



RAISING THE BAR

SPORTS NEWSLETTER OF HBJS

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British Champions

British Schools' Orienteering Competition

On Sunday 19th November, twenty Hunter's Bar orienteers went down to the Forest of Dean on a coach to go to the British Schools' Orienteering Championships.

When we got there we had lots of energy to run off so we had a game of tig and rugby but we still had enough left for our run. Millie, who was at Hunter's Bar last year, saw a wild boar. We were all nervous before we started but we were all desperate to win.



Everyone did great! We won two year group team trophies; Year 5 girls (Ella B, Beth S, Sophia S, Ellen A and Megan N) and Year 6 girls (Freya T, Lottie S and Ruth Y). We also came second in the Year 6 boys (Oliver C, James B, Mark Y) and third in the Year 5 boys (Toby T, Rhys C, Ben A).

Because we did so well with our teams, we won the trophy for best overall Junior School. This makes Hunter's Bar Junior School the best school in Great Britain at Orienteering!



It was an amazing day for individual winners too. Freya came first in Y6 girls' and Ella came second in Y5 girls. James came third in Y6 boys', Beth and Sophia came third in Y5 girls'. Unfortunately, poor Lottie came fourth and just missed out on a medal. It was still a great run from her though.

The prize giving was really exciting. It was fantastic seeing all the Hunter's Bar runners go up for their trophies, medals and chocolates. Mark

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took the Y6 chocolates and everybody chased him all around the field to get them back!

After an exhausting day, we returned home on the coach. We arrived back in Sheffield at 7.00pm all excited about telling Mr Ryan of our success the next day at school.

Reporter: Ella B



Down to the Wire

Netball League Report

Our Year 5 and 6 netballers have had a number of matches during this half term and are progressing well with their skills and tactics.

On Wednesday 22nd November, the Hunter's Bar Netball team (Sammy J11, Ira J12, May J10, Hannah J12, Olivia J10, Ciara J12, Lola S J12, Lola M J11, Evie J10 and Grace J9) entered into the Sheffield Schools' netball league at Sheffield Girls' High School.



We played three matches. Our first game

was hard playing against a very good Sheffield High School team. We lost 5-0 but everyone played really well. We learned a lot from that first game and stayed on court to play our next game against Porter Croft, winning 4-1. In our final game it was really close against Westways. Near the end of the match with the score 1-1, the Westways Goal Shooter threw the ball high towards the net and it hit a wire which made it go in. Even though we thought it was a bit unfair, the umpire let the goal count and we lost 2-1. We were a bit upset but knew that we had played really well throughout the tournament and still made sure that we kept to the spirit of the game. At the event, everyone played their best and tried their hardest, even though some of us were new to Netball.

"Enjoyable, fantastic and memorable. These are all the words I need to describe it." - Olivia J10

Written by Hannah and Olivia

HBJ Girls' Poised for the Run in

Cross country update

The Cross Country league is well underway now and Team HBJ are having one of their best performances in recent years. The girls' teams lead the way again with strong

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performances and excellent results in each race.



Once a month on Saturday mornings, keen runners turn up in the mud, wind, snow and rain to compete against Sheffield's various primary schools. Around twenty five children from Hunter's Bar come to run through parks and woods at various venues around Sheffield. At the last race of 2017, Longley Park was the venue. Many people showed up in the cold and frosty conditions and did amazingly, but Freya, Ciara, Sofia and Martha did exceptionally well, scoring an amazing 92 points for the Year 5-6 girls' 'A' team. The team are currently on course to qualify for the South Yorkshire School Games and could yet top the Sheffield league. In the Y5-6 boys' competition, James finished 35th and Silas 42nd as two highlights from the boys'. The Y3-4 girls' are also having a great

season and could yet qualify for the South Yorkshire competition. Ella and Megan finished 13th and 32nd respectively whilst Jess and Enid completed the 'A' team score with positions of 44th and 51st. Throughout this year, many of the children are making great strides with their running ability. With a number of Year 3 runners taking part for the first time, it is great to see their progress after each race. An example of one such runner is Rory, who after his previous score of 105, beat it by 30 places in his next race.

Written by: Freya, Lola, Ruth and Ciara

Hunter's Bar Bow Out

Sportshall Athletics report



A twenty-strong team from HBJ went to the annual heats of the Year 5-6 Sportshall Athletics competition, held at Silverdale School in early November. The team, consisting of ten boys' and ten girls' competed in a series of athletic challenges against athletes from Greystones, Dobcroft, St Marie's and Ecclesall. Events included: long jump, target throw, seated

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throw, chest push and speed bounce; in which two members from Team HBJ attempted to jump and throw their very best.

The team also took part in a series of track sprint races of varying distances and formats with the final race being the relay. Every member of Team HBJ did their absolute best in all of the races and events with some success in a number of events. The highlight was the winning run from the girls' 4x1 lap relay team to cap the evening off. The competition was really strong with Team HBJ finishing in third. Well done to everyone who took part.

Special Achievement Award



SFSS Awards Evening

On Thursday 30th November, the 123rd annual presentation for the Sheffield Federation for School Sport was held at 'The Town Hall Chambers' in Sheffield.

These awards are given to teams or individuals that the Sheffield Federation for School Sports feels have achieved notable success in a particular sport or shown commitment to school sport above and beyond expectations. HBJ's Orienteering team received the 'Special Achievement' award in recognition of their success in Orienteering.

"Having taught for twenty years, I don't think I've ever been involved with a

school team who have dominated their sport quite as much as this team has," remarked Mr Ryan.



The 30 strong orienteering team, have been crowned league champions for the last four years. Members come and go but we continue to produce new talent to push the team on to further success. It is a popular sport at Hunter's Bar and great credit must go to the parents who help support, run and organise the events. It is down to their hard work and dedication that we are able to reap the benefits at Hunter's Bar and enthuse and inspire so many others to give the sport a try.



It is fair to say that the achievements of the team deserve wide recognition. In

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addition to their continuing success in the league over the last four years, the team have also won the South Yorkshire School Games in three different age categories and have also been crowned Yorkshire Schools' Champions for the last two years. The Y5 girls' were runners up in the British Schools' Championships in 2016 and this year the team were crowned Primary Girls' British Champions at the British Schools' Score Championships, whilst the boys took silver.

The team have also had great individual success with 5 of the current members amassing **Yorkshire, Northern and British Champion titles** between them. Pupil numbers from Hunter's Bar continue to increase in the SFSS league events as they are inspired by the current crop of enthusiastic and committed orienteers that they wish to emulate.

To get involved in this fantastic family sport, visit:

www.southyorkshireorienteers.co.uk

Making HBJ Great

PE kit



Can we take this opportunity to remind all parents and carers that Physical Education is an integral part of what makes Hunter's Bar Junior School great! We receive a substantial amount of government funding that is used specifically to make Physical Education and Sport a key part of every child's life at Hunter's Bar. We are very

fortunate to have an experienced and highly qualified specialist to deliver and support the delivery of physical education, physical activity and competitive sport. It plays an important role, not just in developing the essential movement skills, but also in developing resilient, confident and healthy children. To support us in providing the best possible physical education programme we ask that you:

1. Ensure that your child has the correct PE kit in school for every lesson each week.
2. Ensure that your child has suitable warm clothing for outdoor PE lessons each week.
3. Ensure that your child has appropriate footwear for every PE lesson (trainers or plimsolls).
4. Ensure that all jewellery is removed on the day that your child has PE.

Thank you for your continued support.

Dates for your Diary



20th Jan **Orienteering** Whirlowbrook

27th Jan **X-Country** Concord Park

9th Feb **Gymnastics** Ponds Forge

10th Feb **Netball** Sheffield High School

10th Feb **X-Country** Brunswick

10th feb **Orienteering** Norfolk Park

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