favourite game is Just Dance 2018.

Aliyah Dockhorn: A huge ballet fan, Aliyah practises at her club every Saturday; she is particularly into Plyo, which is a jump training exercise to improve your leg muscles.

Elora Asante Gyamfi: As a sports enthusiast, Elora's favourite event is running. She is already looking ahead to this summer's Croydon Athletics where she is hoping to improve her team's relay performance. Last year they came third!

Space!

As part of their topic on space and the universe, Year 6 have been writing some poetry. Riyana shares her writing with us.

Earth spinning gracefully like a ballerina.
Shimmering stars trembling like a beautiful blossom.
Petals drifting from a tree.
Luminous meteors emit a vivid light for the entire universe.

Phantom jelly fish provide an ominous shade of light for rest of their smack.

Stars like polka-dots in the mystical galaxy approach the precious planets causing a universal EXPLOSION!



Interview with Mr Winborn

Julian sat down with Year 6 Teacher, Mr Winborn.

What's your favourite subject?

I enjoy maths, english and art.

What do you do in your free time?



I spend time with my children and playing the guitar.

How has this school changed from 16 years ago?

It was much smaller and there was a separate junior school and infant school. Now it's bigger and better.

Can I join your band?

Possibly if you have the potential.

But you will have to do a trial.

How do you feel when you've seen your students leave and when they come back?

It's nice see to know I have played a part in their future.

NEWS IN BRIEF

By Riyana, Julian, Joseph and Ebenezer.

Caveman Day

Year 6 spent the day on makeshift campsite on our school playing field; it was in a traditional yurt with an animal hide floor. The cavemen taught the children the skills that the main character, Torak, would need to survive on his own in the wild forest in which the text is set.



They learned that to make a fire, you need three important elements. oxygen (air) heat (sparks) and also food (fuel)!

Harvest

To remember how important farmers are during that time of the year, our year 3 class performed a remarkable harvest assembly. They sang songs about being grateful for the crops that we have. This year, EPS decided very generously to donate to the Croydon refugee shelter. All the food we brought in was given to families who have had to move from their country. Harvest is a time for us to remember all farmers who worked hard for us. If it weren't for them, we wouldn't have all the foods we have today: cornflakes, rice, scones, tea, beans and much more. .

The Outrageous Rockstar Day

On Wednesday the 28th of November, everyone dressed up like rockstars. This was for the launch of times tables rockstars! We got to make our own band and Julian's band name was 'Rocking Mars Bars'! Make sure you log on, everybody, to improve your times tables knowledge!



Outdoor learning

We have used our creative skills to create art out of leaves sticks and other supplies we could find and have also made shelters. Thanks to our hardworking teacher (Mrs. Bannister), we have been much more

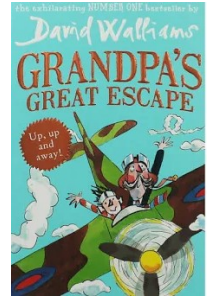
excited and determined both inside and outside the classroom.

OUR REVIEWS

Elora, Timi and Aliyah review the latest books and apps around.

Book Review: Grandpa's Great Escape by David Walliams

There is a boy called Jack and his grandpa used to be in The R.A.F (The Royal Air Force). His Grandpa has become so old that he loses some of his memory. He still thinks he is in World War 2! In the night, Grandpa goes to the top of the church and pretends that he is flying in a Spitfire (a WW2 plane). Jack's mum and dad want Grandpa to go to an old folk's home called Twilight Towers but Jack doesn't agree with them and tries to make up a plan to keep him. It doesn't work and he gets taken to Twilight Towers. Jack makes two secret visits to the place. The place only opens on Sunday from 3:00-3:15. Jack visits him and hatches a plan. I would recommend this book it is really fun to read and is a true story.



Book Review: Iron Man: The Gauntlet by Eoin Colfer

Tony Stark is a billionaire playboy, philanthropist and the most obvious of them all.... The invincible Iron Man. Iron Man was rich when he was young and knowing lots about science, he spent much of the time he was making technologic stuff. He then grew up and made a suit that was only enabled for him so if anyone else wore it they would be scanned. If it wasn't Tony Stark then inside the suit would start throwing lasers and fire would enter the person's head. He then made an Artificial Intelligence character called Friday and then 5 months later she turned into a real Irish Girl called Saorise Tory. She betrays Iron Man, who then meets an evil terrorist called Chen (the Mandarin) and tries to defeat him. He then goes back to California but there is still some unhealthy blood between two people. Iron Man and?..... I would recommend this book because the vocabulary is excellent and it is really exciting to read.



App Review: Calm

'Calm' is an app which helps you with stress, anxiety, sleep, meditation, concentration and being calm. I think that 'Calm' is amazing because it's literally for everyone. I've used 'Calm' a lot and there has been a huge difference. I used the app for sleep meditation so that I could have a better night sleep and it really helped.

'Calm' gives you calming music to meditate to. You can meditate for anxiety, sleep and stress. Even if you don't like meditating, you can choose a different setting to help you. I know someone who tried 'Calm' and after she had finished meditating I asked her how she felt and she said,

"I feel so much nicer and I feel like all of my stress has left me."

Even if you just want to meditate, you can and so I definitely recommend 'Calm'.



Prize Competition

Christmas Word Search

If you look closely, you'll find 20 Christmas themed words in this special, seasonal word search.

A prize is available for the child who is able to find the most words.

To enter the competition, cut out your wordsearch, and pop it into the post box outside the lunch hall.

Good luck and don't forget to put your name on top!



Joke Corner

Elora and Timi share their most hilarious jokes and fascinating riddles. Prepare to have a chuckle!

What falls but never breaks? Night-fall.

What goes up but never goes down? Age

I come once in a year, twice in a week but never in a month. What am I? The letter E

Doctor doctor I feel like a supermarket. When did you start feeling like this? Ever since I was Lidl.

Doctor Doctor my kids are doing a sport exam. Give them a ball I'm sure they'll pass.

Have you heard the Christmas pizza joke? I'd tell you but it's too cheesy!

Where do polar bears vote? The North Pole.

What do fish sing during winter? Christmas corals.

Why did Rudolph get a bad report card? Because he went down in history.



School Detective: Club Reviews



Elora, Timi and Aliyah have been detectives, investigating the clubs and sports that children have been involved in both in and out of school.

The Djembe Kings

In Ecclesbourne, there is a Jam Bus and The Djembe Kings were invited to go and perform at the Mayor of Croydon Civic Awards at the Hilton Hotel. On the 450 bus, The Djembe Kings did an amazing performance. Everyone was applauding and cheering at the end. When they got there, the people there fed them some delicious food to get ready for the big performance. There were a lot of important people there. Then it was the time to get on the stage and perform. First, they did a great beat and everyone applauded for them. Then they did a solo part where they could show off their skills. After they did the show, all the people in there gave them a standing ovation.



The Djembe Kings also have a club every Friday after school where they do practice and rehearsals. The Djembe Kings are hoping to have other chances to go and perform and so watch this space...

Athletics

Every year, Asteroids teacher, Mr Dunford, gets the best runners and jumpers and other athletes from Year 5 and Year 6. Mr Dunford uses a fair strategy by trialling anyone who is keen to take part. Anyone who wins the trial gets through to do what they have trained for. Everyone who is in Ecclesbourne Athletics Team works hard to honour EPS and its pupils and the badge that represents us. When you believe, you can achieve anything. We have to train hard to fulfil our achievements.



Last month, we competed against other Croydon schools at the indoor sports hall athletics competition at St Mary's High School. As you might expect, we had high hopes.

The children did a great job showing their skills at activities like speed bounce, chest passes, javelin and running relays. They have made it through to the finals in the spring term. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to Mr Dunford and Mr James for providing the opportunity.

Choir

In choir, we have been singing Moana Mash up, swing thing and Fight song. We have been learning these songs and their dance moves for our big concert at the O2 arena.

Up until January, the choir will be rehearsing all songs from a website titled 'Young Voices'. Young Voices is a website with lots of songs for primary school choirs all over England to learn and then sing at the O2 arena as one giant choir. Young Voices gives us medleys, choruses and full songs to learn. We not only have songs to learn but we also have dances to be learnt as well.

The best parts about being in choir are: when we sing we let out anything bad that's happened during our day, we're all nice to each other and most importantly Mr Spoerer is an absolutely amazing music teacher. Anyone has the opportunity to audition for the choir and I'm so glad I joined. I think choir and singing can help anyone and everyone in different ways and for different reasons. I absolutely love choir and Mr Spoerer is an amazing teacher.

