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SUPPORT FOR THE DEVELOPING WORLD

For the last two years we have been developing a link with a school in the north of Zambia – Nchelenge High School . Students and staff have written letters and we have sent a laptop computer and webcam. This summer, Mr Storer, Deputy Head, and his daughter Katie, who was head girl last year, travelled to Zambia and spent a week working with staff and students at Nchelenge, the results of which have been the subject of assemblies to all years in Tapton, to the PTA AGM and to the Governors Curriculum Sub-Committee. Our aim is to encourage an awareness of global development issues amongst students in both schools and their communities, from which all should gain. During this year in Tapton, as well as working on development issues in the school curriculum, we want to raise funds to send out a projector (to enable the computer we have already donated to be used in classrooms) and to bring over two members of staff and two students from Nchelenge to return the hospitality they showed to us. Our Y11 students' Enterprise Group has already begun the process through its Acoustic Concert, which was a tremendous success.

Coming up next, they've also organised a **ZAMBIAN EVENING on Wednesday 8 th November at 7.30 in the school hall**. This will take the form of a Zambian meal prepared by students and members of the Zambian Community in Sheffield and an illustrated talk by Mr Storer and Hlabera Chirwa of the Development Education Centre who is a former teacher at Nchelenge and accompanied Mr Storer in the summer. There will also be African drumming and dancing. The evening will cost £7 (£5 concessions) and is deliberately aimed at raising funds for the link. Please support us. You'll find it enjoyable, interesting and tasty! There's a reply slip to complete at the end of this letter.

And then **on the afternoon of Friday 10 th November, there's a whole school SPONSORED WALK**, about which you'll get more detail in a letter from the Head. This is to raise funds for three things:

1. To create a fund within the school to enable us to support needy students who would otherwise be unable to participate fully in trips and visits etc;
2. To support the work of the students and staff on the School Council who want to improve the social environment of the school with spaces to sit in public places both inside and outside the buildings; and
3. To support the Tapton-Nchelenge Link

We hope you'll be able support these events.



THE PTA AUTUMN FAYRE IS ON SAT 18TH NOVEMBER

WE NEED YOU TO SEND US THINGS TO SELL - books, games, toys, white elephant items, raffle prizes, craft items, plants, cakes, bottles, nearly new clothes - things you would want to buy. Please could you send them in to school in the week leading up to the Fayre (or even better on the Friday or Saturday). There will be P.T.A. committee members in the foyer to receive them. **OR YOU MAY HAVE AN IDEA FOR YOUR OWN STALL** . Please contact Mrs S. Shields 0114 230 7301 to discuss it.

PLEASE ALSO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO ORGANISE THEIR OWN STALLS OR ACTIVITIES (which are always such a lively feature of the Fayre).

Like to help the school through the PTA, but far too busy to go to meetings or events? **BUY A TAPTON LOTTERY NUMBER FOR £10** and enjoy the amusement of a monthly draw while knowing that your contribution is making a difference in school. Like to make a bigger difference? – buy two numbers!



CLUBS & ACTIVITIES

Weds Letter no 2 contained full details of extra curricular clubs and activities currently running in the school. If you missed it, you can access it from the homepage of the Tapton Website then navigate to News and Events and choose Newsletter.



FIREWORKS

I'm sure no-one needs reminding that it is now an offence for anyone under 18 to possess fireworks in a public place. Clearly, anyone bringing fireworks to school, let alone setting them off, would be breaking the law and would be prosecuted. They would also automatically be excluded from school, as would anyone acting with them. If you hear of any trader selling fireworks to minors, please inform the police.



THINKING ABOUT A CAREER IN MEDICINE OR ONE OF THE HEALTHCARE SCIENCES?

Sheffield Children's NHS Foundation Trust is holding a careers seminar for young people age 14-21 interested in a career in healthcare sciences. It is free! In Half term - Wednesday 25th October 2006 2pm -4pm at the Children's Hospital. Experts from various areas of the Trust will be talking about their experiences and taking questions from the floor. Young people can sign up on the web-site www.sheffieldchildrens.nhs.uk/autumnseminar or call 0114 2260678 for more information.



ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNORS

Nominations are sought for a parent governor to join our very positive and active Governing Body. If you are a parent of a child at the school and would be interested in serving, please complete the form at the end of this letter. There is one main meeting a term with opportunities to join sub-committees according to your interests. To find out more contact one of our existing parent governors.

Mr G Couldrey 2301573
Mr P. Bhatt 2321866
Mrs P. Farthing 2304704
Mrs R. Field 2309721
Mr A. Ellis 2307396
Rev J. Simms 2660010
Mrs L. Bayley 2307883
or the Chair Mrs C Bagley 2307754



JOIN IN WITH ART IN THE PARK (A COMMUNITY ART PROJECT IN NETHERTHORPE AND DISTRICT)

Art in the Park is a community led project for anyone (child or adult) who likes to be creative. There was an event in the Ponderosa last Sunday and there's another at Edward Street Flats on **Sunday 12 th November, 12-3**. Come and screenprint your own fabric or make part of the giant patchwork balloon they'll be launching. And on **Sunday 10 th December, 11-4** , in Hillsborough Park Courtyard there's a special Christmas event, with music, entertainment, food, markets and other festive fun. Want to get involved? You can visit www.artinthepark.org.uk for more detail of how you can join in.



EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Congratulations to one of our Y7 students who won the Y7 poster competition and to one of our Y8 students who won the European quiz. Well done to all the other participants for their effort and creativity. The European Day of Languages was celebrated in style at Tapton with Y7 and Y8 students learning Swedish, Italian, Dutch, Russian, Spanish and German.



FEELING STRESSED?

Whatever the problem, talking to us may help. Parent Lifeline - **Helpline for Parents (0114) 272 6575**. Open 9.00 a.m. – 1.00 p.m. Mon-Fri (except Bank Holidays) 7.30 p.m. – 11.30 p.m. every evening. Parent Lifeline (Helpline for Parents), Volserve House, 14-18 West Bar Green, Sheffield S1 2DA Tel (0114) 273 0269 - admin only (helpline above). We offer:

- a Telephone Line
- Talks to Local Groups

- Appointments to talk to a volunteer in our office
- Courses for parents (jointly with Sheffield Mind)



OTHER COMING EVENTS

Oct 14 th -20th	Y11 Study Visit to France
Thurs 19 th October	Y12/13 Art Visit to London
Fri 20 th October	Training Day – School closed to students
Oct 23rd-27th	Half Term Holiday
Mon 30 th October	First day back
Weds 8 th November	Zambian Evening 7.30 School Hall
Fri 10 th November	Whole School Sponsored Walk
Nov 13 - 17	Y9, Y10 Monitoring Week
Tues 14 th November	6 th Form Open Evening 7.00 to 9.00 p.m
Sat 18 th November	PTA Autumn Fayre 12.30 p.m. School Hall & Dining Room
Nov 27 – Dec 6	Y11 Mock GCSE Exams
Weds 6 th December	Y7 Parents Evening
Dec 12 - 14	School Production: 'Bugsy Malone' 7.30 School Hall
Mon 18 th December	Carol Service 7.30 St John's Church, Ranmoor
Weds 20 th December	Last Day of Term
Thurs 4 th January	First Day of Spring Term



SPORTS REPORT

Nestle Tennis

On Monday 9 th October the four qualifiers for the final of the Nestle tennis travelled to Huddersfield to meet Crossley Park School from Calderdale. In a thrilling final we beat them 4 – 2. They are now North East Champions. Good luck to the team on 20 th November when they play the other qualifiers from the North of the UK , i.e. Scotland and the North West . They will play in Sunderland .

Lacrosse

U14 v Cheadle:

Sheffield started well putting two goals past the excellent Cheadle goalie in the 1st quarter without reply. In the 2nd quarter Cheadle fought back to even the score at 2-2. Both teams dug in and in the 3rd quarter scored three goals each. So it all came down to the last quarter, Sheffield battled hard and were rewarded with an early goal neatly kicked into the back of the net . This gave Sheffield the advantage and a further two goals followed giving a final score of Cheadle 5 - Sheffield 8. A good all round performance from the whole team.

U16 v Cheadle

Facing Cheadle for the first time since last season's cup final defeat, Sheffield raced into a 5 goal lead. Cheadle were struggling to find their feet, and although they managed to score a goal late in the Quarter, Sheffield were well on top. In the 2 nd Quarter, and although Cheadle scored 2 goals, Sheffield continued to have the better of the play which gave Sheffield a 9-3 lead at half time. The 3 rd Quarter was a closer affair, with Sheffield scoring 2 more goals and 3 goals from Cheadle made the score 11-6 to Sheffield at the end of the Quarter. The 4 th Quarter saw Sheffield increase their lead, and although Cheadle scored a late goal, Sheffield ran out 14-7 winners. This was a good performance.

U16 v Timperley

Sheffield Steelers U16 lacrosse team notched up their 3 rd win of the season against a talented Timperley team. Sheffield run out 10-6 winners.