



JUNIOR MONTHLY MESSENGER

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Message from the Head

This is our longest ever edition of the Junior Monthly Messenger, with a wide range of reports filling 10 pages. As the front page headline reads, Junior School groups, teams and choirs have reached a record six National Finals this year; the four pictured below adding to the Barnardo's National Choral competition and the U11 Rosslyn Park National Schools 7s finals earlier in the year. All our national finalists have represented the school fantastically well and we are very proud of them. However, success like this is just the icing on the cake and stems from children across the age and ability range pushing themselves beyond their comfort zones to master new skills and make progress in and out of the classroom.

I would like to thank the wonderful staff team in the Junior School who dedicate themselves with such energy, ensuring every child is supported, encouraged and challenged to grow as resilient learners and as kind, confident young people. Miss Watson starts her maternity leave and all in the Junior School wish her the very best at this exciting, happy time. Also, we say farewell to Mr Bloomfield who leaves to take up the post of Head of Boys' Sport at Dame Allan's Junior School in Newcastle. Mr Bloomfield has made an outstanding, positive impact on life at Hymers in the past two years and will be sorely missed.

Finally, I would like to thank parents, grandparents and friends for supporting the children on their Hymers journey this year and I wish you all a very enjoyable and restful summer.

Peter Doyle, Head of Junior School

National Finalists—A School Record!!



Girls' Football National Finalists



Year 6 Choir International Finalists



Great Big Dance Off National Finalists



ESSA Primary School National Finalists

Hymers Junior School pupils have made a record number of National Finals this year. Read more inside!



National Finalists



Girls' Football National Finalists

The girls' football team played in the U11 ISFA National Finals at St George's Park. The tournament itself was a fantastic occasion and the girls were outstanding, winning two of their five games. After the tournament, the girls managed to meet the lionesses, including Jordan Nobbs.

There were some exceptional performances from both the girls and boys swimming teams at the ESSA National Primary School Finals held at Ponds Forge in June. The boys finished 8th in their Freestyle A final. That is 8th in the country! Well done to all the competitors who took part!

Swimming National Finalists



The Great Big Dance Off National Finalists



The Year 5 and 6 Dance Group took part in the Great Big Dance Off National Finals held in Oxford. Their theme was 'Magic' and their performance truly was! They were placed 13th out of 31 schools which is a huge achievement. A huge well done to all the dancers and especially Mrs Marsden for all her hard work training the children.

Llangollen International Eisteddfod



The Year 6 Choir qualified to participate at the Llangollen International Eisteddfod held in Wales on the 5th July. They sang in the Junior Children's Choir Category against eight other high calibre choirs. Their performance of *The Rose* was described by adjudicators as 'A performance with tenderness and sensitivity' and their interpretation of *Enjoy the Storm* was praised for having 'great spirit and enthusiasm.' Although not placed, the choir had a wonderful time and were filmed by the TV Channel S4C for the Llangollen highlights programme which can be seen on BBC iPlayer.



Speech Day



Speech Day took place on Friday 30th June and was a celebration of the many successes children in all year groups had achieved as well as awarding special prizes to children in Year 6. Mr Stanley and Mr Doyle gave speeches and there were performances by the Year 6 Choir and Dylan, who played the piano. Well done to the award winners and good luck to all the children in Year 6 for the future.



Year 6 Production



The children in Year 6 performed *Alice the Musical* in the Judi Dench Theatre at the end of June. Based on the book by Lewis Carroll, the children entertained everyone with their singing and acting. Thanks go to Mrs Redhead for musical direction and to Miss McLeod for the drama. This was the last project for Miss McLeod as she leaves for pastures new. We wish her every happiness and success in her new role.



Cleethorpes Music Festival

Well done to the Year 3, 4 and 5 Choirs who sang so well at Cleethorpes Music Festival, winning an array of trophies. The adjudicator, Marilynne Davies, was extremely complimentary and awarded some high scores. The children thoroughly enjoyed their morning.

Junior School Summer Concert



An array of talent was on show at the Junior School Concert. There were some brilliant performances from the orchestra, string group, wind band, percussion group and all four year group choirs. A huge thank you to Mrs Pearson, Mr Lusvardi, Mr Hayton, Mr Quick and Mrs Redhead.

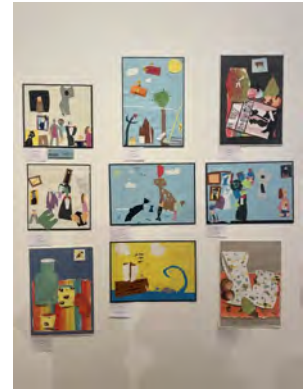
Hatching Ducklings



There was great excitement in the Junior school as we welcomed Indian Runner Duck eggs and watched them hatch. There were five ducklings in total, named by the children as Cookie Doyle, Bonnie Bloomfield, Popcorn Hercules McLoughlin, Butter O'Hara and Toffee 'Waddles' Newton. Despite one having some initial mobility issues, all were healthy. In the lab, every class got the opportunity to discuss life cycles, inheritance and much more. Many thanks to Mr McLoughlin for organising this and to the Leake family who have since adopted them on their farm.

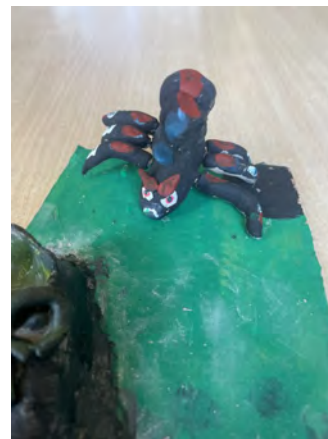
Young Artists Open Exhibition

We are delighted that a number of children have had their work selected for the Ferens Art Gallery Young Artist Exhibition. Congratulations to **Yashvi, Joseph and Seraphina** who were prize winners. Out of 420 entries in the age 7-11 category, they were three of the six winners. A fantastic achievement! The exhibition opens on 21st July and runs until 1st October - it is definitely worth a visit over the holidays.



Art

It's been all about sculpture in the Art room this half term. Year 3 used clay to model their favourite Dirty Beast character and Year 4 used a variety of materials to make nest sculptures. Year 5 used foamboard to construct architectural models, whilst Year 6 used carving techniques to create organic forms and focused on composition and light when photographing their work.



French



Year 3 enjoyed a French 'petit déjeuner' where they enthusiastically demolished un croissant, une tartine, un jus d'orange et un chocolat chaud. Year 4 enjoyed a French game of 'Boules', with the overall winner in 40 being Pabishlini.

MFL

Joke of the Month



Swimming 'poules!'

D.T.



Year 3 all ready to race their balloon powered rocket vehicles!



Propeller car ready for testing!



Year 4 have up-cycled bottles, cans and tubes to build battery-powered propeller vehicles for the Year 4 Wacky Races!



Year 5 designed and printed their own T-Shirts before putting on a fashion show in the theatre.

Forest School Day

Just before the end of term, our Year 5 pupils had an adventurous forest school day! They made natural headbands, built dens and made small rafts. A huge thank you to Mrs Griffith.





Sports Day



Sport

Friday 23rd June saw the annual Sports Day where all children competed in field and track events. Well done to Trinity, this year's winners.

Football Success



Well done to the U11 Boys' Football Team who won the Hull Active Schools FA Cup, beating Eastfield School in the final.



Our U10 Boys' Football team won the Hull Active Schools 5-a-side tournament.

Netball Success



Our U11 netballers also tasted success by winning the Hull Active Schools finals. The girls showed skill and determination to beat some great teams.

HMC Athletics



What a performance from our U9-11 athletes at the HMC Athletics! Some brilliant individual performances and event wins, leading to:

U9 Girls 3rd overall, U9 Boys 2nd overall

U10 Boys **CHAMPIONS**

Overall Girls: 3rd

Overall Boys: 2nd

Sports Leaders



Some of our Year 6 children coached 60 children from St Nicholas School as part of the Sports Leaders programme. The children had spent weeks, under the expert tuition of Mr O'Hara and Mr McLoughlin, planning and preparing sports activities and then delivered everything entirely independently. The children were an absolute credit to themselves and the school—fantastic ambassadors! Very well done!



Sports Awards

Well done to all our Junior Sports Award winners for this term. All our children have worked so hard and we are so proud of all their progress and success.



Ready, Set, Read!

Presented by The Reading Agency.
Delivered in partnership with libraries.



Get ready to take part in the UK's biggest free reading programme for children!

This annual challenge encourages children aged 4-11 to keep reading during the summer holidays. Reading skills can 'dip' during the long summer break without regular access to books and the encouragement to read for pleasure. The initiative is designed to tackle this by motivating children to visit their library and keep reading during the holidays, maintaining their skills in preparation for the new school term.

This year's Summer Reading Challenge is all about games and sports, delivered in partnership with the Youth Sports Trust.

Ready, Set, Read! will showcase how reading can be active and involved as well as encouraging children to engage in games and sports in any way that best suits them. Join the fictional team (and their animal mascots) as they use their skills to weave their way through a summer obstacle course.

Alongside The Challenge there is a super programme of events and activities including epic storytelling, travelling theatre, Lego events and more...

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 6th September

Thursday 14th September

Thursday 21st September

Friday 22nd September

Friday 6th October

Saturday 7th October

Tuesday 17th October

Friday 20th October

Wednesday 25th October

Term Begins

Finish before lunch (Senior School Speech Day)

Individual School photographs

Headmaster's Reception for new parents

Year 5 PGL Trip departs (back Sunday)

Finish before lunch (Open Morning preparation)

Open Morning

Junior School Harvest Festival

Year 6 Choir Tour to Edinburgh departs (back Sunday)

Finish for Half Term

Editor T.J. Redhead

