

No 19 - 27TH JUNE 2007

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,



COME AND JOIN IN THE WELCOME TO OUR FRIENDS FROM NCHELENGE HIGH SCHOOL, ZAMBIA

On Friday 29 th June at 7.30 in the school hall . we'll be holding an **INSANSA** (which means Happiness in Bemba) & **FOLK EVENING** 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 **Zambian food** and a licensed bar. Tickets are £6.50 (£5 concessions) from Mr Storer in school.



ARTS ACHIEVEMENTS AND EVENTS

Arts Council of England Artsmark Gold Award

I hope you will be pleased to hear that last week the school was re-awarded Artsmark Gold for the quality of its work in Music, Art, Drama and Dance both in and out of the classroom. Y10 Art and Design students enjoyed a working day at the Yorkshire Sculpture Park as part of their GCSE studies. The park is full of interesting sculptures and is hosting an exhibition by Andy Goldsworthy. Students made several drawings, and also used clay to model sculptures from the famous 'Family of Man' series by Barbara Hepworth.

Sheffield Childrens Festival South Asian Art

Students in Y9 worked with visiting artists Lucy Coyne and Shahid Latif. Lucy worked with students to develop ideas on the theme "Peacocks and Serpents" using metals and wire as well as recycling plastic bottles, buttons and beads. Shahid Latif introduced students to Digital imaging using Photoshop to develop and create images on a traditional theme. This work should be on display at "The Workstation" from 4 th July, along with exhibits from other schools' residencies.

Cross Curricular Day

Students will be using the new skills they learned on the artists workshops to create sculptures in half a day! We need your drinks cans and plastic bottles (eg 1 litre) – preferably rinsed. We need your old strings of beads and any buttons you have no use for. Please send to Ms Nesbit or Ms Bows in Art Dept.

Paris Trip

Twenty Y12 students of Art and Design will be visiting Paris for an intense few days of Museums, galleries and gardens. We will visit the Musée d'Orsay, the Louvre, the Rodin Museum and the Centre Pompidou. We will visit and work in Monet's Garden at Giverny , and of course do a bit of sightseeing on a river cruise and ascending the the Eiffel Tower, as well as seeing the Sacre Couer and Monmartre.

Appeal for 2nd hand Sewing Machine and Camera Equipment

If you have an old but functioning (or even semi-functioning!) sewing machine which you don't need or use, the Art Dept would gladly receive it. Only needs to do basic stuff!! Also the school now has a digital SLR camera for use by students to add to and enhance their work. It is a Cannon EOS system camera which would be compatible with EOS lenses. Other kit such as tripods/flash gun and filters would extend this facility. The kit lens has a 58mm filter thread. If you have any items you could spare please contact Mr Field in the Art Dept.



SHEFFIELD YOUTH THEATRE PRESENT 'TAMING OF THE SHREW'

This Friday and Saturday Sheffield Youth Theatre, which has a remarkable tradition of making classic literature accessible to children (and parents!), will be performing 'The Taming of the Shrew' at the Crucible Theatre, and again, open air on Thurs 5th July at the Ranmoor Parish Centre. It's an excellent opportunity to see Shakespeare performed with understanding and enthusiasm by young people. Come and support them (it's not easy to fill the Crucible!). Tickets £6.50 and £4.50. Ring 249 6000



YEAR 7 WEATHER WEEK - MONDAY 2ND JULY TO FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2007

To launch Tapton's very own weather station, all of year 7 are taking part in a joint mathematics and science week long weather project. To kick start the project year 7 are being asked to collect weather data each day from Tapton's weather station which is being broadcast on the screen in the entrance hall. There will be practical lessons on sun, wind and rain, and students will be analysing and displaying their weather information and results from experiments. All students will need to bring a clear plastic bottle (about 750ml) to make a rain gauge - we will remind them nearer the time! If you have any extra bottles please bring them to the maths or science departments. Western Park Museum currently has an excellent exhibition on weather - we encourage you to go! Let's hope for a week with some sun and not too much rain!



OTHER COMING EVENTS

Weds 27 th June	Higher Education Eve – How to Apply for University – 7.30 in the Hall
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 Expedition
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
Tues 4 th September	1 st day of Autumn Term for Students



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South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service are carrying out FREE Home Fire Safety Risk Assessments and, where necessary, are installing free smoke alarms. Telephone your local Fire Station which is on Rivelin Valley Road. Telephone Number 0114 253 2514 (Do not use this number in an emergency – Call 999)



SPORTS REPORT

Congratulations to one of our students who has been selected to play for Sheffield Hatters U14 Basketball Team. First spotted at Netherthorpe Primary. She has gone from strength to strength. As part

of the U14 Hatters Team, she helped her team finish 1 st in the North of England Basketball Finals and 3 RD in the whole of England. No U14 Team from Sheffield has ever qualified for the Finals before. To qualify and then win the competition is an outstanding achievement.

Badminton: Many congratulations to our students on their success in the U15 Junior Restricted Tournament at Abbeydale.

.Cheerleading: Many congratulations to one of our students on her successful audition for the Cheerleading and Dance Academy. Cheerleading has proved hugely popular in every year and we hope that Louise will be back with us in September.

Cricket : Many congratulations to Lydgate Junior School Cricket Team who qualified in our Partnership Kwik Cricket Finals. Their reward was a place in the Sheffield Primary School Finals held at Abbeydale. Rain just managed to hold off and a brilliant day was had by all. Lydgate played superbly as a team and just managed to make the Semi Finals, which was a great result out of 18 schools. Well done

Saturday Morning Club: Any pupils interested in playing Tennis or Cricket on Saturday morning, please come along. We are there every Saturday at Tapton, from 11-1pm. Contact Mrs Riley.