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## Making a splash - HBJ Swimming Gala

On Tuesday 21st May a combination of 14 pupils (Year 3-Year 6) took part in the Swimming Gala at Ponds Forge International Sports Centre.

An amazing effort from our "Swimming Sharks" going one better than last year (where we finished 5th) and we were able to secure a 4th place finish but it was very bittersweet as they were 1 point off the podium and medals position.

A fantastic all around performance especially for those who faced their fears (& "shaked it off" whilst listening to Mr A's Taylor Swift renditions) and great team work all around with pupils swapping racing positions and races to help utilise and make the most of their

swimming strengths.

Thank you to Mrs Amin, Mrs Reilly-Stitt and Mrs Garcia for all their help.



## "A-MAE-ZING" Fundraising

Every pupil at Hunters Bar Juniors participates in a 'Values' project to reflect the schools values of Respect, Responsibility & Resilience.

This year, Year 5 pupils offered support to local asylum seekers and refugees in Sheffield by raising funds for City of Sanctuary. The City of Sanctuary network is made up of thousands of ordinary people all around the country who are stepping up to support people seeking sanctuary in our communities. The children walked from school to Forge Dam & back. Mae also covered 100 miles between March 19th & April 19th (the distance of Dia los Muetos in Mexico. An average of 25 miles a week. With an initial target of £100 target Mae was able to raise £120. Well done!



## Pitch Perfect!

Congratulations to the Sheffield Boys U15s squad who after beating Hull winning 4-1 on Saturday 27th April became Yorkshire Cup Champions.

It was fantastic to see two of our ex-pupils Jacob Roy and Toby Butler involved in the win especially as they were highlighted and nominated for the School Boys squad when they were here in Y6!

We wish all of our pupils who have been nominated this year the best of luck in their trials.



**Did you know...** Water makes up over half our bodyweight, and fluids are essential for good health. We need about 6-8 drinks a day – more if it is hot or if we are physically active. All non-alcoholic drinks, including tea and coffee, can hydrate us but plain water is the best choice.

Making small changes to your diet is the healthiest and most achievable way to manage your weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Try swapping white bread / rice / pasta for brown; sugary cereal for Weetabix or Shredded Wheat; sweets for fruit; and crisps for popcorn!

[Eat Smart Sheffield - Parents & Carers Newsletter](#) / [Newsletter Summer 2024](#)



## HBJ's Blades were sharpened: SWFC Showcase Game

On Monday 29th April a combined team of Year 5 and Year 6 boys went to take place in a showcase game vs Nether Edge Primary School at Sheffield Wednesday Football Clubs Training ground. For this special game Mr Adebola was able to borrow Sheffield United black and gold kit (third kit from the 22/23 season) for our pupils to wear. This showcase game was attended by a few lucky parents and Sheffield Wednesday Academy Chief Scout Mark Grayson who came to take a look at players who could potentially be invited back for further opportunities.

The day started with a coaching session and mini games led by Mr Bennet and Mr Adebola before moving on to a 9 v 9 game. For the 9 v 9 game Hunter's bar came away with a 5-2 win over the course of three 20 minute thirds with some great goals scored. Mark has invited both teams back in for a coaching session with Sheffield Wednesday coaching staff and a mini tournament once the training dome has been rebuilt in the near future.



## Serving up the latest: Hallamshire Squash and Tennis meets HBJ Curriculum

We have had a partnership with the Hallamshire Squash and Tennis club for about 10 years, which has included using them for squash and Tennis Lunch clubs. This year a proposal was put together for Hunter's Bar to use the Hallamshire for PE lessons in the summer term.

Y5 started a 5 week Squash syllabus in Summer 1 (April-May) with aspects such as Learning the game, Playing the ball deep, Playing the ball short and Looking to volley the ball. These lessons led into a Mini Tournament to finish off the course of lessons.

Y6 started a 5 week Tennis Syllabus in Summer 2 (June-July) with aspects such as an introduction to Tennis, Groundstroke control (Path, Angle, Speed), Volley technique and Serving and returning. Again these led into a mini-tournament which looked specifically at How to score match for the final lesson.

This has been a fantastic opportunity for our children to use the Hallamshire's squash and Tennis facilities and be given coaching by their staff. For many of our pupils it will have been the first time that they will have had the opportunity to use the Hallamshire as well as have direct coaching from their staff.

*"We've had a fantastic 10 weeks delivering squash & Tennis to Hunter's Bar Junior School as part of the PE curriculum. We have had over 180 pupils take part in the sessions each week. This is the first squash/tennis experience for the majority and they loved it, with each pupil taking away our promotional/offers pack. We're already planning the next block of sessions!"*

The Hallamshire won the 'Community outreach award' at the Sheffield Schools Get Active awards in July and in our opinion deservedly so (!) for all that they do in our local community.



## No clowning around! Circus Skills at HBJ

After a long consultation period Mr Adebola proposed Circus skills as something that could be added into the curriculum at Hunter's Bar. He along with all the staff were thrilled to see circus skills become a big hit with students after its introduction in September 2023 and staff and children alike practiced skills with many class assemblies featuring some sort of skills display from the children.

This half term we have trialed a circus skills club at lunch times (for Year 5/6 pupils) led by the experienced tutor David Panther. The circus skills club has proved to be a popular choice, igniting a passion for juggling, balance, and coordination among students.

The positive response from all aspects has prompted the school to bring circus skills back into the curriculum for the upcoming September 2024 term as well as bringing back the Circus skills club in some capacity.

This exciting addition promises to bring a touch of magic and physical fun to the learning experience for students.



## HBJ Squash the competition...

On Wednesday 13th March HBJ again took the opportunity to come and take part in the biannual Apex Squash & Racketball schools tournament sponsored again by Sarem at the Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club. After our Y3/4 team came second in their competition earlier this year our Year 5/6 team aimed to make sure that the trophy returned to HBJ on this occasion.

For this competition we were joined on the day by Nethergreen Juniors Clifford and St. Wilfred's Catholic Primary School. It was a great afternoon for all 4 schools, with sportsmanship balancing out the competitive nature of the pupils. There was a lot of effort from our Y5/6 Squash players (with Lenny Y4 taking the chance to play up an age-group). After all of the matches the scores were combined and it was revealed that we had finished first and were crowned champions on the day!

Thank you to Sarem, Jayne, Adam, Jason, Danny, Neil, & the rest of the Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club team! As well as Nick Matthew, who came to sign balls, bags, shoes and everything else in sight for the pupils. It was very much 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.



## 'Relaying the News' - Athletics Update

After the initial event was cancelled on Wednesday 22nd May (due to torrential rain) On Thursday 6th June selected Y5/6 pupils went to take part in the SFSS Athletics Finals competition at Sheffield Hallam University City Athletics Stadium. This event was again cancelled (due to schools not being able to reschedule at short notice). Because of this some pupils were able to go to take place in the S.F.S.S. Athletics City Finals on Thursday 27th June.

Pupils were selected based on athletics testing that is done at HBJ and after a great effort from all involved we finished with 3 podium places on the night; Effic C - 2nd ball throw, Ben R - 2nd long jump, Tess G - 3rd long jump.

We missed out on a few track events coming 2nd or third but Ben R managed to win his heat and go through to a strong 80m finals.

A really great evening with all the children supporting each other and many staying to cheer on when though their events had finished.





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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.



## FFL Bronze Award

Hunter's Bar Junior School have achieved a Food for Life (FFL) Bronze Award This means -the food we serve has been rigorously assessed to ensure it's high quality, healthy and sustainable. We have committed to improve our school food culture by developing a school food policy. Met Bronze Award standards showing that school food is healthy and uses seasonal ingredients that are at least 75% freshly prepared. Involved pupils and parents in planning improvements to school menus and the lunchtime experience, boosting school meal take-up. Given pupils the opportunity to visit a local farm, and take part in cooking and food growing activities."



## Navigating to Victory

	School	Points	Events	Endcliffe Park	Bolehills	EIS	Botanical Gardens	E
1	Hunters Bar	3556	9	394	397	397	393	3
2	Westways	3518	9	398	396	385	398	3
3	Nethergreen	3514	9	390	381	393	384	3

Congrats to our Orienteering team who have secured their 9th title in 10 years! We were ran close by Westways this year but the EIS, Norfolk Park & Parkwood Springs events were ones that helped us manage to pull away from them and the rest of the pack. There were 9 events overall and the scores were taken from all 9 for a combined score.

71 Primary teams entered this year so a massive achievement for all who took part over the course of the year.

Primary G4 (Girls Year 4) - 3rd place, Primary B4- 4th place, Primary G5 - 1st place, Primary B5 - joint 15th place, Primary G6 - 1st place, Primary B6 - 1st place



## Net Gains: Paralympic Squad announcement comes to HBJ

We were delighted to welcome Daniel Bethell, Krysten Coombs Jack Shephard & Rachel Choong along to Hunter's Bar to do some filming for their squad announcement for [Paris 2024](#) and also show off their skills & do a Q&A session with our pupils. It was so lovely to have all the [BADMINTON England](#) & [Team GB](#) athletes give up their time (after a busy day training at EIS).

We wish them all the best of luck at [Paris 2024](#) and we're sure they will be fantastic and do us all proud! Check out the links below for more information and a video announcement:

<https://twitter.com/ParalympicsGB/status/1800071967321592237>

<https://paralympics.org.uk/.../four-players-selected-in...>

[https://x.com/HB\\_Juniors/status/1804167894323912874](https://x.com/HB_Juniors/status/1804167894323912874)

