



Over The Bar



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Cross Country

On Saturday 25th February our Cross Country team took part in the City Championships at Graves Park.

Seeing over 500 children competing across the 4 races was a wonderful sight. Congratulations to all the pupils from across Sheffield who took part in this year's City Championship race!

City Championships results:

Raife Sheehan 7th place

Evan Smith 3rd place

Y3/4 Boys team 2nd place.

The Relays took place on Sat 25th March. There were 105 teams combined in the relays and 3 out of our 5 teams achieved a top 10 finish. Y3/4 Girls-7th place, Y3/4 Boys-5th place, Y5/6 Girls-6th place, Y5/6 Boys-11th place.

Finally the League results. Over the course of this academic year

we have 9 individual races.

The best performances for the whole of Sheffield (over 5 races):

Y3/4 Arabella - 7th, Y3/4 Ben A - 6th, Y5/6 Evan Smith - 6th.

Our Y3/4 Girls were the second best team in Sheffield and so were our 3/4 Boys!

[Overall League results can be found here \(click me!\)](#)

A huge thank you must go to all the race organisers and to the people who came forward and have helped out with the Cross Country in this academic year. Finally a massive thank you to Claire Sanderson (who will continue supporting the primary cross country in the 23/24 season even with her son going on to secondary school).



Swim-pressive

With the Swimming Gala coming up (on the evening of Thursday 25th May), we've had some welcome news come through in finding out about Mariana & Zara's swimming exploits. In February Mariana swam in Leeds on Sun 12th and she and Zara swam at Ponds Forge in the relays on Sunday 19th.

They both swam in the Yorkshire county championships in the relay teams for Sheffield with a top 10 finish for both and a bronze for Mariana's team. Mariana also qualified for the individual backstroke event!

Well done girls!



Bikeability

Due to the ice and snow in the last week of the autumn term, the decision was made to put all our pupils through the Bikeability level 1 award (developing cycle handling and preparing riders for cycling on the road in an off-road environment)-in one week with a view to try and get pupils to do the level 2 award towards the end of the summer term. The level one award was done on our school M.U.G.A and bottom playground by Ziya Gokmen & Udit Thakre of Cycle North. 85 Year 6 pupils took part out of 91.

Bikeability gives pupils the skills and confidence for all kinds of cycling and hopefully we've helped in starting to prepare our pupils to deal with short journeys such as cycling to the local shops or to school!



Did you know... [Eat Smart Sheffield](#) has a regular feature in The Star newspaper? Every Monday in their Food & Drink Supplement.



Look High & Low! - At the supermarket shelves that is! Supermarkets use a sneaky tactic to make us all spend more - they put their best bargains on the bottom shelves or up high, and the most expensive items at eye-level.

HBJ Football Update

(Full reports and further pictures can be found by using the Hyperlinks.)

Y5/6 Girls-Due to the previous fixture in November/December being called off, on Thursday 26th January our Y5/6 girls played a 7-a-side game at U-mix against Nether Edge. The girls ended up coming away with a 6-1 win. The goals came from Aneesa, Sofia, Alice & Alex x 3. A special mention to Zaynab who "played up" two years and put in some great tackles & passes.



Y3/4 - On Tuesday 21st March our Y3 (& Y4) boys played against Westbourne school coming away with a 3-0 win. Theo & Reggie were the standout performers with Reggie keeping a clean sheet. The Y4 boys played against Westbourne school coming away with a 6-1 loss. A bit of a learning curve for the Y4s, who need to think about their positioning and not leaving space at the back. Alex W-M was the standout performer playing in net and kept the score at 6-1 with a number of great saves.

Y5/6 - On Wednesday 22nd March our Y5 boys played against Westbourne school coming away with a 7-2 win. A good performance from the Y5s who managed to power through in the second half with some good play to draw the opposition out and create space to make chances. M.O.M. chosen by Westbourne-Jack N. The Y6 boys played against Westbourne school coming away with a 8-1 win. A great performance from the Y6s. A strong first half was taken into the second half and there was some great sportsmanship throughout. M.O.M. chosen by Westbourne-Albert.



Y5 Boys League-A great performance from the "Blues" & "Greens" On Tuesday 21st March with some fantastic football played throughout. Five year 4 pupils played up and were a credit to both teams. The Blues lost out on winning the league by one goal! which showed how close it was at the top! Congratulations to Dobcroft, who progress to the finals at Olympic Legacy Park.

Y6 Boys League-On Monday 27th March our Year 6 boys teams went to play in the League fixtures against Portercroft and Greystones. Unfortunately Portercroft had to pull out but two teams from HBJ & Greystones made for a competitive fixture. Congratulations to Greystones B who won all their 3 games and progress to the finals at Olympic Legacy Park.



Y6 Girls League-Has been rescheduled for 25th April 2023.

Netball Tournament

On Friday 10th February ten Y5/6 girls went to compete in a Netball Tournament hosted by Westbourne School at Concord Sports Centre.

The girls finished in 4th place after losing out to Dore in the 3rd/4th playoff and it's a brilliant achievement in its own right, but put into context, for 80% of the girls it was their first competitive Netball game! The winners were Dobcroft who were worthy winners (who all play at club level & were amazing!) so even to get out of our pool with them was a fantastic achievement!

A huge thank you to the parents who were able to help with transport and also to Beccy Lewis (England Netball NDO) who came down to support and umpire. Many of the girls do her Bee Netball after-school club.



Handball Tournament

After 4 weeks of training, a select group of Y5 pupils were taken to compete in the inaugural Handball tournament at Hillsborough College on Monday. After 3 wins, a draw and a loss we just missed out on the finals finishing in 3rd place. Our only loss came to the eventual winners Hatfield and our draw came against a school with an international Handball coach as their teacher!

Coach Logan: "Over the 4 weeks everyone worked really hard. I've seen lots of pupils develop their handball skills and be the best player they can be. The tournament side was strong and made a strong start but they struggled in 2 games against the finalist which cost us.

I've really enjoyed my time here at Hunter's Bar and been treated so nicely. It was brilliant to come here."

An amazing effort from all involved and Alex F was chosen as the player of the day. Logan and Cavan want to extend a huge thank you to all the HBJ staff, for all the help they got whilst here but especially to Mr. Bainbridge & Mr. Beauchamp who gave Logan and Cavan some fantastic teaching and coaching advice.



Panathlon

On Thursday 9th February pupils from Y3-6 went to take part in a Panathlon multi-skills event at Concord Sports Centre. Over 200 children and young people competed in the Panathlon over 3 days and in turn, this gave young people the opportunity to access high quality, inclusive and (more importantly) fun physical activities.

A huge thank you has to go to the Panathlon Foundation and especially the wonderful Howard Nicholls for traveling up to Sheffield (all the way from Essex) who was instrumental in providing the three wonderful days of Activities. Another thank you must go to the amazing sports leaders (55 pupils over 3 days) who have all come through the Step Into Sport Leadership pathway (a mix of SEND/Mainstream Secondary students) who did themselves and their institutions proud. They lead with care, maturity and enthusiasm and were exceptional role models for the competitors. King Edwards, Pontefract College, Sheaf Training, Parkwood Academy and Birley Academy.

The final thank you goes to the amazing Ms Abdulla & Mr Allen who assisted with keeping spirits high and sacrificing their lunch times to ensure the pupils had a brilliant time. Maryam & Fidan were chosen as competitors of the day and were absolutely amazing in their conduct competing but also their sportsmanship.



Climbing Works Bouldering Competition

- On Tuesday 24th January a group of eighteen pupils (made up of year 5 and 6 pupils) from HBJ took part in the School Bouldering Qualification round at the Mini Works (within the Climbing Works). We took a mini-bus to the Climbing Works, arriving just before 1:00pm allowing us to get ready. We had a wide variety of climbers (including some very experienced and some with minimal climbing experience) compete, but every one of us tried our hardest and did incredibly well.
 - The climbing club set up by Mr. Adebola was a big help to a lot of climbers who were able to hone their skills from November to February in a familiar setting.
 - There were twelve different challenges to try and each pupil was allowed three attempts to master the climb. Each school has 2 hours to try the qualification blocs (8-12 climbs on "wasps") with points being scored on how many of the climbs get topped (10 points for completing it first time) and the number of attempts. There was also a bonus hold that gave 3 points. As the number of the climb increased, the challenges got harder and included things like over-hangs and monkey bars style moves that needed to be executed. The top 6 scores from our school will be added up to give HBJ an overall score which will be compared to other schools. The qualification rounds finish on the 11th February and results and finalists will be announced once all of the qualification rounds have been completed.
 - The top 10 Sheffield Primary and Secondary schools will be invited to take part in the Sheffield final on 30th March 2023. Hopefully from our performance on the day we will be competing in the finals and we will look forward to it if we are.
- (Emma R-J10)

On Thursday 30th March 6 Hunter's Bar pupils Freddy, Jack, Ewan, Juno, Emma and Lily (replacing Elizabeth who was unavailable) went back to the Mini-Works to compete in the Finals. The finals consisted of the top ten qualifying schools (out of 57 schools who entered) and 60 climbers on the day (out of the 700 climbers who took part).

Whilst the team (led by instructor Carl) weren't able to bring the trophy back to Hunter's Bar this year (finishing in joint 4th place), they all did fantastically well having to problem solve, support and encourage each other whilst attempting the 15 tricky problems.



Squash

On Wednesday 29th March the opportunity was given to new Y5/6 pupils to come and take part in the bi-annual Apex Squash & Racketball schools tournament sponsored again by Sarem at the Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club. As has become custom we were joined on the day by Nethergreen Juniors and St. Wilfred's Catholic Primary School.

After what was described as the closest competition yet and not much between first and third place the afternoon of competitive Squash games culminated in St. Wilfred's taking home the trophy.

A fantastic afternoon for all 3 schools, with sportsmanship balancing out the competitive nature of the pupils...just...

Thank you to Sarem, Jayne, Adam, Jason, Danny, Neil, & the rest of the Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club team! As well as Nick Matthew, Asia Harris and Nick Wall who came to sign balls, bags and everything else in sight for the pupils and also allowed some pupils to watch them training in-between games. It was very appreciated and hopefully inspired some pupils to see what they can achieve. Finally, a thank you to all the parents who were able to come out and support us during the day as always, it's appreciated greatly.



Little Messys

In February "Little Messys" came into school after making contact looking to run a trial for an after school club. They have already established one in the infant school and wanted to offer their services to the Junior school as well. The after school club trial went really well and I received lots of positive feedback from parents and children (as well as the great games and drills I saw whilst observing). We'll be looking to bring them into school to start their after-school next term. Why wait until September 2023! The club will be initially opened up to Y3/4 pupils due to Basketball being prioritised for Y5/6 pupils.



M.U.G.A (multi-use games area)

Over the course of this academic year Mr. Hewson has taken control of the bottom yard, and whilst his efforts to convert all children into Manchester United fans (or Barnsley at a push) are failing he's had much more success in allowing pupils to lead on the M.U.G.A activities.

Due to his willingness to empower our pupils, children have taken control of the MUGA at lunch times! They are now match organisers, referees and of course players who all combine to create child-led games of football and basketball. Over the past few months, Mr. Hewson who has been joined by Mr. Owen have both been stepping further and further away from the action over the lunch break - with the children taking a greater command of their own activities.

We are heading in a direction where children are learning to regulate themselves, deal with the emotions around winning and losing, and respect both the opposition and the match officials. What's best is that some children are discovering a love of football and basketball that they didn't know they had! We're all looking forward to more and more children enjoying their time on the M.U.G.A!

It makes Sense(i)...

Congratulations to the following [Elite Karate](#) After-School club students, who passed their karate grading on the weekend of 25-26th March to earn their Yellow belt in their karate grading:

Candice, Jack, Alice, Reyan, Logan, Alexandra and Eric.

The following pupils gained their Orange Belt (3rd one in the Syllabus)

Brandan, Mollie S and Victor.

Sam H was able to achieve his Green Belt (4th Belt in the Syllabus)

The grading lasted just over an hour and all pupils had to clearly demonstrate all 10 sections of Syllabus with strong performances by all! After passing this grade they will all now work towards achieving their next Belt.





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Sports news and information

We continually update our [school sports page](#) on the Hunter's Bar Juniors website.

Pupils write about the sporting events we participate in and this information is available on the sports page (Hyper-linked above) or you can click the picture below to go directly to our school games website.



Childcare offer for parents

The Childcare Choices campaign aims to raise awareness and understanding of the support available from the government with the costs of childcare.

You can help ensure as parents and carers you aren't missing out by going to <https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> where you can easily find the right offers of childcare support for them.

You could be entitled to:

up to £2,000 a year of Tax-Free Childcare per child (or £4,000 if disabled) for children up to 11, or 17 if they're disabled. You can also get help with up to 85% of your childcare costs for children up to 16 with Universal Credit or 30 hours of free childcare for 3 and 4 year olds if you're a working family in England.

Orienteering league 22-23

After 5 races, Ecclesall are hot on our heels in the race for the Orienteering league title!

School	Points	Events	Endcliffe Park	Bolehill and Crookes	Botanical Gardens
1 Hunters Bar	1193	3	394	400	399
2 Ecclesall	1175	3	392	394	389
3 Nethergreen	1165	3	386	387	392

The next event (Series) 7 is on Saturday 29th April 2023 is at Parkwood Springs.

[Race \(Series\) 4](#), [Race 5](#) & [Race 6](#) results can be found by clicking on the hyperlinks. All individual pupils scores can be found here: [SYO School individual scores](#).

Sheffield Diving

On Tuesday 21st February Georgia Davenport (Ex GB diver) came into school to deliver an England Diving Talent Programme 'Little Rippers 'Talent Search' at school.

Members of the Sheffield Diving elite coaching team have delivered a fun physical education lesson, based around fundamental diving movements. Over 2000 pupils from Primary Schools across the City took part in the sessions throughout February 2023. The sessions seek to identify pupils with the potential to reach a high standard in the Olympic sport of springboard and platform diving.

This session was only done with our three Y3 classes and 25% (22 out of our 85 pupils present) were chosen to advance to stage 2. This is a fantastic achievement considering the thousands of athletically talented pupils tested to date. Their results indicate that they are in the top 10% for various characteristics that elite level athletes possess (strength, flexibility, power, speed and coordination).



HBJ Sports Council

Sports Councillors hold a very important role within school sports at HBJ. As well as giving their insights into sport/PE lessons they are also a focal point for pupils within their class to share their sporting information and ideas (to then share with Mr. Adebola). After a PE lesson they give the teacher (or staff member) 30 seconds of feedback to explain understanding of the learning question and if they thought it was achieved as well as letting staff know what they enjoyed and anything they felt can be improved.

In our next meeting (next half term) Mr Adebola plans to speak to the councillors about up and coming changes that we want to make to our school playgrounds.

J1-Violet	J4-Sammy	J7-Dedan	J10-Imaan
J2-Akilah	J5-Zac	J8-Candice	J11-Ziyad
J3-Ayaan	J6-Melissa	J9-Samirah	J12-Daniel

