



JUNIOR MONTHLY MESSENGER

MARCH 2024

Message from the Head

The last few weeks have been a busy and exciting time in the Junior School reflected in this March edition of the Monthly Messenger.

Choirs have performed on local and national stages, our Dance group has qualified for a national final and our sports teams have performed brilliantly across the sporting spectrum; and in all of these external events, our pupils have conducted themselves impeccably making all the staff involved feel very proud.

This Messenger is also packed with reports of the children's endeavours within school, from Year 6 Leadership Club's stimulating and inspiring Hymers World Book Day, to Year 6's Healthy Heart Day and outstanding Art project work. As when representing the school in competitions, the children continue to approach their studies and extra-curricular activities in school with enthusiasm, determination and resilience.

I hope you enjoy reading the Messenger and I wish all Hymers families a very restful and enjoyable Easter.

Peter Doyle, Head of Junior School

Barnardo's National Choral Competition Finals



Only 15 Junior Choirs from around the country were selected to sing at the largest youth choir competition in the country, the Barnardo's National Choral Competition, held at the stunning Birmingham Symphony Hall. After weeks of careful preparation, the Year 6 Choir performed their two chosen pieces with musicality and expression. 'Carry the Light' by Andy Beck was a moving piece, full of light and shade, whilst 'Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel' was in sharp contrast as a pacy and exciting piece where the choir ably split into three parts. The judges were suitably impressed stating 'splendid ending' and 'an attentive choir with good direction.' Mrs Redhead is incredibly proud of the choir—well done!



Cottingham Music Festival



The Year 3, 4 and 5 Choirs competed at Cottingham Music Festival and came away with an array of trophies. For the Year 3s, this was their first ever competition, and they sang their songs, *The Penguin Dance* and *Shrimp Waltz* with such confidence and enthusiasm! The Year 4s stunned everyone with a very high mark of 88 with their pieces *The Crocodile* and *Feed the Birds* which were sung with such expression. The Year 5s repertoire included the exciting *Firefly* as well as a superb unaccompanied version of *Cockles and Mussels*. All the children represented the school incredibly well.

Music For Youth

The Albemarle Music Centre was the venue for the Regional round of the Music For Youth Festival. Our Year 5 Choir performed their three pieces to a full audience and gained some fantastic feedback from the music mentors. They also enjoyed watching a variety of performances by other schools from the local area. Very well done!



World Book Day



The Year 6 Leadership Club, under the direction of Mr Doyle, organised a fun filled day of book related activities. The day began with a parade of all the children in costume which was followed by a reenactment of *George's Marvellous Medicine* where Mr Doyle had to drink a potion made by Gulmehar and Natasha. This resulted in Mr Doyle magically doubling in length, much to the amazement of both children and staff! The Leadership Club organised a book treasure hunt, guess the missing book character as well as plays based on different books. It was a great day and thank you to all the Year 6 Leadership Club.

Sport

HMC 7s

Our U11 Boys entered the HMC 7s at St Peter's with both our A and B teams this year, one of only two schools who were able to field two teams. This, in itself, shows the strength in depth in the squad.

Our A team looked a little rusty in the group stages at times but progressed through to the finals. The highlight of the group stage was stepping in to replace Bradford Grammar, who had not turned up, to play against QEGS Wakefield in what is always a keenly contested game. The boys found their rhythm and played some excellent rugby.

The final group was Hymers, GSAL, St Peter's and RGS Newcastle. The first game was RGS Newcastle, who over the years have become our main rivals - every game we have played has been close and this year we had won two and lost one of the games against them in tournaments. RGS Newcastle started much better and scored two quick tries, but a better second half resulted in us pulling one back, but in 7s time is precious and we were not able to level it. With RGS then beating St Peter's, the trophy went to back to Newcastle. However, we did put in a fine performance against GSAL before ending with a slightly more ragged display against St Peter's, resulting in a 3rd place finish. This is a superb achievement and a measure of the high expectations of the group in that there was some disappointment amongst the players after the game. The group have an abundance of talent and are keenly looking forward to seeing what they can do on the National stage at Rosslyn Park.

Our B team played fantastically in the group stages, giving good A teams a run for their money. The crunch game against Mr Bloomfield's Dame Allan's did not go as planned, unfortunately. However, a strong showing in their final group meant the tournament was a tremendous success for the boys.

Well done to all involved and thanks all the parents who supported the boys and to Mr Newton for his continued efforts in helping to run the 7s this year.

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Rugby 7s

Hymers hosted the annual Hymers College U11 Rugby 7s competition. This is the third year it has run and included 12 teams from across the country, including Worcester and Newcastle.

All the players braved the elements and did not let the inclement weather dampen their spirits. Some fantastic rugby was played by all the schools who took part and well done to all involved. A big thank you to Mr Cook, Mr Windeatt and Mr Exley who refereed throughout the day.

Hymers entered an A and a B team into the competition. The A team went all day without conceding a try - a superb achievement - and came away with the Plate. The B team battled very well against some excellent A teams and made plenty of progress as the day went on.

Thank you to all the schools who took part. We look forward to inviting you back next year!



Hull Active Schools

The Hull Active Schools Team and Individual swimming competition was held at Hymers. There were great results from all of our Junior school pupils that attended and we had an overall team win.

Annabel gold medal in the 25m Freestyle

Henry silver medals in the 25m Backstroke, 25m Breaststroke and 25m Freestyle

Olympia silver medal in the 25m Breaststroke

Freddie bronze medal in the 25m Freestyle



Hymers also hosted four Hull Active School U11 FA Cup games at the same time.



Healthy Heart Day

Year 6 took part in a dynamic and informative Healthy Heart Day event earlier this month. Hull CVS delivered a By-stander First Aid course to all the students. A medical expert then gave them a talk about maintaining a healthy heart, before they took to the lab to make models that replicated the heart pumping blood! The students had a great time!



Art



Year 3 have been exploring shape and colour through collage. They have created wonderful interpretations of paintings from the Ferens collection.

Experimenting with paint, Year 4 are in the process of creating layered still life collages. They are having a lot of fun creating interesting marks and effects!

Year 5 have been out and about in the school grounds, creating mixed media landscapes. The weather hasn't been the kindest for plein air paintings, but they've still produced some wonderful drawings.

Year 6 are creating layered self-portraits which reveal elements of their personality - they can't wait to share them with you.



MFL
Joke of the Month

What would you get if you crossed
the Easter Bunny with a famous
French General?

Napoleon Bunnyparte!



Dates for your Diary

Monday 8th April

Monday 8th April

Thursday 11th April

Wednesday 17th & Thursday 18th April

Tuesday 23rd April

Wednesday 24th April

Thursday 25th April

Thursday 25th April

Wednesday 1st May

Tuesday 7th May

Monday 13th May

Monday 13th May -Thursday 16th May

Friday 17th May

Monday 20th May

Friday 24th May

Term Begins

Year 5 History Trip

Year 4 Residential Trip

Year 5 Production 'Hoodwinked'

Year 5 & 6 Chamber Concert

Year 6 History Trip

Hull Music Festival—Year 4 & 5 Choirs

Year 3 & 4 Chamber Concert

Choral Celebration Concert Hull Minster

Junior School Assessment Week

Year 2 & 3 Swimming Gala

Year 6 Residential Windermere

House Swimming Gala Years 4,5 and 6

Junior School Theme Week

Half Term



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