



The new academic year

Education Ossett Community Trust (EOCT) is made up of ten schools in Ossett. We work together in order to provide additional opportunities for the children of Ossett.

We're already halfway through the autumn term and plans are in place for a busy academic year, this newsletter gives you details of our forthcoming plans for EOCT students.

The Book Awards

Our key stage 1 students are already underway with their contribution to the Picture Book Awards. Each school has received a box full of newly published picture books for students to enjoy individually, in groups or during story time (one school even invites grandparents into school to enjoy these books with their grandchildren). The students will then vote on their favourite book and the shortlisted books will be read by key stage 1 representatives from all schools at an event in April where each student will secretly vote for their favourite book. The winning book will then be announced at the Book Awards Ceremony in June.



The School Exchange

Year 2 students will be participating in the School Exchange again this year. They will be allocated a penpal in another EOCT school, who they will write to over the next couple of months. They will then visit each other at their schools in February. Last year this project proved a huge success with many new friendships made and a great way for children to practice their writing skills.

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Music



One Voice project

In September members of our staff along with staff from our partner schools in Dewsbury and Wakefield took part in a training session about linking schools which was run by The Linking Network.

This is part of our One Voice project, funded by the Safer Communities Fund and Building Ossett

Better which will see EOCT and part-

ner schools come together to learn about similarities and differences, and to enjoy making music together. Watch out for our One Voice video coming soon.



Carols in Ossett Town Centre

On Friday 9th December our school choirs will be singing Christmas carols in the town centre. Please come along and join us. We will be holding a collection for Wakefield Hospice.

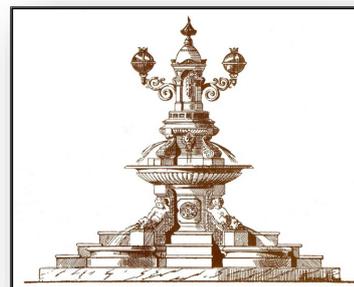
The Big Build and The Hannah Pickard Memorial

Each year students from all EOCT schools get involved in The Big Build Engineering Project which we run in partnership with international firm Jacobs Engineering. This is one of the biggest educational collaborative engineering projects in the UK. This year around 350 students will receive engineering based lessons from Jacobs graduates with the theme of the project being The Hannah Pickard Memorial.

Hannah Pickard was a significant local philanthropist and generous benefactor both to the Ossett Community and to national causes. She died in 1891. A drinking fountain funded by Hannah Pickard was a visual reminder of her generosity. The fountain was removed from the town centre in the 1950s and placed in Green Park where it unfortunately suffered vandalism and neglect.

A collaborative group in Ossett is looking to secure funding to re-establish a fitting, meaningful and appreciative memorial to Hannah Pickard.

The Big Build Project will focus on this process and the engineering involved in such a process. We hope that this project will give students a real feeling of ownership of the memorial once it is in situ in Ossett Town Centre.



The original Hannah Pickard fountain