

No. 07 - 6th December 2006

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,



THE SPONSORED WALK HAS NOW RAISED OVER £7000

Many thanks to all those – at least half the school - who have brought in their sponsor money. But what about the other half? If your son or daughter has not yet brought in their sponsor money (or a donation if they didn't get any sponsors) please could you arrange for them to hand it in as soon as possible to the Finance Office, in a sealed envelope with their name and form on the outside.



HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS FOR 'BUGSY MALONE' ALREADY?

Tickets are running out fast! It should be another excellent show, produced by Mr Pender and Mrs Cowen, following their outstanding successes with 'West Side Story' and 'Les Miserables'. It is set in a children's fantasy world of 1930s gangsters. This time there's been a special effort to involve more from the middle of the school. Come and enjoy it as a pre-Christmas treat, from Mon 11 th - Thurs 14 th Dec at 7.30 p.m. in the school hall. Ticket price £6 (£4 concessions). Tickets are on sale in the school foyer at lunchtime.



THE TAPTON CAROL SERVICE IS ON MON 18TH DEC 7.30 PM AT ST. JOHN'S, RANMOOR

All are welcome, past and present. It's a wonderful musical celebration of Christmas in a beautiful setting, and an opportunity to meet up again with old friends. Hope to see you there.



ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION DESIGN COMPETITION

As you may know, Miss Hollinger is going to Antarctica in November 2007 with three other teachers from across the UK to undertake scientific research. All Tapton students can get involved through two design competitions.

1. **Design a Logo for the Fuchs Foundation Expedition to Antarctica** This competition is open to all four of the schools being represented and the winning design will be made into an embroidered badge that every member of the expedition team will wear on their kit .
2. **Design a Sledging Pennant** . With all the layers of warm clothing that Miss Hollinger will be wearing, you might not be able to recognise her! To overcome this, the task is to design a flag (a pennant) to attach to Miss Hollinger's sledge so that you can distinguish her from her team mates. Each school will be creating a pennant for their own teacher. The winning design from Tapton School will be made into a pennant for Miss Hollinger's sledge

The winner of each competition will receive a £10 book token and a framed photo of the Expedition Team signed by every member of the team. Deadline for entries for both competitions is Wednesday 10 th January 2007 and the entry fee is £1 although you can donate more if you like.

Visit www.fuchsfoundation.org for more information about the expedition.



OTHER COMING EVENTS

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 Early closure 2.00 p.m.
Thurs 4 th January	First Day of Spring Term



PTA LOTTERY WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER

£10 Gay Horsfield and £5 Jane Norbury. If you would like to buy a number and contribute to the school, at the same time as enjoying a flutter each month, please complete the reply slip on the paper version of this letter.



TAPTON CHESS TOURNAMENT 2007

Starting in Friday 5 th January, this tournament has 3 categories – Lower school, Upper school and 6 th Form. Anyone wishing to participate please give your name and form to Mrs Everitt (English Dept) or visit Chess Club on Friday lunchtimes to enter. We particularly welcome players from Y7, Y10 and Y12. The three winners will receive fabulous prizes, with a certificate being awarded to the best player in Y7!



SPORTS REPORT

It has been a very busy week for our sports teams but once again they have produced some great performances in a variety of sports, which demonstrates the breadth of talent our pupils have.

Year 7 Girls Basketball Sheffield Schools Basketball Tournament

What an achievement!!!!!! Runners Up in their first competition in Tapton Colours. 15 schools entered the tournament, so competition was very strong. Mrs Wilson knew it would be tough schedule and with a couple of girls absent on the day it made the task ahead even more testing. To the girls' credit they reached the final with ease, only conceding one basket on the way. In a closely fought final the girls just lost to Wisewood by one basket but should be delighted with their performance.

Congratulations to Wisewood Sports College for their success.

Year 10 Football

The year 10 football team beat Notre Dame 3 2 after a great team effort . The squad had to dig deep after four regulars were unable to play due to Buggy rehearsals and injury. Well done Boys.

Year12/13 Basketball

Well done to our senior boys who beat Notre Dame 38 - 29 on Thursday evening .

Year 7 Badminton

The Year 7 badminton team had a successful evening at Notre Dame winning 7-2 in the Sheffield Schools league.

Year 8 Badminton

In the Yorkshire Schools Tournament our Year 8 Team had an easy victory to qualify for the County semi finals, beating Clifton school Rotherham and Northcliffe School , Doncaster . .

Year 8/9 Table Tennis

Our year 8 and 9 pupils had a successful evening at Myers Grove School in the first Sheffield Schools Table Tennis League. Our Year 8 team beat the Year 9 Team and now sit in second position in the league. The year 9s also won three of their matches so sit in third position. Handsworth Grange Sports College are well in front at the top of the league but with more practice the second evening in January could be a closer affair. A special thanks to Mr Cawthorne for his efforts with the weekly Table Tennis Club on a Monday after school.

Sheffield Schools X/Country League

The league continued on Saturday at Norfolk Park with a hilly course ahead. As per usual Mr Haslingden had a strong team out and much was expected of them . Once again all runners produced some exceptional performances across the age groups.

Absolutely fantastic!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!! High Hazels Park next week Saturday 9 th Decemeber

Lacrosse: U14 v Rochdale

A sunny but cold morning in Rochdale . On an excellent pitch the Rochdale team made a quick start scoring in the first minute of play. Tapton evened things up with some inspired play around the Rochdale crease but Rochdale came back again and Sheffield had to fight hard to end the quarter 3 all. Sheffield picked up their defence in the second quarter. Play went from end to end but Sheffield edged ahead by one goal. Superb goal keeping (no less than 7 direct saves in one quarter) gave Sheffield the advantage that they needed in the third and final quarters. A well earned win for Sheffield . Final Score Rochdale 4 Sheffield 10.

Boys Hockey v Notre Dame

A squad of 14 boys from Y7-Y10 played a game against Notre Dame on Tuesday 7 th November at Tapton. Some excellent Hockey was played by both teams and the game finished 1-0 to Tapton.

Girls' Hockey: U16 National Schools – Tuesday November 21 st

An early start! – the U16 Hockey team set off at 6.30am to take part in the regional round of the National Schools' Tournament. The girls played very well and qualified for the semi finals, losing to the eventual winners. A brilliant display throughout the tournament, everyone gave 110%, a real credit to the school! Squad:

Dates for your Hockey Diary

Mon 11 th Dec - U16 v Silverdale @ Abbeydale

Wed 13 th Dec - Senior Girls v Hall Cross @ Home

Wednesday 10 th Jan – Mixed Senior v High Storrs @ Home

Wednesday 17 th Jan – Mixed Senior v Birkdale @ Home

Wednesday 24 th Jan – Boys Hockey v Birkdale @ Home

Thursday 25 th Jan –Y7 Girls & Boys v H. Hse @ HH

Sunday 28 th Jan – Y7/8 Boys Mini Hockey Tournament @ Rotherham

Wednesday 31 st Jan – U18 Girls v High School @ Home

Sunday 4 th Feb - Y7/8 Girls Mini Hockey Tournament @ Rotherham

Wednesday 7 th Feb - U18 mixed v Hall Cross (Away)