

No. 06 - 21st November 2007

Dear Parents, Staff, Governors and friends,



THE PTA AUTUMN FAYRE IS THIS SATURDAY: 24TH NOVEMBER 11.30 - 2.30 PM

Come and enjoy the Fayre. Lots to do and see and browse through and excellent refreshments right through from 11.30. Come and have your lunch with us! This year we are making space available to people who would like to run their own stall (like the bazaar). Contact Mr Storer in school if you would be interested in this. **PLEASE ALSO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILDREN TO ORGANISE THEIR OWN STALLS OR ACTIVITIES** (which are always such a lively feature of the Fayre) and collect **BOOKS, CAKES, GAMES, CDs, DVDs** or nearly new items (not older items or bricabrac) and bring them in to school. **The Green Team is holding a stall. Remember to bring your old mobile phones and ink cartridges for recycling. PS The theme is The Wombles so if you have any, bring them along too!**



HOLLINGER IN THE ANTARCTIC

Week 2... On the weekend of remembrance, Miss Hollinger had another thing to remember. Last Saturday, the 10 th of November, Miss Hollinger and the Antarctica team flew out to the Patriot Hills, Antarctica . The team had been put on standby after the delays they had due to poor weather. They were given 45 minutes to be ready for the bus which was to take them to the airport and they were up in the air and on their way by 11am. The 4.5 hour flight wasn't a normal, comfy flight and they all found it very unusual to squashed along the sides of the plane in very hard seats and opposite a huge pile of tied-up luggage which was the essential survival gear. When they all arrived, the first thing they did (after they had a hot meal), was to dig in their tents. The view from where they are situated at the moment is amazing and Miss Hollinger said she and the others feel really privileged to be there. She'd like to thank people for all the encouraging emails she received and they really amused her when she was waiting for the Antarctica plane. There is said to be a rise in the winds so if Miss Hollinger wants to keep warm, she'd better hold on to her tent! She still wants to hear from you and your questions, so write to dannyboy@bullexpeditions.com or comment on her diary blog at www.hollinger.edublogs.org.

Week 3 ... This week the team have all successfully learnt to cross country ski, congratulations to everyone. They have also mastered the art of sledge pulling. The sledges, or pulks, weigh between 30-40 kilos when loaded with enough kit to last five days. Great fun downhill, not so much fun uphill! Miss Hollinger has also spent some time hunting out cryoconite holes (vertical cylindrical melt holes in the glacier surface) so that she can practice ready for her main science project. On Saturday 17th the team flew on a Twin Otter plane to the Henderson Glacier. The views in all directions are stunning and the nearest person is a seven day sledge haul away. The team are going to spend the next few weeks in their new surroundings carrying out the main part of their science projects. Good luck!



OTHER COMING EVENTS

Nov 26-Dec7	Y11 GCSE Mock Exams
Tues 4 th Dec	Y7 Parents' Evening 4.30 – 7.00
Mon & Tues Dec 10 - 11	Christmas Concerts 7.30 School Hall
Thurs 13 th Dec	GCSE Certificate Presentation Evening for last year's Y11
Mon 17 th Dec	Carol Service 7.30 at St John's Church , Ranmoor
Thurs 20 th Dec	A Level Certificate Presentation Evening for last year's Y13
Fri 21 st Dec	Last Day ... Staff Production 'Joseph' a.m. ... Early closure 2.00 p.m.
Mon 7 th Jan 2008	First day of Spring Term



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SPORTS REPORT

Table Tennis

Well done to the U19 Table tennis Team who became South Yorkshire Schools table Tennis Champions for the second year. The team now qualify for the regional finals at Bradford Grammar School on Sunday 20 th January, 2009.

Football

Congratulations to the Year 8 football team who are yet to be beaten in the last 15 months and beat Aston Comprehensive School , Rotherham 4-2 in the last 16 of the South Yorkshire Cup. Goals earned them a quarter final slot with Kingstone School of Barnsley. The team enjoyed further success on Monday with a 6-2 victory against King Edwards in the Sheffield league. Even better news , our Year 11 team got through to the final of the Sheffield section of the S.Yorks cup with a 6-2 victory against Abbeydale Grange School . They now play either Chaucer or All Saints in the final on Monday 26th November.

Cross Country

Our runners are doing very well in the Sheffield Schools x/country league which has now had three runs, at Hinde House School , Abbeydale Grange School and Norfolk Park . On an individual basis our usual athletes are experiencing success. The next event is on Saturday December 1 st at High Hazels Park

Sheffield Schools Sports Website

The Sheffield Federation for School Sport now has its own website which has information about the sports offered in Sheffield schools, with updated news and results. To access this go to www.sfss.co.uk

Tesco Vouchers

Could I make a final plea for any final Tesco sports vouchers, which may be sitting on the kitchen side, to be handed in at reception so we can order some additional PE equipment. Many thanks for all the vouchers already handed in, it is much appreciated and does make a significant contribution to the school.