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Cross Country Champs & Relays

Saturday 24th February saw the Cross Country City Championships take place on a very muddy (!!) Graves Park field. A fantastic run from all involved with quite a few pupils picking up personal best finishes in the final single run of the season. Ben Anderson finished in 10th place on the day pipping a close friend Benji K on the line to end up in the presentation as 10th best runner in Sheffield (on the day).

The relays took place on Saturday 23rd March. A cold, rainy and windy Castle Dyke Playing Fields (Ringinglow) was the venue for the final race of the cross country season.

Congratulations to our Y3/4 girls team who achieved 3rd place over the course of this season,

A brilliant effort with Amara picking up a top 10 finish (6th best female Y3/4 runner in Sheffield and only 2 points off 5th place!) over the course of the season.



Sheffield Primary Schools Cross Country

Accelerate Primary League 2023-2024

Y3/4 Girls Final League Positions

Position	School	No. of runners	Team	Total after race 7
1	Dobcroft	4	A	250
2	Ecclesall	4	A	243
3	Hunter's Bar	4	A	240

Game-Changing Design: Girls' kit takes the field by storm

International women's day (8th March 2024) brought a fantastic delivery of our Nike Football & Premier League Communities girls football kit after a girls Football day on the M.U.G.A at Lunchtime. The kits designed by Effie & Hannah having written a proposal for Mr Adebola will be a welcome addition to keeping girls football at the forefront of Hunter's Bar sporting activity. We are still waiting on the Hijabs but again a fantastic thought from the girls to allow pupils from all cultures and communities to engage and participate in football now and in the future and ensure we have more of an equal playing field.

#LetGirlsPlay



Milo bowls over the competition!

He's back on the front page again! Congratulations to Milo Wise who (after an extensive trial period) has been selected for the South Yorkshire Cricket Squad for the upcoming Season. Picked up during a training session by a S.Y coach he's been constantly practising and working hard over the Winter.

He follows in the footsteps of one of our ex-pupils Eva Venn who was selected for the Girls S.Y. squad and we wish him all the best over the course of this season and in the future moving forward with the South Yorkshire Squad!



Did you know... We can encourage children to have a healthy smile by following the key oral health messages:

Brush teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste - last thing at night and on one other occasion. Children need help with brushing until they are at least 7 years old. Use a toothpaste containing 1350 -1500 ppm of fluoride. Spit but do not rinse after brushing. Reduce the amount and frequency of sugary foods & drinks - only give at mealtimes. Visit the dentist.

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



HBJ Football Update

On Wednesday 24th January two teams from HBJ went to play Nether Edge at U-mix. The mixed team were edged out 6-3 in two competitive games; 6-3, & 0-0. Effie C was the stand out performer across the first game with Dev being the stand-out performer in the last game keeping a clean sheet.

The girls team came away with a 3-1 win across two games; 1-1 in the first game and a 2-0 win in the second game. Hannah (x2) & Juno grabbed the goals but Aroush was noted for her tough tackling when she came out of net.



On Wednesday 31st January two teams from HBJ Boys & Girls went to play Lowfield at U-mix after Nether Edge were unable to fulfil the fixture. The boys came up against a strong Lowfield team and lost their game 6-1 (with two Year 4 pupils playing up). Max A & Kiefer were players of the match.

The girls played out a thrilling 3-3 draw (playing a mixed Y5 & 6 team) with only one person having played competitively in any capacity before! Noor was named player of the match, grabbing two goals on her debut.



On Tuesday 20th February HBJ girls played out a 2-2 draw with Dobcroft on Tuesday. As usual we played a mixed Y5 & 6 with Polly, Ella and Millie making their debuts! Aroush picked up player of the match for her tough tackling, before going in goal right at the end and making a crucial save.

On Monday 26th February the Y4 Boys went to play in their first friendly game together (a few boys have had opportunities in Y4 / Y5) over the course of this academic year. The game was played in four 10 minute quarters and they came away with a 4-1 win on the day. Player of the Day was Vinnie Stephens.



On Wednesday 28th February our girls went to play in the E.S.F.A Cup: After a valiant effort drawing 1, losing 1 (to the eventual winners) and winning 3 games (in that order) Our Y5/6 girls finished in 2nd place: 1st – Nether Green A, 2nd -Hunters Bar, 3rd- St Marie's, 4th- Greystones, 5th – Nether Green B, 6th – SHS. Noor / Seren were players of the day.

On Monday 4th March our Y5 Boys took part in the Football League. The boys (including 3 Year 4 playing up) finished in 3rd place on goal difference by two goals (same points as second place). A good effort on the day just falling short to the eventual winners Ecclesall. Ben Anderson/Vinnie Stephens were voted players of the day.

On Tuesday 5th March our Year 5/6 girls took part in the Graves Football Tournament - The girls won their group with 3 wins out of 3 and then came second in the top group for the day (only conceding 2 goals overall). A great effort from all involved. Effie Clark and Zaynab Azam were both voted players of the day.



On Monday 25th March we took a team of Year 5 and 6 pupils to take part in the Y6 Football League. A valiant effort saw them finish in second place on the day losing out to St. Maries who progress onto the finals.

Weight a minute! Stefan raises the bar in a stunning win!

Dave Hembrough and the Mettle club had ten Sheffield competitors - aged 9-16 years - take part in the British Weightlifting national age group championships at the beginning of March. The event in Maidstone took place over three days.

Our very own Stefan Canic competed and did amazingly well in the way he performed and represented himself, mettle club and HBJ school. Stefan lifted 24 kg in the snatch and 31 kg in the clean and jerk achieving a 55 kg total! With this score he came 1st place securing a gold medal. Stefan along with Oscar Smith, Halima Akhtar and Dronfield sisters Emily and Olivia Jackson all came first in their categories to win gold. In their groups, Tabi Hardy won silver and Quin Hutt and Arthur Reilly placed third with bronze medals meaning the group won five golds, one silver and three bronze medals over the weekend. In addition to the medal success, many of the youngsters lifted more than their own bodyweight above their heads...which is seen as a rite of passage in the discipline.



We're sure Stefan is in good hands as Dave has also mentored someone well known to the school in Mr Adebola when he used to run 400m a long long time ago! If anyone is interested in following in Stefans footsteps please get in touch with Mr Adebola using sport@huntersbar-jun.sheffield.sch.uk or directly with Dave using dave@mettle.zone.

HBJ Squash the competition...

On Wednesday 13th March HBJ again took the opportunity to take part in the biannual Apex Squash & Racketball schools tournament sponsored by Sarem at the Hallamshire Tennis & Squash Club. For this competition we were joined on the day by Nethergreen Juniors, Clifford and St. Wilfred's Catholic Primary School. A great afternoon for all 4 schools, with sportsmanship balancing out the competitive nature of the pupils. A fantastic afternoon and 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.



Sports Hall Athletics

On Tuesday 16th January the Sports Hall Athletics Journey came to an end for our talented Y5/6 pupils. An amazing day of competition and supporting each other nonetheless led to us finishing 5th overall in the Sheffield City Finals (out of 8 teams) Mr Adebola echoed how "all the pupils should be proud of their efforts! To even get this far to be one of the best schools in Sheffield is amazing, never mind a top 5 school. All the finalists here will have beaten anywhere between 8-11+ teams (as did we) to even get this far". Full steam ahead to the Athletics Season next term!





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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.



Kicking up a storm

Congratulations to the following Elite Karate After-School club students, who passed their karate grading on Saturday 23rd March. They were entered for grading at King Edward's Lower School Gym, by Sensei Steve Hegarty who runs the afterschool club.

(Belt Order: Red, Yellow, Orange, Green, Blue, Purple, Brown, Black)

Josh W - Red Belt

Felix B - Red Belt

Alice N - Orange Belt

Jack N - Orange Belt

Logan C - Orange Belt

Molly S - Green Belt



Orienteering League 23-24

After 6 races, Westways are hot on our heels in the race for the Orienteering league title!

	School	Points	Events	Endcliffe Park	Bolehills
1	Hunters Bar	2373	6	395	397
2	Westways	2352	6	397	396
3	Nethergreen	2339	6	392	381

The next event ([Series](#) 7) is on Saturday 20th April 2024 is at Parkwood Springs.

Race ([Series](#) 8) is at Graves Park on Saturday 18th May and the final Race ([Series](#) 9) is at Meersbrook Park on Saturday 8th June.

Scaling New Heights!

After an amazing qualifying round in January (We scored 642 points as a team of 6 (!) In context last year we came joint 4th with 572 points and the previous year we won the Sheffield finals with 518 points and the Greater Sheffield finals with 625 points!), the top 6 Hunter's Bar pupils were selected to take part in the Sheffield Primary Bouldering Finals at the Mini-Works (Team scores were a combination of the top 6 scores which included Male & Female results).

For this year's schools competition there were over 700 students registered (primary and secondary) across Sheffield and Greater Sheffield and we were joined in the Sheffield finals by Nethergreen Primary, Totley Primary, Westways Primary, Mylnhurst, Bethany Primary, Dore Primary, Ballifield Primary, Walkley Primary, Wybourn Community Primary and High Green Primary.

With 12 problems to solve Hunter's Bar worked extremely well as a team to help guide each other through meaning that every climber in our group was able to get at least the bonus hold on all the 12 problems attempted (which comes into play if pupils weren't able to top the hold) but also many scored the maximum of 10 points for completing the climbing problems first time (7 points 2nd time and 5 points 3rd time).

After all had been completed we achieved first place! With Phoebe and Bella picking up individual awards for 2nd and 3rd best female climbers and Alex picking up an award for being instrumental in leading the brushing team!

Position	School	Total score
1st	Hunters Bar	633
2nd	Mylnhurst	593
3rd	Nether Green	573



We'd like to say a huge thank you to the Climbing Works coaches, who are kept very busy over the Qualification/Final rounds, and of course the setters who always deliver some fantastic climbs for the competition.

We also want to thank all of our Sponsors who provided the fantastic prizes, medals and supported schools in the qualification rounds. This year's sponsors were North Face, Lattice, Wideboyz, BETA, Core, Alpkit, Moon, Scarpa & The Climbing Works.

