

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,

EXAMS

Good luck to all those, especially in Y9, Y11, Y12 and Y13 who are taking major public exams this term. Prepare yourself well, in good time and get plenty of sleep to keep your mind active. Don't leave everything to the last minute or you won't do your best. The trouble with public exams is that the results are very public too and others won't be interested in your excuses. Make your own luck. Be prepared.

ANTARCTIC EXPEDITION

Congratulations to one of our Y8 pupils who won the Fuchs Foundation Antarctic Expedition Logo Design competition. Her design will be made into a badge which will appear on the expedition kit of the teachers travelling to Antarctica in November 2007. Congratulations also to two other Y8's who have won the sledging flag competition. Their design will be made into a sledging flag for Miss Hollinger's sledge on her expedition to Antarctica .

ON YOUR BIKE

Now that we are into the summer term it would be really nice to see as many pupils as possible cycling and walking to school. We have secure bike stands at the front of school; we can also help to arrange cycle training for those who are new to cycling on the roads (see Miss Savage – general office). Can we please remind everyone that we do not allow for pupils to be dropped off on site by car, if you need to come to school by car, please get out before the school entrance and walk up the driveway.

CHRISTIAN PRAYER GROUP

The next meeting is on Tues 1st May, 6 Hagg Lane, 8.00 pm. If anyone has any requests for prayer please contact Wendy on 2630328.

OTHER COMING EVENTS

Wed 18th April	Y8 Parents' Evening
April 23rd – 27th	Y7 Exam Week
April 30th	Y10 Exams begin
Mon 7th May	May Day Holiday
Tues 8th – 11th May	Y9 SATs

Tues 15th May	Y6 Uniform Display .. after school in the Dining Room
May 16th & 17th	GCSE Drama Performances
Thurs 17th May	GCSE Exams begin
Fri 18th May	Y11 'Prom' at the Marriott Hotel
Weds 23rd May	Y13 Leaving Do at Baldwin 's Omega
Fri 25th May	Staff Training Day – only exam candidates in school
May 28th – 1st June	Half Term Holiday
Mon 4th June	1 st day back



FORENSIC SCIENTISTS

Four Y7 and Y8 students enjoyed a great day at Sheffield University , with teams from other schools, trying to solve a “murder” using chemical clues and processes as part of the Salters' Festival of Chemistry. The aim of the festival was to make Chemistry more exciting, more relevant and more fun to students aged 11 – 13 yrs, The highlight of the day was launching a chemical rocket lifting weights which the team had devised themselves. Although they didn't win, the team learnt a lot from the day and were a credit to Tapton.



COULD YOU HELP WITH THE COOK BUS

The Yorkshire Forward supported 'Focus on Food' Cooking Bus is to visit Tapton from Monday 14th to Thurs 17th May. Selected students will be working on the bus during morning and afternoon sessions on Tues, Weds and Thurs. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about food and health in a new and exciting environment. During the teaching sessions we have been requested to provide additional help. This might involve working with the pupils, preparing materials and assisting with clearing away in preparation for the next session. We feel sure this would be an interesting and rewarding experience. We would therefore welcome any parents or older students who may have some time during the school day to help us out. If so please contact Mrs Dodd at school.



MUM, I'VE LOST IT. CAN I HAVE A NEW ONE?

We have a large amount of lost property waiting to be reunited with its owners in school. Please ask at Reception.



SPORTS REPORT

Lacrosse

Cup Semi Final - Sat. 17th March 2007 - Sheffield Steelers U14's vs Brooklands

Sheffield had reached the semi final with wins over Poynton (19-4) and Stockport (13-1) and were confident that they could beat Brooklands. The team and their dedicated coaches had put in extra training in the run up to this important fixture - but Brooklands were the strong favourites; undefeated all season. Brooklands got off to a good start going ahead by three goals in the first 6 minutes of play, Sheffield finally opened their scoring in the 10th minute of play with superb midfield play . Going into the second quarter after a rallying team talk from the coach Sheffield began to pull back beating Brooklands in the second quarter and holding them to one goal in the third. The Sheffield defence really worked hard against a formidable Brooklands midfield. With four minutes of play remaining the score stood at Sheffield 7 Brooklands 8 - just one goal in it and a frantic battle ensued - in a bid to get the draw and secure a period of extra time Sheffield threw themselves forward but Brooklands broke away and secured themselves the victory. The whole Sheffield team played brilliantly and were by no means outclassed. And finally the Sheffield supporters also deserve a mention for their spectacular support.

Hockey

Congratulations to the super Under 16 girls hockey team. A fantastic double header victory ensured the league and tournament were won in style. The final showdown before the girls part their separate ways was played yesterday. The game started with eight players including a goalkeeper against Meadowhead's eleven. The first goal was scored from a fantastic right post deflection from a corner. The second goal followed in the first 15 minutes, a crashing open play strike. Half-time score 2-0 Tapton. During the second half Meadowhead pressed towards the D scoring a controversial goal. Well done to the superstars who still managed to win 2-1.

Diving

One of our year 11 pupils, a member of the Masters Squad in the City of Sheffield Diving Club competed in a diving competition in Southampton over the weekend of 14th & 15th April. Teams came from all over England , Scotland , Ireland and Wales and from Europe Belgium, Holland , Italy , Germany and Hungary . He competed in the men's 16-29 age group and came 4th in the 3 metre springboard against much older and more experienced divers. He then achieved second place and silver medal position on the 1 metre springboard. This is his first national competition and follows his success in the South Yorkshire competition at Christmas at Ponds Forge where he achieved gold 1st place. He will be competing in Harrogate in May and in Edinburgh and Dublin later in the year where he hopes to repeat his success.

Trampolining

Tapton Trampolinists triumphed at the Sheffield Schools Trampoline Competition. 29 pupils from our Saturday morning club took part ranging from

9-17 year olds. We achieved a 1st place in the U19 Individual competition, 2nd place in the U19 Team, and finished 2nd in the U15 competition.

School Sports Partnership News

Sport is really on the increase in our Junior schools with many more opportunities to take part in lunchtime and after school clubs. Many thanks to one of our 6th formers, who has organised Y6 Netball at Hallam. Not only do we have many more pupils taking part, but also with great success. Many congratulations to Netherthorpe primary pupils, who succeeded in qualifying for the Hotshots Basketball Finals held at the Hallam FM Arena. Only eight schools from all the primaries in Sheffield qualified for the Finals, so this was a fantastic achievement. Two boys were selected for the Basketball Academy . Very well done to the team who finished a very creditable 5th . Many congratulations also to Lydgate Junior School Athletics Team who qualified for the Indoor Athletics Finals, held at the English Institute of Sport. The team had spent many hours training in preparation for the event and everyone performed superbly to finish in 3rd place – another fantastic achievement. Well done to both schools.

Badminton

Once again many congratulations to our Badminton players on their recent achievements.

In the U12 Badminton Tournament held at Abbeydale, Tapton won both the boys singles and the boys doubles . A terrific achievement for two boys who started playing in Y6 and have made excellent progress. Another great performance was given by one of our students, who played in the Yorkshire U15 Badminton Tournament and finished Runner Up, in the Singles Event.

Yorkshire Schools Badminton Champions 2007

The Yorkshire Schools U15 Badminton Championships were played at Bradford Grammar School . In a triangular final, Tapton boys won 5-0 against Bradford Grammar school, and 5-0 against Langford School from Beverley. This is the fourth year running that the boys have won the Yorkshire Schools Competition, in addition to the Sheffield Schools League Championships. In Sheffield and Yorkshire they have been unbeaten since 2003, when they started as a team of Y7s. This is an outstanding achievement from an exceptionally talented team who have shown tremendous commitment and dedication to their school and their sport.



AND LASTLY... NEWS FROM THE GREEN TEAM

Have a look at the Tapton website www.taptonschool.co.uk for the first Greenpod, podcast. This is episode 1, so keep an eye out for the next instalment.