

# Eppleton Academy

## News

Ofsted rating: **GOOD**

### Derwent Hill 2019

24 pupils across year 5 and 6, attended Derwent Hill in early December, staying for the week. As always this was a very fun-filled and action-packed adventure. Below are a couple of pictures and there is a Blog on the website. A couple of pupils wrote the following about their week:

*On the first day, we watched a John Muir video as we were completing the John Muir Award. After that, we were split up into different groups (group 1 and 2). Then we were told by our instructor, the appropriate clothing. Both groups' first adventure was to climb a big hill (called Latrigg) - it had an amazing view!*

*Day 2, Group 1 went on a mountain walk: all day, we climbed High Pike (it was 658m tall). At the top, we drank hot chocolate then began our journey down. Group 2 climbed Walla cragg then ended up on Falcon cragg. On that night, we did a John Muir Award quiz and team challenges.*

*Day 3, we went canoeing on the morning and had more hot chocolate! Then, in the afternoon, we went gorge walking and we also sat under a waterfall.*

What an amazing experience!!

### Year 2 and Year 6 Christingles

Today we took part in a Christingles workshop led by people from the local church. Year 2 worked with Year 6 to create our very own Christingles. We learned about the symbols that are included:

- The orange—the world
- The red tape—Jesus' blood and his never ending love
- The candle—to show that Jesus is the light.
- The four sticks—to represent the four seasons and the four compass points
- The sweets on the sticks—to show that the seasons give us food



Our Choir have been in high demand over this festive season. They have performed at many local events and care homes.

We are always invited to perform at Hetton and Eppleton Community Hall to perform at most of their events and are always welcomed with such a lovely atmosphere.

Here they are pictured at the Community Hall. They sang beautifully as always. They have definitely earned their Christmas break after all the work they have put in.

**Well done girls!**

## Eppleton Academy Choir



### Sausage Competition

A few months ago some children opted to enter a competition with Freeman's the Butchers, and had to design their own Sausage. We are pleased to announce that Ewan Hagan in Year 3 was a runner up and won Funniest Sausage for his design of "Mr Funny Sausage".

**Well done Ewan**



### Year 5 Eco Schools @ Nissan

We visited Nissan and took part in an Eco school's day. We learned all about climate change and how it affects the world we live in. We were shown all of the amazing new technologies that Nissan and other companies have been developing to make things more environmentally friendly. We took part in lots of challenges building and propelling cars. We even got to have a ride in a brand new Nissan Leaf car that parks its self!



Christmas dinner day was a great success!

We had 37 extra children joining in the fun and 20 staff!

The kitchen staff worked so hard cooking all the meals and serving everyone and we all thoroughly enjoyed it . Thank you Jackie, Clare and Norma for a job well done!

We had Turkey, stuffing, Mash, Roast potatoes, pigs in blankets and Christmas Crackers!!

We all wore our Christmas Jumpers and listened to Christmas music.

A great day was had by all!



### Lego League Competition

A group of year 6 pupils have been working hard in our after school Lego Club since September, and all of their building and Robot programming culminated in a visit to Nissan to take part in the First Lego League Competition against 25 other local primary and secondary schools. The day involved a series of tasks and interviews including a group presentation, a team building Core Values task and interviews about their robot design. Most importantly they took part in 3 rounds of Robot games, where they had to programme their robot to complete various challenges on a Lego obstacle course. They improved their scores in every round and showed real perseverance and resilience throughout the day. The competition was tough, however their enthusiasm, team work, empathy and “amazing presentation” caught the judges attention throughout the day and they were awarded with the Judges Trophy. Well done to them all.



### Year 5 & 6 (and some of the choir) Singing at the Care Home

Year 5 and 6 went to visit the Elizabeth Flemming Care Home. We hung our baubles we made on their Christmas tree and we then sang carols to some the residents.

All of the residents enjoyed our singing and even sang along with us!





## **Christmas Fair**

Thank you everyone who came and supported our Christmas Fair. Again, it was a great success. We had a special visit from Santa Claus in our Grotto.

We will let you know how much we raised once we have been able to calculate it.



**All the Staff and Children at Eppleton**

**Academy wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year to come!**

**We'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for what has been a very busy but very successful year for our school.**

**With a Platinum OPAL Award, a GOOD Ofsted rating, children achieving in all areas and lots of fun, we enter 2020 a very happy team.**

**We hope all your dreams come true this Christmas and look forward to seeing you all back on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020!**

## **Year 4 – The Tooth About Dentist**

Year 4 had a visit from Newcastle university. The children explored dental hygiene and learned about different types of teeth.

They made fillings and removed decay, using mirrors to examine teeth!

They thoroughly enjoyed the visit!



## **Diary Dates**

**6<sup>th</sup> January – INSET DAY**

7<sup>th</sup> January – Children return to School

14<sup>th</sup> February – Half Term

24<sup>th</sup> February – Return to school

3<sup>rd</sup> April – Break for Easter

20<sup>th</sup> April – Return to school

