



Summer 2000

SHEFFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

High Flyer

Millennium Gala

THE WHOLE SCHOOL combined its efforts and talents on 13th March to put on the 'Millennium Gala' Combined Arts Concert. This huge undertaking involved girls of all ages, from both the junior school and the senior school, and featured many different types of the performing arts. The choirs, formed into a 'Gala Choir' for the occasion, the orchestras and the concert band were of course involved. There were performances from the various dance groups and clubs as well, and drama performances of works by Oscar Wilde and William Shakespeare. There were also dramatised readings, gymnastic displays and artwork. Some pieces combined many of these skills, for example the extracts from the musical of 'Pygmalion', 'My Fair Lady', which was a joint performance by drama groups and choir members, as well as a musical accompanist, Emma Blackburn and a soloist, Anna Palmer.

The Millennium Gala was held to celebrate both the 122nd anniversary of the foundation of the school, and the birth of a new millennium, which we hope will see many more performances of this calibre. The proceeds from the Millennium Gala were put towards the Minerva Fund. This charity was set up on the proceeds of the Minerva Concert of two years ago, another wonderful evening, and its purpose is to help those girls who are hit by financial crisis or who could not otherwise afford to come to the High School. What a good cause for a good night out!



Jonah Man Jazz

ALL THE JUNIOR GIRLS IN ONE ITEM! It seemed like a simple idea during the planning stage, but the reality tested everyone's logistical skills.

Music, dance and art lessons were spent creating and preparing and, on March 13th, 180 girls from Y3-Y6 sang beautifully and performed imaginative dances to tell the tale of *Jonah and the Whale*. The story was narrated by Polly Fowler (Y5) and Alison Drayton (Y4) and the enthusiasm of all the girls shone though the production, while the audience appeared amazed at the number of girls who participated.

Melbourne House's contribution to the Gala evening was completed by The Y6 Orchestra which gave a splendid performance of March in C (Czerny), German Dance (Beethoven) and Minuet in G minor (Bach) under Miss Gladwin's direction.

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Jumping with Joy



Winning Hand



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Art Activities

THE ART DEPARTMENT have been very busy recently with all sorts of competitions and festivals. Here is a run-down of what the department and the girls been up to. They have:

- ★ won the Painting Prize in a national exhibition of GDST art work across the country.
- ★ come runners-up in a national competition to design a new prayer window for Manchester Airport.
- ★ taken an active part in the Broomhill Festival.
- ★ had work displayed in the Young at Art competition.
- ★ provided art constructions as part of a combined arts gala which was held at the Octagon in March and which involved 450 girls – half our pupils!
- ★ taken an active part in the design of the new school uniform.

They have also been regular winners of the Yorkshire Post Calendar Competition.



Gabby Hanlon, Andrew Wynne, and Alison Gimmingham inspect designs for the Millennium Quilt.

The latest project for the department was working on one of the Millennium Quilts for the Sheffield Children's Festival. The aim of this project, which was sponsored by the National Trust, was to produce a silk batik quilt for Hardwick Hall. A textile artist, Andrew Wynne, came into school on May 24th, 25th and 26th, and Alison Gimmingham, the Education Co-ordinator for the National Trust, also came in on the 24th to help out.

Sports Success for Pupils ... and Staff!

REBECA MERSH of Y6 is currently 2nd in the country in Under 13 race walking. She will be representing Great Britain in the Under 12 one kilometre race walk for the Nihill Cup this summer, which will take place between 14th and 16th July in Ireland.

Frances Cooke of Y10 has won the highboard and three metre Sheffield and District Diving Championships, and in



Frances Cooke with her diving medals.

addition was presented with an award for being the most improved diver of the year!

Good luck to **Catherine Nuttall** of Y12 who will be representing England in the European Jujitsu Championships in August.

Congratulations to **Sarah Heywood** who was the Sheffield Under 12 individual champion in trampolining, and to



U19 Trampolining 'A' Team Champions.

Olivia Thompson who was the B Under 19 individual champion.

Rebecca Milnes made quite a splash for the school, winning the senior back-crawl at the Trust Gala. She also became the A Sheffield Under 19 individual trampolining champion.

Team success

- ★ 17 City Titles
- ★ 6 County Trophies
- ★ 6 Regional Medals

National Achievements

- ★ Trust Senior Hockey Winners
- ★ National Netball Finalists

Full details of all these amazing achievements will follow in the school magazine.

THE WEEKEND OF MAY 6TH AND 7TH was a very important one for two of our PE Department. Both Miss Challenger and Mrs Leaver play hockey throughout the year for separate teams, but on that weekend both played in the National Finals – of different events!

Emma, playing for the Barbarians in the National Mixed Hockey Championships in Birmingham, became runners-up in the Country with her team. Helen played in the National Hockey Stadium in Milton Keynes in the Ladies Plate Cup Final for her side, Worksop, and they were also runners-up the Country. What an amazing achievement, two silver medals by two of our staff in two different National Finals and on the same weekend!!



Mrs Leaver and Miss Challenger.

Spoilt for Choice

A CAREERS FAIR ENTITLED 'Into the Millennium' was held in school on the 16th of February. It was a joint enterprise between the High School and Birkdale, and stretched over three parts of the school. The main hall was given over to universities and other higher education establishments or GAP year opportunity providers to present their 'wares'. All of the local universities and colleges were there, as well as some further-flung ones, such as the University of Northumbria. There were displays to look at and representatives for the students to talk to and ask questions. The careers library was full of information on careers in ... information, as well as the Sheffield Careers Service to advise on other types of careers. The Sports Hall was packed out with representatives from careers as diverse as Nursing and the Army, Art and Design and Biochemistry. It was a very interesting evening, and it was very useful to the students to have the information on all the options gathered in one place on one night. Thanks to all the representatives who attended.



Murder! Intrigue! At the High School...?

LESSONS WERE DISRUPTED on Monday 13th March by the necessity to investigate a most serious incident. The body of Sir Algernon Fanshawe was discovered in mysterious circumstances. Years 7 to 10, working in their Houses, had to use all their skills in order to discover what had happened, and more to the point, whodunit!

The girls used their scientific knowledge to determine that Sir Algernon had been killed by poison. They also examined fibres and footprints to gain vital evidence about who the culprit might be. Helpfully, they proved conclusively that the criminal was female, which obviously narrowed down the search enormously in the High School!

The language skills of the girls were put to good use, as some of the suspects were French and German and their

evidence had to be translated to add to the investigation. Geography and Maths also came into play when for the purposes of solving this nefarious crime it was decided that it would be helpful to draw a map of the scene of the crime and work out distances from it, to see whether suspects could have reached the spot in the times when they had no alibis. The Internet was used to download timetables, again to check alibis and narrow down the list of suspects.

Thankfully the perpetrator of this heinous deed was detected and caught, along with an accomplice, who, as it turned out, had good reason for wanting Sir Algernon dead. Justice has been served.

Thanks to Chief Inspector Dr Anderson, of the Science Department, who led the investigation.

Parker Handwriting Competition



LAST OCTOBER, several lower school English classes entered the Parker Handwriting Competition. Nothing was heard about our school's entries for a long time so after the closing date passed at the end of March, we assumed that we hadn't won anything... In May a letter arrived to inform Nicola Allum of 9Z that, out of a total of 160,000 entries nationwide, she had won the under-fourteen age group! Nicola will travel to a special award ceremony in London where she will be presented with her prizes by a TV personality. She wins a certificate, a luxury set of Parker pens, a cash prize and a cheque for the school. Congratulations to Nicola on her achievement and thanks to all the other girls who took part.

Jennifer Shepherd ATCL

CONGRATULATIONS TO Jenny Shepherd of Y13 who recently attained a diploma in the recorder from Trinity College, London. Jenny, who is the music prefect, was assessed in March on aural skills, sight-reading, performance, working with her accompanist and other rigorous tests. She reached the necessary high standard, and is now an Associate of the Trinity College, London, with letters after her name to prove it. Well done, Jenny!

Hitting a High Note

CONGRATULATIONS ARE ALSO DUE TO Emma Blackburn, who has passed Grade 8 Tenor Horn with Merit, while only in Y10. She is now transferring to the French Horn which will give her more opportunity in orchestral playing. I'm sure she will soon be featuring again in these pages!

Fundraising Gets A Flying Start!



Sponsors Bell & Buxton help us to launch the 2001 Australia Sports Tour with the first fundraising event, The Balloon Race.

Melbourne House Charity Week

CHARITY WEEK WAS HELD from March 6th to 10th and was very successful, raising a grand total of £487.41 for our two nominated charities P.A.C.T. and PACES. Girls from Y4, Y5 and Y6 organised all sorts of fund-raising events and stalls in their house groups. These proved particularly popular with the younger girls, whilst staff were keen to have their cars washed! The week finished with a non-uniform day, which was supported by both staff and pupils.

The summer term sees the final charity fund-raising push, with several special events planned by the Amethyst and Sapphire Houses in mid-June.

Love Russia Update

IN OUR LAST EDITION we told you about our efforts to raise money for the British-based charity *Love Russia*, which helps Russian orphans by providing them with food, medicines and, just as importantly, a skill. Y12 *Love Russia* helpers ran a very successful cake stall in January as part of Russian Week. In May the helpers presented a special school assembly and showed a large-screen video about the work of the charity. The film was very moving, but it showed that our school can make a difference. The following day a collection raised over £60. Since the start of this academic year we have raised £340. During the summer we plan to organise three more events which we will tell you about in our next edition.

P.S. a special thank you to parents who sent cakes for us to sell and to the father of one of our helpers who persuaded his employer to donate £1000 directly to *Love Russia*.

Forward Dates

Thursday 14 September	Senior School Prize Giving
Saturday 7 October	Open Morning
Saturday 11 November	Sixth Form Open Morning
Tuesday 12 December	Carol Service, Sheffield Cathedral

Would you like to sponsor the High Flyer this time next year?

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