

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,



ARE YOU PLANNING SOMETHING EXCITING FOR THE SUMMER

The PTA have a small fund which they use every year to support students who are taking part in educational or adventurous activities which are enterprising, in the sense that they've organised it themselves and they're raising the money themselves (not just relying on parents). People have gone on courses at home or abroad and gap year experiences all over the world – but there have also been smaller scale activities – back packing in the Lakes, cycling round the Cotswold, walking the Pennine Way etc. etc. and it's for people of all backgrounds – the main quality being the get up and go to do it. If interested write to the Chair of the PTA via Mr Storer at school, explaining what you want to do and how you're going to go about it. We'll then invite you in for a chat. If you're unsure and need some help, talk to your form tutor or Mr Storer. Please remember the fund is small. We can only fund a small part of your needs.



RETURN VISIT FROM ZAMBIA

Thanks to everybody's efforts and especially a small group of Y11s who helped organise the Sponsored Walk and other fund-raising events, we have been able to fund a visit from a party, comprising the Head, Deputy Head, Head of Science and two students, from Nchelenge High School, Zambia who will be spending two weeks at Tipton from June 19th – July 4th, this year. They will be working on curriculum links and ways in which both schools can enhance the experience of their students through contact with each other. Next year we hope a Tipton party could go over there, if we can raise the funds.



PTA LOTTERY WINNERS

April:
£30 Mark Tarrant
£10 Jane Norbury
£5 Mark Tarrant

May:
£10 John Sturzaker
£5 Nicola Hill



ONLINE BULLYING

Parents should be aware that some websites being used by students about students can be very offensive and it would be advisable to monitor this. There are two sites that are being used, Beebo and U-tube. Perhaps parents can try monitoring the usage and see for themselves what their child is putting on the site. One parent was shocked to see images that students have put on the site about themselves and now she is aware of this she will be monitoring her child. A student's page on the site (unless made private by the student) can be viewed by others and messages posted on it by others. Students need to keep their password unknown to friends to prevent being blamed for electronic bullying or other offensive material.



SPORTS REPORT

Table Tennis

National Schools Table Tennis Competition: Congratulations to one of our Year 10 students who competed at the National Schools Table Tennis Competition in Stoke on Saturday 2nd April. He qualified for the event after becoming South Yorkshire Schools Champion in February. Despite being a year under the age limit he managed to reach the quarter final stage before being knocked out by the eventual finalist. He is not just a one sport pupil. He was also a member of the School's Yorkshire winning badminton team and a member of the school's tennis team who were North East of England Championships in July. Additional congratulations must go to Y7 and Y9 pupils who both finished as Runners up in the Sheffield Schools Table Tennis Tournament. Well done boys!!!

Tennis

The girls had a great win in the quarter finals of the National Schools Tennis Competition. They beat Highfields School from Matlock in Derbyshire 6 0 in Rubbers and demolished a packet of chocolate fingers. This now entitles them to play against either Repton School or Trent College in the semi finals. What happened to the chocolate hobnobs girls?????

Football

On Wednesday 25th the year 7 football team became Sheffield League Champions after beating Meadowhead School 4 1 at Sheffield University Playing Fields, Norton. They played some great football on a superb surface. The Y7 team are also Sheffield Schools 5 a side Champions and completed a great first year treble, with a victory in the Sheffield Schools Knock out Cup on Tuesday evening at High Storrs School against Birley School. I have to say there was more drama here than the San Siro or Anfield with both teams playing some good football in a dramatic 3-3 draw. With the tie to be settled on penalties Tipton managed to score more than their opponents to lift their third trophy of the season. Full credit to Birley School who played a magnificent part in this great cup tie.

Congratulations to the squad:

Finally the school has been invited to the Sheffield and Hallamshire Schools' 5 a side tournament to be held at the Goodwyn Centre on Mon 20th June from 4-7pm. We have four teams in this competition.

Cricket News

We start our cricket fixtures on Tuesday of this week, with each year from 7-10 competing in the Sheffield Schools League. Practice sessions at lunchtimes in the sportshall:

Monday Y10
Wednesday Y 7
Thursday Y8
Friday Y9 and Y8 (Astro turf)

Fixtures arranged:

Tues 8 May Myers Grove Y9
Thurs 10 May Silverdale Y10
Tues 15 May Myers Grove Y7
Thurs 17 May High Storrs Y 7

Mon 21 May Abbeydale Y8
Tues 22 May Silverdale Y 7
Thurs 24 May High Storrs Y8
Tues 5 June King Edwards Y 7
Tues 12 June King Edwards Y9
Mon 18 June Bradfield Y9
Tues 19 June Notre Dame Y8
Thurs 21 June Bradfield Y8
Tues 26 June Meadowhead Y8
tba Y7 v Newfield & Y9 v High Storrs & City School

Athletics:

There is an athletics club on a Monday afternoon at 3.30 to 4.45.
The following dates have been drawn up for Trials and Championships to be held at Woodburn Road
Wednesday 9th May Year 10/11 and 12/13 Trials Wednesday 16th May Year 7 and 8/9 Trials
Wednesday 6th and 13th June District Trials Saturday 7th July City Finals
(Speak to your PE Teacher if you would like to compete in these)



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