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SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

High Flyer

Zoë's Big Chance!

How many of us dream of traveling, experiencing different cultures, seeing new things and meeting new people? For Frederica Lord Scholar, Zoë Fiander of Y13, that dream

just became a reality! She has won the very prestigious Frederica Lord Scholarship and will now be spending her gap year at the famous College of William and Mary in Virginia, USA.

vigorous and Zoë even had to cope with some of it being conducted in Spanish! Zoë says of her success: "I never in my wildest dreams thought I would actually win the scholarship when I applied. It's such an amazing opportunity ... I've been reading the online diary of the current Scholar and I can't wait for it to be me!"



Zoë Fiander, winner of the Frederica Lord Scholarship.

The Frederica Lord Scholarship was established in memory of his wife by Christopher Fildes, who is a member of the GDST council. It is open annually to all Y13 students in Trust schools and gives the successful applicant the opportunity to spend a gap year studying at the prestigious College in the USA.

Zoë will study a wide variety of subjects like her contemporaries in their "Freshman Year". She is particularly looking forward to the opportunity of studying Drama and is excited by the prospect of living on campus in the International Hall. Zoë said: "I feel that this is a very special opportunity – I'll never get such a chance again". She also plans to travel widely and visit Virginia's national parks while she is at the college, making the most of her time in the USA.

Zoë won the award against stiff opposition. In the first part of the selection process Zoë had to write a letter explaining in depth why she wanted the opportunity to live and study in the USA for a year. She then went on to be interviewed along with other GDST students by a panel of distinguished experts including Mr Fildes himself. The interview was

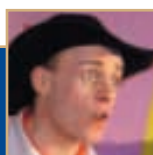
Facilities Festivities!

At Sheffield High School we know how to celebrate in style, and what better reason than acquiring a brand new Astroturf pitch, *and* a minibus? On Wednesday 19th November the new pitch was warmly welcomed by one thousand pupils, a host of VIPs, staff members and Hockey International, John Shaw! There were ribbons, bows and balloons aplenty, and the whole school applauded as Headmistress Mrs Houston and guest John Shaw proceeded arm in arm down an aisle of hockey sticks to cut the opening ribbon.

Not to be outdone, at the same ceremony the Parents' Association FOSH (Friends of Sheffield High) officially handed over to the school a brand new minibus which their fund-raising efforts had enabled them to buy. Sarah Cowling thanked the girls and their parents for their support in the fund-raising. The ceremony was completed by ten Y6 girls, house captains and head girls, dressed up in costume, depicting the various uses of the minibus throughout the school, from school trips for four-year-olds to charity parcel deliveries by sixth formers.



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Light Fantastic



Stepping Out in Style



All Change at the Top

MELBOURNE HOUSE

The Light Fantastic!

Kinetic Theatre visited Melbourne House and gave the girls new ways of looking at light!

Through an exciting plot where the audience had to identify an alien, using a series of clues, the mysteries of the rainbow, reflections, lenses and laser lights were explained. We also found out how to create a very effective transparent ghost!

All pupils enjoyed the performances and it certainly extended their scientific understanding.



Stars of Stage & Screen

For the last few years, no Lyceum pantomime has been complete without Eleanor Bermingham (Y6). This year, our talented performer sang and danced in 'Alladin' alongside Des Coleman and Chris Ellison. Eleanor enjoys her work at the Lyceum and said, "The most exciting part is when I have my solo piece."

Hannah Davies (Y5) was chosen to take part in the TV programme, 'Beat the Cyborgs'. She captained the winning team of three to help produce a Team of Champions. "It was just amazing and I wish I could go back in time and do it again!" she said, although she was rather nervous when the show was shown on TV.

Netball Clinics

As well as the usual Netball Clubs offered to the older girls in the Junior School, Y6 have had the opportunity to attend a series of Netball Clinics. Miss Smith, our new PE Co-ordinator, has been running these with the aim of developing the specific requirements for the different positions of the game. Girls have been able to build their proficiency in Shooting, Defending and Attacking skills and have been rewarded by receiving certificates. They will be able to put their newfound talents into practice in matches against both local and Trust schools.

Susan Summers

How many Wise Men are there in the Nativity story you know? Author Susan Summers told the girls in the Junior Department the story of the fourth Wise Man, Artaban, from her book *The Greatest Gift*, when she visited the school before Christmas. She later talked to groups of girls about the process of writing and discussed her other works with them. They enjoyed the opportunity to meet a 'real' writer and signed copies of her books have been added to the growing stock in the Junior Library.

Blue Peter

When this long-running children's programme launched its annual appeal, several of the pupils in Y5 were motivated to organise a Bring and Buy Sale to support the charity Mencap. Girls were asked to look through their toy cupboards and bookshelves for items they no longer needed and bring them into school for the sale. Y5 enjoyed running the stalls and they raised over £80 to send to Blue Peter.

Star Designers

When FOSH needed a distinctive logo for their Spring Ball they asked the Junior girls to design one. A huge number of entries gave the ball organisers quite a task in deciding on a winner, but the clever use of spring flowers by Ashleigh Hogan (Y5) in her design gave it the winning edge.

The Broomhill Forum is a group which represents many interests in the local community. They needed a logo to use on their stationery and publicity materials and to find one they ran a competition for pupils from all Broomhill schools. The Y6 Art Club visited the shopping centre to seek inspiration for their designs and when they returned to school they employed their artistic talents and their computer skills to create logos which could be used as a letterhead and a postcard front. Four entries were submitted for the final judging (Amelia Beardshaw, Tabitha Fearnough, Laura Hatfield and Charlotte Roper) and Amelia's was selected by the Forum as the overall winner. Rev Adrian Alker visited school to present her with her prize.

Jenny Guan, Y4, was the winner of the 8–11-year-old group in a Young Masters Art Competition run by John Lewis Partnership. A painting of her best friend won Jenny the first prize of £100.

Challenging Maths!

Y6 entered The Mathematical Association's Primary Maths challenge which tested their understanding and problem-solving skills. After completing a series of questions, 12 girls were awarded Bronze Certificates, 10 Silver and 5 Gold. The winners of the Gold Award were Naomi Andrews, Stephanie Hardy, Laura Hatfield, Ayesha Purohit and Kate Rundle.

Young Enterprise

As always, our enterprising sixth-formers have been learning about business hands-on. Here's what three of the companies have to say for themselves:

Add some ... 'Panache'!

Our mission:

"To work efficiently as a team to provide a wide range of unique products."

Since September we have been concentrating on providing unique and modern fashion accessories, as well as trying to have some aspects of cultural influence on our products such as the beautiful, hand-made resin jewellery with Swarovski crystals from Thailand, and the popular, personalised Chinese translation service, "Name&Frame".

Panache

Look!

Nothing catches a moment like a photo! Unfortunately sometimes some photos are better forgotten. If, like most of us, you are constantly haunted by red eyes, unflattering poses and contrived expressions then maybe you should contact "Look". We at "Look" know the importance of a good photo and can offer you a cheap, fun photoshoot. Alone or with your friends, uniform or costume,

serious or fun, whatever the style we guarantee you'll love the results – and you get one photo absolutely free!

There is even the option to present photos in frames, calendars and mugs (perfect presents for anyone). Already we have had many successful bookings. For more information on prices or how to book, visit our information stall, Friday lunchtimes in the Link, or email us at look-your-best@hotmail.com.

Look

Fresh!

When we started the Young Enterprise project we thought carefully about how we were going to make money. The most obvious choice, it seemed, was events and, more specifically, music. We decided that this idea couldn't fail and set to work promoting the Battle of the Bands gig that we had organised, and selling the tickets. The bands themselves were the hardest to sort out and, two weeks before the gig, the headliners pulled out! Fortunately we found a replacement, Death By Cheesecake, who turned out to be a success. We learnt a lot from the experience and now know how to make improvements to make our next event even better!

Fresh Enterprises

Ambassador Lydia

Sheffield's prestigious City Hall has announced the name of its new junior ambassador for the International Concert Season 2003/4: Lydia Meiring of Y10.

With the role evolving, Lydia will take on new responsibilities, which include

- Guest speaking on a few pre-concert talks with host Trisha Cooper.
- A mentoring project with a saxophonist from a visiting orchestra.
- Interviews for newspapers and the subscriber newsletter.

Lydia has been playing her tenor saxophone with the Langsett Dance Orchestra for the last four years. She also plays the piano.

Philip Payne, Music Development Manager for the City Hall, said: "It's wonderful that the children of Lydia's generation are showing such enthusiasm for this genre of music."

Read-On Lives On

'Listening Books', the national charity, this year discontinued its "Read-On" fundraising event but, never to be deterred, Sheffield High School decided to continue this popular tradition by supporting a local charity which also has a literary focus, the Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind.

The Year 7 girls spent a month collecting sponsors and reading as many different books as they could manage in the four week period of "Read-On". Some top performers were Hannah Woskow of 7Z who raised an amazing £110, and Lauren Stevenson of 7Y who managed to read a staggering 29 books!

They raised £2,350, making the total raised over the last 10 years over £12,000. The money will be used to fund the Sheffield Royal Society for the Blind's work with visually impaired people, giving them access to talking books, newspapers and all the pleasures of reading that so many of us take for granted.

The Height of Fashion!

Sophie Littlewood of Y10 has won the "Meadowhall Fashion Design Competition". The brief for the competition was to design a dress for Christmas. The design Sophie came up with was inspired by the fashions of early Hollywood stars such as Audrey Hepburn and Rita Heyworth. Many dress designs were entered, from Sheffield High and other schools, but Sophie's scooped first prize! The prize is rather special: not only was Sophie given £50 in Meadowhall gift vouchers and tickets to *Disney on Ice* but she also had her design made up by a London fashion designer, with shoes to match! Sophie then took part in the school Fashion Week display in October.

"I was so excited when I found out I had won!" said Sophie. She has many other designs at home and would like to become a fashion designer. It looks as if she is well on her way!



Budding fashion designer, Sophie Littlewood.

The End of an Era

Mrs Margaret Houston retired as Headmistress of SHS in December 2003, at the end of a special year for the school. Our 125th birthday celebrations came to a dramatic climax with a firework extravaganza on Saturday 13th December. Even the wet weather couldn't put a damper on this memorable event. The birthday year certainly went out with a bang!

Mrs Houston's retirement events were quieter but no less memorable. At her final sixth form Assembly, she reminisced about life and its challenges and passed on wise advice to the new generation. At a special Christmas meeting of the Christian Union (now renamed Jist) Mrs Houston was delighted to receive the gift of a Bible, and personal messages from the girls. In a packed Cathedral, at the annual Carol Service, thanks were given for the contribution Mrs Houston had made to the school over her 14 years as Head.

The culmination of all these occasions was the whole-school Assembly on the last day of term. From Prep 1 to Y13,



Mrs Houston with new headmistress, Mrs Dunsford.

all pupils and staff met in the Sports Hall to pay tribute to Mrs Houston and to present her with gifts, including a rare first edition of 'Silas Marner'.

The occasion was reminiscent of the special Birthday Assembly earlier in the year. Truly the end of an era – and the beginning of a new one!

Netball Wins

Everyone connected with Sheffield High School can be very proud of the netball teams, which have achieved some amazing successes recently. We won the Under-14 South Yorkshire title, beating King Edwards, Tapton, Hall Cross, Wombwell and Dinnington, the U-16, against Old Hall, Hall Cross, Aston, Wickersley and Stocksbridge A and B, and the U-19, beating Wickersley, Silverdale and Hall Cross.

Success against opponents of such strength is commendable, but to make it even more special, Sheffield High School neither tied nor were beaten in any individual match by any team!



Sheffield High School netball teams.

High Results!

A squad of thirty-six of our very own trampolinists competed in the Yorkshire Schools' Trampolining Championships, and left with the top awards! The team which entered the Under-15 Closed competition came second, and in the U-19 Closed, U-19 Open and U-15 Open Competitions the High School teams came first. There were also many individual successes within these competitions with Eleanor Blackwell coming 3rd, Rachel Mersh 3rd, Francesca Cunningham 1st and Lizzie Crampin 1st in their respective competitions, which ranged from U-13 to U-19.

Forward Dates

'Spring Serenade' Senior Concert	Thursday 25 March
'Wind in the Willows' Senior Play	Tuesday 30 March – Thursday 1 April
Cultural Trips to: Spain, France and Galapagos Islands	Easter
Ski Trip to France	Easter
Year 7&8 Informal Concert	Wednesday 30 June
Summer Band Concert	Wednesday 7 July