



RAISING THE BAR

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Sparkling School Games



Tuesday 20th March will live long in the memory as one of those days when you fondly look back at your schooldays for fifteen of our HBJ pupils.

The English Institute of Sport was the venue for the South Yorkshire School Games, a competition which recognises the best schools across Rotherham, Barnsley, Doncaster and Sheffield. Having qualified in both the Gymnastics and Cheerleading City finals, HBJ had two teams representing Sheffield.

The event is similar in format to the Olympic Games, with a range of sports

Team HBJ kicked off with the Gymnastics competition first. Lola, Freya, Ciara, Ruth and Akbar had finished second in the City finals and sporting their new costumes, looked the business!

The team had to complete their floor routine followed by their vault. Having put in the hours of practice, all five of the team produced their best displays in a fiercely contested competition. The judges scored the performances and we had to wait nervously until all the teams had finished. The results were announced and Team HBJ finished a credible 6th in South Yorkshire.

The gymnasts quickly had a costume and hair change as we focused our attention towards the cheer competition in the afternoon. The cheer team have been a dedicated bunch this year. They have certainly put the time and effort in with hour after hour of dedicated practice, lots of mistakes and a relentless attitude to improve every aspect of their routine. Following their success in the city finals, the team went back to the drawing board and looked for any 'marginal gains' they

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could make to turn their performance into a medal winning one.

The team were full of excitement and nerves during their practise time and were still producing errors which made Mr Ryan extremely nervous! The moment came as the team took to the floor, looking every bit



the professional outfit. Freya started the chant and the routine was off. The music began and the team produced a flawless routine, including the daring 'cradle' catch with Ruth flying metres into the air. The team finished with the new 'sassy' click and walk element with beaming smiles on their faces. As with the gymnastics event, the judges scored our performance and all that was left to do was wait until the final results. The team knew they had done all they could and waited patiently as the scores and places were read out in reverse order. "...and in joint fourth place with 73 points goes to Hunter's Bar". The team were obviously pleased with their achievement but this quickly turned to disappointment as they realised they had missed out on a

medal and a third placed finish by just one point. On reflection, the team felt extremely proud of their efforts and performance and couldn't have done any better. Well done to Freya, Ciara, Ruth, Lola, Evie, Ella, Akbar, Mariyam, Areeba, Olivia, Yvette, Lily, Maya, Lotte, and Louisa.

Keep on Running



The cross country season is almost complete and what a season it's been! There has been an abundance of rain, mud and zero degree temperatures but the commitment of Team HBJ has never faltered throughout.

There have been many highlights, especially amongst the girls' teams and there are promising signs beginning to show with the boys. The Y3-4 girls finished 2nd in the Sheffield Schools' league which is a fantastic achievement. The team also qualified for the South Yorkshire School Games for the second year running. In the boys' section the Y3-4 team have had an indifferent run of results. If we can get a consistent turn out next season they stand a real chance of success. The Y5-6 girls

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have been the mainstay of the season with a regular three teams of four runners entering each race come rain or shine. It's been tough against a really strong Malin Bridge and Dobcroft team but the HBJ girls' finished third in the league, fourth in the city relays and finished second in the South Yorkshire School Games.

The Y5-6 boys have struggled to get a regular team of four out which has mainly consisted of Y5 runners. Next year hopes to be stronger for them as the Y4s make the transition.

Congratulations to every single runner who has represented Team HBJ this year. Whether it has been just one race or all of them, every point, every finishing position counts! Well done to Beth (J5) who finished 8th in Sheffield, Freya (J11) who was 11th and Ella (J5) who was 17th in Sheffield.

Celebration of Sport

Ten pupils from Years 3, 4 and 5 set off for a day of fun sporting activities at The English Institute of Sport. The event was organised to celebrate 30 years of inclusive sport in Sheffield. Everyone was in high spirits as the mini-bus took us to our venue, with Mujtbaali (J3) providing a running commentary of the sights and sounds of Sheffield!



The team took to the athletics track and participated in a range of activities including; high jump, bucket ball, parachute, skittles, seated throw, javelin and running races. Everyone had so much fun and did their best. We finished our sporting activities and had lunch in the athletics stadium before watching some dancing, singing and drama performances from some of the older children and adults. The children did themselves and HBJ proud throughout the day with their effort, attitude and beaming smiles. A huge well done to everyone involved.

Netball on a High

February saw the annual Sheffield High School netball tournament take place for primary and junior schools across Sheffield for Year 5. HBJ entered a mixed team

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consisting of mainly Y5 girls with a few Y4 girls to gain some valuable experience.



The team started out positively, playing some fast passing netball and were resolute in defence. HBJ were drawn in a group with Nook Lane, Norton Free, Sheffield High School and Dobcroft.

Nook Lane, last year's runners up, provided the first test for Team HBJ. Martha, Vesper and Mia were amazing at getting to grips with the game quickly and provided some quick interceptions to thwart the opposition. The score finished 0-0. As the tournament progressed, the team grew in confidence and ability and learned a lot about competitive netball. There were notable performances from all the team which included; Polly, May R, Pia, Polly, Martha, Vesper, Mia, Priya, Grace, May O, Olive and Jasmine.

Lost in Sheffield?

HBJ still lead the way at the top of the Sheffield Schools' Orienteering league. After five events, the team have amassed a score of 1992 points, 23 points ahead of nearest rivals Nether Green. Over 50 children have taken part which just goes to show the popularity across the school. Beth, Ellen, and Ella (J5) currently lie in 2nd, 3rd and 5th position in the Y3-4 girls table. Toby (J7) sits in fourth place in the Y5 boys, whilst in the Y6 girls, Team HBJ occupy seven of the top ten places.

To get involved in this fantastic family sport, visit:

www.southyorkshireorienteers.co.uk

Can She Kick It?

On Tuesday 30th January, ten of our Year 5/6 girls travelled to Tapton School to compete in the Sheffield Schools' football league against other schools: Hallam, Dobcroft and Nether Green providing the opposition. In the first game, HBJ were left frustrated. Having played really well and enjoying much of the position, we were narrowly beaten 1-0 by Hallam. Ciara (J12) had an awesome game and was named girl of the match. The team were downbeat but showed great determination to bounce straight back with a confident and hard fought performance against Dobcroft. Their efforts were rewarded with a one-all draw. May (J7) earned the 'Girl of the Match' performance as the goalkeeper, with

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Lenika (J12) scoring the goal for HBJ. The girls' determination and perseverance got their just rewards in the final game with a deserved 1-0 win over Hallam B. Grace (J9) scored the only goal of the game in what was a fantastic team display. Throughout the evening, the team demonstrated fantastic teamwork and a brilliant attitude, representing the school in a fantastic way.

Reaching the Top

Climbing is a popular sport in Sheffield yet HBJ are new to the competition scene despite having a number of children who regularly climb and have lessons at the many centres around the city. A team was selected and entered into the Sheffield Schools' competition heats held at the Mini Climbing Works. Each school who enter are given a slot to attend and try their best on ten 'problems' or routes with each climber given three attempts to score a 'perfect 10'.



Wow! Mr Ryan did not expect to see what he witnessed as the level of climbing ability blew him away. Like little spider monkeys: Ruth, Mia, Ben, Mark, Amy, Toby and Anya

scaled the bouldering routes with ease and aplomb. The routes got progressively harder but they raced through the first five with sublime ease. The team were really supportive of each other and there were plenty of problem solving discussions that took place throughout the two-hour session. The team had to wait two weeks until all the other schools had completed their qualifying heat before the results were emailed through during February half term. Congratulations to the climbers who finished top of the qualification heats and now look forward to the City finals after Easter. Good luck team!

Rolling, Rolling, Rolling



The gymnastics team entered the Sheffield schools' competition and produced their best performance ever! The competition allows both beginner and experienced gymnasts the opportunity to compete with a set floor routine and vault. The team from HBJ was a real mix of ages, Y3s competing for the first time and Y6s who were returning for their fourth competition. Mr

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Ryan was so proud of every gymnast who worked so hard in gym club to practise and refine their routines. Libby, Eliza, Abi, Lily and Evie, who are all in Year 3, produced a stunning display to finish in an amazing 3rd place in the Y3-4 foundation event. They all have a bright future ahead of them! Ciara, Ruth, Lola and Freya, after years of trying, finally qualified for the South Yorkshire School Games by finishing second in the competition. Well done to all who took part.

...Not the King, Not the Queen, HBJs Cheer Team

Cheerleading is a relatively new sport at Hunter's Bar and since our first foray in to the world of pom-poms and hair bows last year, popularity in the sport has increased again this year.

The city finals are a spectacle to behold. Fifteen schools from across Sheffield descended on Wisewood Sports Centre, most in full American style uniforms, hair styles, bows and glitter make up, to showcase their routines to a panel of experienced UK champion cheerleader judges.

The team had been practising since September but in reality had only really come together in the last month to learn and rehearse their routine. The nerves were definitely on show and there were even a few tears due to the pressure of having over 200 children and parents in the audience. However, pressure is a funny thing and the cheer team used this to their

advantage. They produced an amazing performance and their best yet including: dance moves, jumps, tumblers, stunts and culminating in a whole group pyramid. Everyone, including Mr Ryan, knew they had done a really good job but as it is scored by the judges we had to sit and wait for all the teams to compete before finding out the results.

The judges looked back at all the scores and announced the results. Amazing! Team HBJ were named in third place! The team whooped with delight, knowing that the top four teams would go on to represent Sheffield at the South Yorkshire School Games. The team bubbled with excitement and instantly turned their attention to 'tweaks', improvements and more difficult stunts and tumblers to include in the next round. A massive thank you to Louisa's family who kindly sourced and paid for a brand new cheer uniform. The team looked amazing! A huge well done to all who participated.

Compressed Sport



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On Wednesday 21st March, twelve children took part in the Apex Squash Tournament organised and hosted by Hallamshire Squash Club. Throughout the afternoon, the children competed against players from Nether Green, St Wilfred's and Greystones schools. Team HBJ consisted of; Nancy (J2), Jyoti (J3), Robyn (J4), Jess (J5), Alex (J7), Nathan (J10), Leo (J10), George (J11), Angus (J11), Felix (J10), Jago (J7) and Michael (J11). The girls all played amazingly well and finished 6th in their section of the event. Jyoti deserves a special mention with some great squash which was admired by everyone at the tournament. The boys' team also performed very well and our 'A' team finished top of the boys section with some excellent squash from all players. Our boys' 'B' team finished 3rd overall and played some exciting squash along the way. At the end of the competition, the scores were combined from both the boys and girls sections to find out the overall winners. After a tense wait, the results were announced and HBJ finished 2nd to the eventual winners, Nether Green, who were worthy winners. All of the children demonstrated a really good attitude and represented the school in a fantastic way. To top the afternoon off, three-times World Champion Nick Matthew came to present the awards and have a chat with the children at the end.

Can He Kick It?

The future of football at HBJ looks to be in good health following the first ever Y3-4

football competition at Concord Leisure Centre this year. Mr Ryan and Mr Gregory had a difficult time selecting only eight boys from across Y3 and 4, having observed lots of lunchtime football action.



The team turned up full of excitement and keen to do their best. The tournament took on a 'world cup style' group format with the winners of each group going forward to play against each other in another group format. Lots of football was played and the standard was high throughout. Jack was accomplished in goal, whilst Dylan and Jake held their own as Y3s against some bigger boys. Euan, as captain, was calm, influential and roamed the pitch like a young John Stones! The team played some really attractive football and went through the whole tournament having only lost one game to the eventual winners and finished in a very close third place position. A massive thank you to all the parents who took time out and supported the team.

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Making HBJ Great

PE kit



Can we take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that Physical Education is an integral part of what makes Hunter's Bar Junior School great! To support us in providing the best possible physical education programme we ask that you:

1. Ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school for every lesson each week.
2. Ensure that your child has suitable warm clothing for outdoor PE lessons each week.
3. Ensure that your child has appropriate footwear for every PE lesson (trainers or plimsolls).
4. Ensure that all jewellery is removed on the day that your child has PE.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your Diary



- 16th Apr **Y3-4 Basketball** All Saint's School
- 19th Apr **Y5-6 Handball City Finals** Forge Valley
- 20th Apr **Y5-6 Climbing City Finals** The Climbing Works
- 21st Apr **Y3-4 X-Country Relays** Hillsboro'
- 25th Apr **Y3-4 Network Games** EIS
- 27th Apr **Y3-4 Handball City Finals** Forge Valley
- 28th Apr **Y3-6 Orienteering League** Shirebrook Valley
- 4th May **Y3-6 Change 4 Life** EIS
- 9th May **Y3-4 Hockey** Abbeydale
- 10th May **Y3-4 Tennis** Hallamshire Tennis Club
- 12th May **Y3-6 Orienteering League** Millhouses
- 17th May **Y3-6 Orienteering City Finals** Westfield School
- 22nd May **Y3-6 Tri Golf** Tinsley Golf Club
- 24th May **Y3-6 Swimming City Finals** Ponds Forge
- 24th May **Y5-6 Athletics City Heats** Woodbourn Road Stadium

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