

Sporting Achievements Spring Term

January '14 Headlines

Back by Popular Demand! PHILLIMORE's 'Meet Me by the Steel Men' performs again



On 14th January, Class 11 travelled to the Cantor Building, part of Sheffield Hallam University to perform at a national Primary and Early Years Conference hosted by SHU. The organisers of the conference had heard about the performance of 'Meet Me by the Steel Men' and asked if Class 11 could perform for all the delegates. Ms Searle introduced the performance by explaining where the original inspiration for the dance came from, how ideas had been developed and the journey we went on, from meeting Steve Mehdi (artist) and Theresa Tomlinson (author) to winning a national audition and performing at the Winter Gardens and then at Sheffield Arena for the UK School Games Opening Ceremony. The Y5s did Phillimore proud again!

Phillimore is takes 5th place out of 112 Primary Schools at the Sheffield City Finals of the Sportshall Athletics!

On Thursday 16th January 2014 the Phillimore Athletics team travelled to Hillsborough Leisure Centre to compete against seven other schools from around the city. These were the eight best schools from the cluster competitions and the Sports Partnership competitions. The standard was very high and despite initial nerves, the team did themselves proud by coming a very creditable fifth.



Athletics training continues for Y5/6s and an invitation to Y4s to start training for 2014/15

The Athletics Club is working towards individual awards using the English Schools' Athletic Association criteria for Bronze (boys need 23 points, girls need 20 points) Silver (boys need 29 points, girls need 26 points) and Gold (boys need 35 points, girls need 32 points). These are national standards and our athletes are working hard to meet the challenge. How good are you?

Training will start on Monday evenings for the outdoor Athletics competition at Woodburn Road stadium on **Thursday 22nd May** after school.

If you are in Y5, Y6 or Y4 and interested in becoming a better athlete, the club meets at 3pm on a Monday. Please ask Ms Searle for a letter.

Phillimore Gifted and Talented Athletes

Tanjima, Sana, Tolowani, Mustafa, Harry and Shakib took part in coaching and then in a Sheffield wide Sportshall Athletics competition at the EIS Tuesday 28th January. Incredibly the team came in 2nd place. Toni Minichiello (Jessica Ennis-Hill's Athletics coach) had spotted these budding athletes at the 10th Anniversary celebrations of the EIS on 11th December and said that all six should be training regularly at the EIS Athletics club.

Phillimore wins again!

On Wednesday 29th January a newly formed Athletics team took part in a 2nd division competition at the EIS supported by Miss Worrall, Mrs Naughton and Ms Searle. In the morning, the team trained alongside children from other schools and in the afternoon competed against these other schools. After a very exciting finish, Phillimore proudly took first place. Well done Phillimore and thank you to the staff who gave up their time voluntarily!

Phillimore gives Skeleton Athletes a Winter Olympic send off

On Wednesday 29th January, a small group from Phillimore were invited down to Ice Sheffield to watch Shelley Rudman and Kristan Bromley in their final training session before heading off to Socchi, Russia for the Winter Olympics. The children were also able to ask the athletes some questions. The whole session was filmed by BBC Look North

February '14 Headlines

Phillimore – National Winners in London

On Tuesday 4th February, five children and three members of staff travelled to London to present the Y5 investigations on the accessibility of the school to people with disabilities to a panel of judges and an audience at the British Olympic and Paralympic Association. Despite being up against some tough opposition, Phillimore were awarded first place and became national winners. If you would like to know more, please click on the link <http://www.paralympics.org.uk/news/schools-impress-in-final-of-get-set-national-paralympic-day-competition>

or read the attached for a more detailed account of the day: An account of Phillimore's day in London and spectacular win!

Phillimore Y4s perform at the EIS

On Thursday 20th February, the Y4s performed their Haka dance at the EIS in front of a large audience. Mr Kay and Mrs Davies were very proud of the children.

Nine Y5s compete at Ice Sheffield

Despite never having played the sport of Curling before, a team of Y5s learnt to play and then competed against other schools on Friday 21st February. The children all really enjoyed the experience. Thanks to Mr Simpson for being Phillimore's team captain.

The ASA observes Phillimore's Swimming Lessons

On Monday 10th March, a representative from the ASA (Amateur Swimming Association – the governing body for swimming) travelled from Loughborough University to interview members of staff and observe two swimming lessons. They want to use Phillimore as a case study because of the huge progress in swimming attainment seen over the last five years.

New Y4 group try out sports at Ice Sheffield on Thursday 6th and 20th March after school, courtesy of SIV. 17 pupils along with their teachers Mrs Davies, Mr Kay and Mrs Kirby, walked to Ice Sheffield and tried ice skating and New Age Kurling. The teachers were really enthusiastic about the sessions. Mrs Davies wrote: "That was amazing. You could see real improvement in a short time. The Kurling was fantastic, we really need to buy 2 sets for school to start an after school club...the kids were getting very tactical in the end". Thanks to David Bly from Ice Sheffield for setting this up and to school staff for giving up their time.

Phillimore submits bid for Sport England's 'Primary Spaces' grant

This is funding to improve outdoor facilities for PE, School Sport and active playtimes in primary schools. There are 17,000 primary schools in England who might be eligible for the funding but only 600 schools will receive it. On Tuesday 18th March, Ms Searle met the School Council to plan the bid. The class reps took photos of the current facilities and made notes on what they saw and thought. They then planned their wishlist using Sport England's guidelines. All classes were given the opportunity to discuss the proposals and some classes wrote persuasively in the form of letters. Staff, governors, parents, community groups and Sheffield City Council were also consulted. The bid was sent off in time so fingers crossed!

Phillimore Careers Week involves Paralympic Athletes!

Chris Oakley (GB Goalball team at London2012 Paralympics) and Jamie Hodgson (training for the GB Goalball team in Rio) came into school to inspire our pupils and deliver taster sessions in Paralympic sports. Even the parents had a go! Have a look at the timetable.

Tuesday 25/3/14

8am – 8:30 Breakfast club – Boccia – parents/pupils

9:00 – 9:15 Assembly - Paralympic sports with Chris Oakley (Paralympian) talking about sight loss and how he got into the sport + own athletic journey

In main hall

9:15 – 10:00 Year 3 – Sitting Volleyball

10:30 – 11:30 Year 3 – Sitting Volleyball

1:10 – 2:15 Year 6 – New Age Kurling/Boccia – learn to play to teach Y1

2:15 – 2:50 Year 6 – New Age Kurling/Boccia – work with a class of Y1s

2:50 – 2:55 Year 6 plenary (Y1s back to class)

Friday 28/3/14

8am – 8:30 Breakfast club – Boccia – parents/pupils

9:00 – 9:15 Assembly - Paralympic sports with Jamie Hodgson talking about sight loss and how he got into the sport + own athletic journey

In main hall

9:15 – 10:15 Year 2 – Fencing

10:30 – 11:30 Year 2 – Fencing

1:00 – 2:00 Year 4 Goalball with 10 Y5 sports leaders

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This was in 'The Press':

YORK'S Jamie Hodgson is aiming to establish himself as one of the top goalball players in the world after breaking into the national team.

The 28-year-old vision-impaired athlete, of [Acomb](#), only took up the sport early last year and within nine months he was playing in the top tier of goalball in the country.

Coach Rob Tyas and rising player Jamie Hodgson of York Goalball Club



Phillimore Y6s get inspired by the Tour de France

On Tuesday 25th March, teachers and students from Handsworth Grange came into school to work with the Y6s. The theme was the Tour de France which will be passing near to school on Sunday 6th July. Watch this space for lots of exciting activities as we draw nearer to that date.

Y6s meet Sport Science student from SHU

On Tuesday 1st April, the Y6s met and worked with a student from Sheffield Hallam University who is carrying out a dissertation on physical activities and quality of life. The Y6s were also able to ask the student some questions about what inspired him and why he chose Sports Science to study.

Y4s Go Run for Fun!

On Wednesday 2nd April, the Y4s took part in the first Go Run for Fun organised by Links SSP and the Great North Run/Great Yorkshire Run at Manor Fields Park. All pupils and teachers had a great time even though it was very foggy which just added to the atmosphere!

Sheffield City Council Bike It team take the assembly

On Friday 4th April the school assembly will be focused on biking from small to large – from F2 on their Balance Bikes to the professional riders in the Tour de France. Watch this space for more exciting activities as we draw nearer to Sunday 6th July.

Y5s Compete in Goalball, Sitting Volleyball and Boccia

On Friday 4th April, the Phillimore team competed alongside 165 pupils from 17 mainstream and special schools in Sheffield at the EIS in a variety of Paralympic sports. Able bodied and pupils with disabilities played with and against each other in exciting matches. Three Paralympic athletes (Chris Oakley, Jamie Hodgson and Neil Malcolm) presented medals to pupils nominated for the Olympic and Paralympic values. This was all part of the Olympic Legacy grant hosted by Phillimore and funded by the British Olympic and Paralympic Association and the Department of Education.

Visitors from Seven Hills Special School work with Y5s

On Monday 7th April, 10 students from Seven Hills School worked with the Y5 classes to improve their skills in Boccia and to compete against them. It was great to see how people with disabilities were able to access our school after the work we had carried out to investigate accessibility. Thanks for coming in Seven Hills!

Spring Term '13 High Quality PE and Active Life Styles at Phillimore

8/12/14 **African Dance workshops** for Y6s to extend their Learning Journey on West Africa. Both classes received a two hour workshop in dance with a professional African dancer and drummer. The Y6s went on to develop ideas learnt in the workshops over Spring 1 in PE lessons culminating with a performance to the whole school in March.

9/1/14 Y4 classes start work on a dance unit of work with students from Sheffield Hallam University. The theme chosen was The Haka and the **Y4s eventually performed at the EIS** on Thursday 20th February as part of the Links SSP Movefest.

13/1/14 Y5s start learning about three Paralympic sports in their PE lessons – **Goalball, Sitting Volleyball and Boccia**. This is part of the Olympic Legacy grant which Phillimore was awarded to engage with other schools in Sheffield to keep the spirit of London2012 alive and continue the legacy.

Bike Ability offered to all Y5s and those Y6s who have not yet achieved level 2 which teaches children to ride safely on quiet roads. Sessions 14/1/14 21/1/14, 20/1/14, 27/1/14. Cycle Experience again praised the pupils at Phillimore: "An exemplary standard of behaviour for both Y5s and Y6 groups and a level of enthusiasm to match" Well done all those children who took part - your school is proud of you!

Balance Ability offered to all Y1s during the mornings of 14/1/14, 21/1/14, 28/1/14, 4/2/14, 11/2/14 and to F1s on 18/2/14. It will be F2s chance to have a go and improve their biking skills on 11/3/14, 25/3/14, 1/4/14 and 8/4/14

Phillimore supports Sheffield Hallam University PE students by offering facilities and classes of pupils to work with 15/1/14, 16/1/14, 13/3/14 (and more in the Summer term). Everyone benefits from these sessions as the students get to try out ideas and skills they have been taught, Phillimore pupils have lots of adults to help them improve and enjoy PE and Phillimore staff are able to join in the sessions by picking up new ideas and observing their pupils closely.

Change for Life sessions on the importance of incorporating physical activity into their lives offered to all Y6s, Y2s, F2s, at lunchtime and as an after school football club for Y3/4s delivered by Sheffield United Football Club coaches 21/1/14, 28/1/14, 4/2/14, 11/2/14. The Y5s have their sessions 20/3/14, 27/3/14, 3/4/14, 10/4/14.

On 18/2/14 **the School Council helped Ms Searle to write a vision** for PE, School Sport and Active Playtimes. The class reps suggested a letter should go home to parents as they would be interested in contributing. Mrs Sutton took the minutes.

On 21/3/14 the Y6s raised money for Sport Relief by joining other schools from the Links SSP to walk/run a mile round the Athletics track at the EIS. Well done Y6s – great effort for a good cause!!