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SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

High Flyer

Versatile Dana!

Player of the Year Award

Y11 pupil, Dana Abdulkarim, from Rotherham, is a girl of many talents, in and out of school. Her latest triumph is to be Runner-up in the Junior Girl Under 16 Player of the Year Achievement Award. She was nominated by the Rounders governing body in recognition of her selection for the Under 16 England Rounders team last season when she was still aged under 15. The prestigious award was given at a presentation dinner, on 15th February at the Cutlers' Hall, hosted by the English Sports Council.

England Player

Dana is no stranger to sport success. She was 'England Player of the Day' in an England v. Scotland Rounders match last summer. She already represents South Yorkshire at Netball and was awarded the FOSH Sport Prize in last year's School Presentation of Prizes. Nor does Dana neglect her academic work: she was awarded a form prize for academic merit on the same occasion.

Sporting success, Dana Abdulkarim.



Public Speaker

Dana was also the High School representative at the GDST Chrystall Public Speaking Competition. Sheffield was privileged to host the Northern heats of this inaugural competition, held on 28th November 2001 in the sixth form hall. We were pleased to welcome back three former members of the English Department as adjudicators: Miss Grayson, Mrs Renshaw and Mrs Ames.

The competition has been set up in memory of Chrystall Carter, GDST Legal Adviser, and is an excellent opportunity for Trust schools to meet on the debating floor. Six schools took part in the Northern heats: Belvedere, Birkenhead, Newcastle, Nottingham, Shrewsbury and, of course, Sheffield. Each competitor had to make a speech of between five and seven minutes and then answer questions for five minutes – a demanding task! Dana's topic was 'The media manipulate public opinion'.

The adjudicators were impressed by the very high standard of competition, achieved by thorough preparation and also by the ability and confidence to "think on their feet".

The winners on this occasion were Newcastle and Nottingham and we wish them success in the next round.

Scroll of Honour

Helen Leaver, Director of Publicity and Marketing at SHS, has had her name listed on a Scroll of Honour in recognition of her committed voluntary work in sport.



The All England Netball Association, the governing body of netball, celebrated their 75th Anniversary in 2001. To mark this occasion, a special award was presented to one committed netball volunteer per county. Mrs Leaver was

the winner for the whole of South Yorkshire, in recognition of the work that she has put in at City, County, Regional and National level over the past 22 years.

At present, she runs the Under 14 County team and coordinates the Under 14 City training programme across the country; she is the representative on the Active Sports Initiative, the Coordinator of the Potential Talent Camp for the Region, a member of the Schools and Senior County committees and is the Regional Treasurer and acting Chair of the schools section.

Her name now appears on the Scroll of Honour which was unveiled during the 75th Anniversary Gala Dinner, when the winner from each county was announced by Olivia Murphy, Captain of the England squad. The scroll will be displayed at AENA National Events in recognition of the County Volunteers throughout the country.

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The Big Breakfast

What have Australian television, football and Sheffield High Breakfast Club got in common? The answer is a person, Mrs Susan Tham, mother of Year 1 pupil, Jessica.

Susan Tham is the only female football agent for Asia. She assists Chinese players in their attempts to break into the English game and English clubs. China is in the World Cup this year for the first time and an Australian television company is making a documentary to be shown on national television in the run-up to the event. The documentary aims to show Susan Tham's life as a football agent and as a Mum – hence the television cameras in the canteen, filming Mrs Tham and her daughter. Perhaps you'll see yourself in the background, scoffing a bacon buttie. Little did you think that dining at our popular Breakfast Club would make you famous!



Maneesha Silva, Helen Sear, Michelle Myers and Juliet Heyes with Mrs Nashvili.

Brushing up on 'Love Russia'!

Sheffield High School, pupils and staff, have been supporting 'Love Russia' since 1999. Love Russia is a British charity, based in the Isle of Wight, which helps support Russian orphans. This year the support, suggested by Jayne Dickinson and organised by Mrs Nashvili of the Russian Department, took the form of toothbrushes! Mrs Nashvili explains:

"We've collected the toothbrushes, each with a £1 coin attached to cover the packing and postage, in response to an appeal from Love Russia." In all, around four hundred toothbrushes were collected to be despatched to Russia.

The charity is currently working to find wages for three psychologists to work at the Moscow Rescue Centres. It also helps fund the six rescue centres; it houses, clothes and feeds children at Russian orphanages; and it educates orphans at three Russian institutes. Sheffield High School continues to support Love Russia through such fund-raising events as the recent massive cake stall. To find out more, check out the 'Love Russia' website: <http://web.ukonline.co.uk/love.russia>

Books and Records

How many books do you think you could read in one week? Most of us don't even manage one in that time, but the Year 7s have not only been reading literally stacks of books but have been earning money for charity while they were at it! It was all part of the Read-On competition run by Listening Books. The girls had to read as many books as possible in one week, and gain sponsorship for the feat. The money earned is used to allow people with learning difficulties to access the benefits of reading via audio books and other support programmes.

Year 7s have joined in the Read-On challenge for the last five years. This year £2,476 was the total raised, and over the whole five years the grand total is in excess of £10,000!

And the records? Three cheers for Amelia Mallender of 7Y who ploughed through 34 books in a single week, and also for Sophie Norman of 7Z (the highest-earning form in this competition) who, through sponsorship of her efforts, raised £158 for charity!

Girls and Boys Need Your Toys!

The Junior Department gave Santa Claus a hand this Christmas! Responding to the Sheffield Star and Telegraph appeal for toys to give to local children, the girls gave up their own old toys to a good cause. The gifts poured in, and were delivered to the Telegraph and Star office on the 7th of December, in time for a Christmas distribution. The enthusiasm and Christmas spirit behind the donations was heart-warming. One Year 3 pupil said:

"I really hope that my present will give another girl as much fun as I've had."

At such a special time of year, it was lovely to see the girls of the Junior Department helping Father Christmas to distribute fun!

Tremendous Trio

Rebecca Mersh became Amateur Athletic Association 3000 metre walk National Champion – in the Under 15 category at the age of 12! This follows on her success last year when she competed for England against Ireland.

Rachel Grunberg swam for Great Britain in the Maccabiah Games in Israel, the third largest sporting event in the world. She won a bronze medal as part of the freestyle relay team and reached 5 individual finals!

Laurie Anthony became National Champion in the Under 14 jump category of the National Waterski Finals and gained 2nd overall and 3rd in both slalom and tricks. In the European Championships in Lendorf, Austria, she was 5th in the jump and 11th in both slalom and tricks, giving her an overall placing of 6th. Her efforts helped the British team to an excellent 3rd overall placing, their highest position for years.

Below: Rachel Grunberg, Rebecca Mersh and Laurie Anthony with their medals.



Sports Round-up

Adele Merifield, aged 12, from Chesterfield, qualified for three events in the National Age Group Swimming Championships, having previously won the North East Counties. In the National Championships, she was placed 12th and 13th in backstroke and freestyle across 200 and 400 metres.

★ **Rebecca Marsland** Y9 was among nine flagbearers at the International Under 19 England v Hungary Football match at Oakwell Stadium, Barnsley, in October 2001.

★ **Helen Sear** Y7 was awarded the SFSS Team Award for the Top Junior Mixed Team in Athletics. She competed with her Junior School, Greenhill Primary. She represented her team in Race Walking with a broken shoulder and still managed 6th in the city!

Netball

- ★ U14, U15, U16 teams City of Sheffield Champions
- ★ U16, U19 teams 3rd in National Schools' Tournament
- ★ U14 team County and Regional Champions

Hockey

- ★ U14, U15 teams City of Sheffield Champions

Skiing

- ★ School team 2nd in the Northern Schools' Competition

Trampolining

- ★ U19 team Yorkshire Champions
- ★ **Lucinda Lister** individual champion
- ★ U15 team placed 2nd
- ★ U13 team placed 3rd

FOSH

Friends of Sheffield High School

Recent Fundraising

Craft Fair

Christmas Wrapping Paper

Raised £1000 each!

Masked Ball

Baldwin's Omega, March 16th

Tickets going like hot cakes! Get yours NOW!

200 Club

A good way to win a cash prize and contribute to FOSH funds

Contact *Joanne Meaney* on 01142

620019 for further information.

Targets for this year

Grand piano for senior school

Outdoor play equipment for junior school

Thanks to all energetic parents who help to keep FOSH going.

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The grand piano has now been delivered!

Thanks to all who helped raise funds through FOSH.

Whatever the Weather

On the afternoons of 2nd and 3rd October, Year 4 visited Weston Park Weather Station.

They met a lady called Paula and sat in a circle and talked about how weather instruments work.

“One of the things we saw was a glass sphere which measured how many hours during the day that the sun shone,” explain Isobel and Claire. They were shown an anemometer which measures wind speed and also investigated a Stevenson Screen, in which were various thermometers to measure temperature and humidity. The meteorologists at Weston Park hold weather records going back several years, and the girls were able to find out what the weather was like on the day they were born! The girls have now made their own weather measuring instruments and have started to measure temperature, rainfall and wind speed and direction each day.

Eureka!

On 9th October, Year 1 set off to visit 'Eureka', the science museum. When they were there, they felt a baby kicking in its mother's tummy, measured their stride, went into the giant mouth, found out whether they could walk on crutches, saw what their skeleton looks like when pedalling a bicycle and read the TV news! Everyone had a great time.

Right: Year 1 pupils at Eureka.

Scientific Stars

The SHS Chemistry Team proved to be 'Highly' successful in the Salter Festival of Chemistry at Sheffield University on 5th June 2001. The team of **Elizabeth Self, Rachel Panniker, Naomi Flowers** and **Clare Sutherland** took first place in the practical investigation and won £150 for the Chemistry Department.

The morning was spent performing a forensic investigation into a murder! Flame tests and other analytical procedures in the university laboratories allowed the team to discover the identity of the culprit.

Below: Elizabeth Self, Rachel Panniker, Naomi Flowers and Clare Sutherland – winners at the Salter Festival of Chemistry.



Forward Dates

FOSH Ball	Friday 15 March
Infant Production	19–21 March
Easter Trips	Austria – Zell am See skiing Germany – to Berlin Spain – to Madrid
Music Evenings	19 March, 2 May, 25 June, 2 July
German Play	23 May (at school) 2 July (Crucible Theatre)
Sports Dinner	4 July (Baldwin's Omega)
Summer Trip	Mongolia Expedition



Share Success

Aileen Appleby, Katy Blagg, Jenny Cook, Natasha Hartley, Grace Li, Crystal Ng, Anna Palmer, Lauren Parker and Anna Singleton, Year 12 Business Studies students, have taken part in a Fantasy Share competition run by the finance company BWD Rensburg. They allocated £10,000 to their chosen shares. This was their business strategy:

“Our intention was to build a very balanced portfolio across the industrial sectors. We looked to older, established ‘blue-chip’ companies for security, and to newly emerging sectors for risk. We wanted growth potential, such as travel and technology, and a combination of high and low risks investment. We looked for shares backed by a sound business proposition – companies with a strong market position in terms of market share and reputation, as well as those offering new product ranges, strong marketing campaigns and strong leadership. With this in mind, we looked for shares that had bottomed-out in the slump and which were on the way up. We also took advice from a contact for one of our more profitable choices. Once we had short-listed our portfolio we each selected a share from the list.”

Result? Success! After the first full month, SHS was showing a gain of 14.2% and was in second place amongst Sheffield schools and colleges, considerably outperforming the FTSE All Share Performance.

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