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SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

High Flyer

Charity Begins at School!

This academic year has seen a huge increase in charity events and donations in school. The new staff Charities Coordinator, Katharine Salmon, together with her two sixth form prefects, Fiona Bradbury and Anneka Sawhney, have raised the profile of charities and seen the girls digging deep into their purses for worthwhile causes – putting their money where their heart is! The amazing total for all charity fund-raising to date exceeds £10,000!

Children in Need

The annual FOSH Craft Fayre had a special visitor this year: Pudsey Bear made a guest appearance and accepted a cheque for £1500 for Children in Need. The money was raised by various activities, including a stall at the Craft Fayre, a non-uniform day (always popular!), French manicures, sponsored silences and a brave girl who dressed as Barbie. The Craft Fayre raised money for many other charities as well, including £390 for Toybox (a charity working with street children in Latin America) and £100 for the World Wildlife Fund.



In the Pink

In October the school went pink and raised over £700 for Breast Cancer Research. Y7 made pink cakes; Y11 sold pink ribbons; many girls wore pink accessories in their hair; and the sixth form and staff dressed in pink – including the men!

Practical Gifts

- Christmas saw a collection of gifts for elderly people in a nursing home.
- Books were collected for the Sheffield Children's Hospital.
- A sale of unwanted gifts was held in aid of the Tsunami Relief Fund.

Year 7 Read-On

All the Year 7 girls were involved in the annual Read-On competition which ran between Monday 11th October and Friday 5th November. All gave generously and the total raised this year was £2394! This beats last year's total by a small margin. The money raised will go to the Sheffield Royal Institute for the Blind.

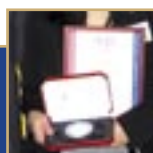


Recipe for Success

The Y8s collected favourite recipes from all the staff, and collated them in their ICT lessons into a new recipe book – the perfect Christmas present! The proceeds went to the NSPCC.



Inside...



Notable Success



Climb Every Mountain...



Taking a Tumble

Sherwood Pines

When Y4 visited Sherwood Pines they had a beautiful, warm autumn day.

They talked about autumn with a Ranger and then became squirrels. The 'squirrels' hid conkers and acorns in the picnic area. They then collected all sorts of natural materials to make a dormouse nest. The dormouse was a pot of hot water. They took the temperature of the water, put the pot in the nests and took the temperature 15 minutes later to find which materials made the best insulated nest. After this activity, the 'squirrels' were sent back to find their acorns and conkers. It is likely that there may be many more trees in the future!

After lunch the girls went pond-dipping and found water boatmen, newts, leeches, daphnia, water spiders and a mayfly. All the animals were put back in the pond when the girls had finished investigating them. Everyone had a thoroughly enjoyable day, learning about mini beasts and their habitats.

Music for Mexico – or India?

Victoria Heyes left Y13 last summer intending to spend her gap year preparing for music college and working as a volunteer to help underprivileged people in a developing country. She planned to join a Christian charity and approached TEARFUND (The Evangelical Alliance Relief Fund) who offered her a placement in Mexico.

Vicky was awarded the **Aline Cholmondeley travel scholarship 2004** by the GDST to help towards the costs of her project. However she still had to find the rest of her airfare and money for her training and to cover living costs while she is abroad. She has been working in a hotel and in an office and recently organised a concert at school to raise money. Several of Vicky's friends from the Sheffield youth music scene agreed to take part.

The concert, "Music for Mexico", was a wonderful mix of classical music, jazz and rock with a range of singers and instrumentalists. The audience of friends, family and teachers was appreciative of the music and keen to support Vicky's work. Thanks to those who performed and those who paid for

tickets or gave donations, Vicky raised an excellent £428!

Since the concert TEARFUND's plans for the Mexico project have changed and it seems likely that Vicky will go to India instead. She is expecting to be placed just outside Bombay, where she will be living and working in an orphanage in a slum area and helping street children. She is looking forward to the challenge and the chance to help children who have not benefited from the advantages she has been given.

"I'm really excited and am expecting it to be a real eye-opener to go into a different environment and live and work with people who are much worse off than I am," she said. "I hope I can make children's lives happier, have fun with them and help them to be in a better position for the future."

● **Rachael Stockley** has been awarded the English-Speaking Union Scholarship to The Lawrenceville School in New Jersey. The Admissions Committee were impressed by her personal qualities and academic achievement and look forward to welcoming her to the school.

Hitting the High Notes

The High School is justly proud of two of its musicians.

Angela Bradbury has been hitting the headlines after coming top in Music GCSE out of 19,313 candidates – when she was 2 years below GCSE age! At a special luncheon held in The Brewery in Chiswell Street, she was awarded a solid silver medal and a diploma to mark her achievement. The presentation was made by Diana Cavanagh, Chair of the examinations board, AQA.

Ruth Nicholson Y9 won two trophies in the Hallam Music Festival: *Best Pianist* and *Best Performer Overall*. Ruth has another string to her bow: performing on the violin, she passed her audition for the City of Sheffield Youth Orchestra. She'll be taking part in their concerts at home and abroad in the coming years.



Angela Bradbury with her parents at the awards ceremony.



Sheffield High Mountains

Walking into the Y6 form rooms last term was rather like strolling through the Andes or Himalayas. The girls created their own peaks from a wide range of materials and showed great ingenuity, imagination, skill and patience.

Their attention to detail produced fantastic constructions, complete with skiers, moguls, mountaineers and a variety of wildlife. Some even included sound effects! Several of the volcanoes were working models with vinegar, bicarbonate of soda and red colouring producing realistic eruptions. Hannah's chocolate cake volcano with pump-powered strawberry sauce 'lava' was the shortest lived, but perhaps the most appreciated, as it was enjoyed by all her classmates!

A working model of a volcano.



Senior Mathematical Challenge

On November 9th 2004, 17 of our sixth formers took part in the annual Senior Maths Challenge.

Twelve of them were awarded certificates for being in the top 40% of all entrants in the whole of the UK – 2 gold, 3 silver and 7 bronze awards.

Congratulations to all of these girls, but especially to our 2 gold award winners, Fiona Bradbury (Y13) and Naomi Flowers (Y12). They have been consistently high scorers in Challenge competitions, both having previously gained gold awards in the Junior and Intermediate Challenges. Although she just missed gold in the Senior Challenge in November 2003, Fiona excelled by achieving Best in School in this, her final year at the High School.

Acting Up!

In the first week of December an Acting Competition organised by the Drama Department took place. This was open to girls in Years 7 to 9 and was extremely well-supported with over forty entries. The girls could perform in pairs or small groups and several chose to devise their own drama such as *The Remember Scene* written by girls in 7X although many more opted for published plays: *Sparkle Shark* and *Bugsy Malone* were popular choices.

The standard of the productions was very high indeed with many groups going to great lengths to produce realistic props. Suitable costumes were also made or found: flapper dresses were worn for scenes from *Bugsy Malone* and Olivia Sutton was appropriately attired for the character of Natasha in *Sparkle Shark*. Indeed, Olivia not only looked the part but she, along with fellow actor Lisa Camm, gave an excellent performance.

It was a very difficult task choosing the winners but in the end this honour went to Jade Jaffari and Payvand Agahi of Year 8 for their splendid performance as Polly and Fanny in Louisa M. Alcott's *Old Fashioned Girl*.

More Tea Vicar?

The Second World War was the setting for this year's production by the Kinetic Theatre Company who visited Melbourne House earlier this year. The girls learnt about the properties of materials and magnetism as part of this exciting play. Audience participation was encouraged and, with the help of the girls, we found out about the expansion of metals, how a bi-metallic strip works and whether hot air goes out of the door – or cold air blows in! It was certainly an exciting way to study Science.

The Emergency Services at SHS

Girls in the Reception classes were visited by several members of the Emergency Services as part of their topic on 'People who help us'. The girls had the opportunity to stroke the two Police horses after they had watched them ride around the playground and demonstrate their amazing skills. The dog handlers also came to school and Molly and Keely impressed the girls with their ability to find hidden objects.

3 plays in 1

The Infant Department celebrated Christmas with 3 separate plays. Parents and friends of the school joined the girls in Melbourne House and were entertained by Reception's *Glory's Christmas*, Y1's *The Sleepy Shepherd* and Y2's *Christmas Joy*. All of the girls took part and provided a fantastic start to the festive season.

House Hockey

Hockey was introduced to Years 5 & 6 last year and the girls have enjoyed it so much and developed their skills so well, that Melbourne House was able to hold its first ever inter-house hockey competition this season. The matches were closely fought and the trophy was won by Sapphires.

Judo Coaching

Alicia Danks, aged 16, has become the first pupil at Sheffield High School to become a qualified Judo Coach whilst two younger pupils, Katherine Payne and Jemimah Stephenson, hold certificates of attendance to the coaching weekend as they are too young to be officially recognized!

Alicia passed her Fundamental Principles of Judo Level 1 at a full weekend course organized for adults and youths by the Sheffield High School Coach and 3rd Dan, Syd Moyle. The instructor at the course was Mr Horaka, an 8th Dan from Tokyo, and the ability of the participants ranged from orange to brown belt.

The three pupils from Sheffield High are all green belts or 3rd Kyu and really enjoyed the opportunity to take part in sport from the coaching angle. 'We learned common mistakes to look for in basic standing and ground work and how to present it in an easy way for a beginner,' said 15-year-old Katherine. Both she and 14-year-old Jemimah are looking forward to having



The coaches assisting at Judo Club.

their coaching award recognized once they turn 16.

Sheffield High pupils have the

opportunity to develop judo and coaching skills at the school club run every Tuesday by coach Syd Moyle.

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Taekwondo

Since September, many of the girls from Y4 upwards have been attending Taekwondo lessons after school. This sport aims to develop self-discipline and respect, as well as being a great way to keep fit. It is proving very popular and the girls who attend the lessons think it's great fun!

Forward Dates

Cultural Trips to France and Thailand

Easter break

Summer Serenade, Senior Concert

Thursday 12 May

Y13 Leavers' Evening

Thursday 26 May

Y7 & 8 Musical Evening

Wednesday 22 June

FOSH Rounders Day

Saturday 25 June

Junior Summer Open Evening

Sun 3 - Wed 6 July

Sports Tour to New Zealand and Fiji

Summer break