

No 18 - 13 th June 2007

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,



CONGRATULATIONS TO MR MCGRADY

Mr W.J. McGrady joined Tapton as a Geography teacher when it first opened in 1960 and he taught here until he retired in 1971. He now lives in Truro in Cornwall and recently attained his 100 th birthday, but, despite an uncomfortable fall from which he's doing his best to recover, he's still bright and alert and cheerful. He reads the Wednesday Letter, which we send to him each fortnight and follows the progress of the school with interest. He has written a charming letter to us, sending ' congratulations to everyone at Tapton' and we thought we'd send our congratulations back to him for achieving such a grand age and being so positive. In three years' time it will be Tapton's 50 th anniversary and we're aiming to have a major celebration of the event. We would very much like Mr McGrady to be our guest of honour!



AND TO LYDGATE SCHOOL

Lydgate Infant School is also 100 this year and they are hoping to contact ex-pupils, staff or governors to join in with the celebrations and to share their experiences with the current children. They are inviting anyone who'd like to contribute, to e-mail the school on enquiries@lydgate-inf.sheffield.sch.uk or to write to the headteacher, Mrs A. Cockburn, at Lydgate Infant School , Lydgate Lane , Sheffield S10 5FQ



AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE A PARENT GOVERNOR

Nominations are sought for two parent governors 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

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Rev J. Simms 2660010

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or the Chair Mrs C Bagley 2307754



WELCOME TO OUR FRIENDS FROM NCHELENGE HIGH SCHOOL, 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 Tapton 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. If you would like to be involved or have some event you would like them to see, please contact Mr Storer at school. Next year we hope a Tapton party could go over there, if we can raise the funds. As part of their visit we'll be holding an **INSANSA** (which means Happiness in Bemba) **& FOLK EVENING on Friday 29th June at 7.30 in the school hall** Its format will be similar to the successful Zambian Evening we held in November, with African food and music, but this one is a

meeting of cultures, so our own Folk Group will be playing as well. Please come and make your own insansa. Be happy! Enjoy yourselves and meet our guests all the way from the shores of Lake Mweru in the far north of Zambia . There's lashings of good food and a licensed bar. Tickets are £6.50 (£5 concessions) from Mr Storer in school. There's a reply slip at the end of this letter.



AND WELCOME TO OUR NEW STAFF AND COLLEAGUES RETURNING

Mrs E .Northin joins us as Head of Music. We're delighted to have her with us. Come and meet her at the **LOWER SCHOOL CONCERT on Tuesday 26 th June at 7.30** and enjoy some excellent music from our younger students. Tickets are £4 & £2 (concessions) and there's a reply slip at the end of this letter. Please return requests to Mrs Northin's tray in Music Practice Room 1. It's always a tremendous occasion!

And there's a special welcome back to Mr C. Broadhurst, Head of Economics/Business Studies, who has been recovering after a serious accident last summer, and to Mrs Glize, Head of Languages, and Mrs Shepherd, Art/ Graphics/ Textiles who are returning after maternity leave.



SOMALI FILM PROJECT AT THE SHEFFIELD CHILDREN'S FESTIVAL

The drama department have been working on an exciting film project in conjunction with the Somali community in Sheffield . The LEA and Mash productions film company. Some of our students are going to be co-presenting an educational film about the history of the Somali community in Sheffield while around 40 Y8 students will be performing at the Children's festival producing music and drama based on stories and culture from Somalia.The performance is provisionally due to take place on Monday 25th June at lunchtime in The Peace Gardens.



CHRISTIAN PRAYER GROUP MEETING

The next meeting is tonight! Weds 13 th June at 8.00 p.m. at 6 Hagg Lane . All are welcome and if you have any prayer requests please ring 2630328.



OTHER COMING EVENTS

Mon 18 th June	Y12 Return from Study Leave
18 th – 22 nd June	Y7 Lincoln Visits
19 th June – 4 th July	Visit of party from Nchelenge High School , Zambia
Sat/Sun 23/24 th June	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition
Mon 25 th June	Y7 Maths Challenge
Tues 26 th June	Lower School Concert 7.30 School Hall
Weds 27 th June	Higher Education Evening – How to Apply for University – 7.30 in the School Hall – All welcome
Fri 29 th June	Insansa & Folk Evening – Britain & Africa – 7.30 School Hall
Fri 29 th June – Sun 1 st July	Duke of Edinburgh Silver Exdpedition
2 nd – 6 th July	Y6 Transition Days (Visits from Junior School students coming in Sept)
9 th – 11 th July	6 th Form Induction
9 th – 20 th July	Y10 Work Experience Fortnight

Fri 13 th July	Cross-Curricular Day
Mon 16 th July	Y8 Maths Challenge
Tues 17 th July	Wicked Waste Day
Weds 18 th July	Sports Day at Woodbourn Road Athletics Stadium
Fri 20 th July	Last day of Summer Term 2.00 p.m. Early Finish
Mon 3 rd September	Staff Training Day
Tues 4 th September	1 st day of Autumn Term for Students



SPORTS REPORT

Tennis

The Y7/8 tennis team beat High Storrs 6-0 on May 23 rd in their quest to win the Sheffield Schools League. Well done.

Our top boys have been taking part in the National competition – the Glanville Cup. The team played several rounds to get into the final, which was played against Bradford Grammar on Friday June 8 th at Hallamshire. Bradford proved to be too strong for our team and they beat us 6-0, however our team are still quite young and I'm sure it will not be long before we are successful.

Our boys and girls have been taking part in the Nestle Tennis Tournament at both U15 and U13 age groups. Results so far, as follows:

Boys

U15B v High Storrs B won 6-0

U13A v High Storrs won 6-0

U15A v High Storrs A won 6-0

U13A v King Ecbert won 6-0

Girls

U13 v High School A Drew 3-3

U13 v High School B Drew 3-3

U15 B v King Ecbert Lost 2-4

U13 B v Notre Dame Won 4-2

Athletics

All the athletics results to come from the Sheffield Trials and the South Yorkshire Championships will be in the next Wednesday Letter.

Cricket

Further good news on the cricket front.

Year 9 Tapton beat Silverdale by 56 runs

Silverdale 75 all out.

Rounders

An excellent start to the season so far. The U12 teams are currently undefeated, with wins over King Edwards, Notre Dame and Abbeydale Grange. Congratulations especially on their recent impressive 28-8 win against Abbeydale

The Y8 girls team is also doing well this season in the U14 Sheffield League, after a narrow defeat to Notre Dame and a superb win over Abbeydale Grange, winning by a rounder.

Good luck on your next fixtures and your forthcoming tournaments!

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