



Spring 2011

# NEWS

## Hinde House 3-16 School An Engineering Specialist School

### Welcome to the Spring Newsletter



Mr C French  
Principal

As ever the academic year has flown by and we are fast approaching the summer term!

Critically since our last newsletter the school received an Ofsted inspection on the 17th and 18th March 2011. The report, which is almost entirely positive, reflects the substantial progress secured across all aspects by the school since the last inspection in December 2007. As Principal I am particularly pleased with the following extracts:

1. 'The quality of teaching is good across all key stages with examples of outstanding teaching observed during the inspection' (of 40 lessons observed during the inspection over 75% of lessons were good or outstanding)
2. 'Children make good progress during their time in the Early Years Foundation Stage because every possible learning opportunity is maximised'
3. 'In both phases pupils show good attitudes to learning and a willingness to engage in tasks and activities during lessons. Pupils behave well and their social, moral, spiritual and cultural development is good'
4. 'Primary pupils make good progress, whilst the progress of students in the secondary phase is improving strongly'
5. 'There is a culture of respect for one another's differences ensuring that the school is a calm, cohesive learning community'
6. 'Pupil diversity is celebrated and positively promoted through the curriculum and the school's caring, inclusive ethos'
7. 'Since the time of the last inspection school leaders and staff have built on existing strengths and tackled weaknesses robustly to bring about the

*improvement that the school required'*

8. 'Leaders, governors and staff are relentlessly focussed on promoting pupils' learning, achievement and success'
9. 'Leaders and managers have a clear and well – understood vision for the school's future across both phases which is shared by all staff'
10. 'The governing body have a good range of skills and expertise ensuring they are well placed to influence the strategic direction of the school'
11. 'The effectiveness of the school's systems and procedures to safeguard pupils are outstanding'
12. 'Monitoring is robust and evaluation sharply pinpoints strengths and areas requiring further development'
13. 'Leaders and managers including governors have clearly demonstrated that the school has a good capacity for sustained improvement'
14. 'Parents and carers have an overwhelmingly positive view about the school'

Schools must continue to improve and the senior staff and governors have already begun to consider how we will address areas requiring further improvement.

As ever pupils are working hard to secure good progress and particularly those in KS2 and KS4 are in their final run up to SATs or GCSE examinations. We wish them luck and will be doing all we can to support them through this challenging and important time.

Finally, as I continually stress, school is about so much more than examinations and I hope this newsletter reflects the varied and exciting opportunities available to our brilliant children and students.



### What do you think?

During Progress Afternoon in October, and at various Parents' Evenings, we have asked parents and carers to fill in our parent/carer questionnaire. It is always very helpful for us to know what you think and we welcome your comments at any time.

It is always very pleasing to get positive feedback; such as the fact that all Secondary and most Primary Phase parents and carers feel that the school is very welcoming. Most parents in both Phases feel their children are safe and happy, we look after their health, and that communication is good.

Parents and carers in Secondary Phase did not feel that there was enough work for their children to do at home or that there were enough resources available for them to help their children at home. As a result of this, we will be looking at our homework policy and seeing how we can improve this area in line with parents' wishes.

The school appears to be well thought of in the community, something we have tried very hard with this year and the vast majority of parents felt the school is well led and managed.

If you would like to have your say, please fill in this questionnaire on the back page, cut it out and send it back to school:

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# DROP-IN SESSIONS

**On Wednesdays when there is no Workshop - a drop-in session will be available in the Learning Mentor Meeting Room**

**We have already had the following events:**

Healthy Eating, Exercise  
Access to Services

Year 9 Immunisations  
School Leaving Booster DTP

Mental Health

Smoking Cessation

Body Image and Development

## **Forthcoming events are:**

11th May -  
Sexual Health and Access to Services

22nd June -  
Cancer Awareness

13th July -  
Asthma Awareness

## **DON'T SUFFER IN SILENCE**

Learning Mentor Team  
<http://hindehouse.thesharpsystem.com>

## **News from the School Nursing Team (HPV) National Immunisation Programme**



**NHS**  
Sheffield

### **Dear Parents,**

NHS Sheffield is working with your school to provide young women with the opportunity to protect themselves against cervical cancer. This article will give you all the information you require regarding the vaccine.

### **Beating cervical cancer – the new HPV vaccine**

Human Papillomavirus (HPV) National Immunisation Programme in Secondary Schools for Y8 girls from September 2010

NHS Sheffield vaccinated 90% of last year's Y8 girls as part of the HPV Programme.

The HPV vaccine is 99% effective in preventing the cervical abnormalities that can lead to cervical cancer caused by HPV types 16 and 18

Young women are realising the importance of the vaccination. Safa Weyrah, 13, from Broomhall said: 'It makes you so grateful to be having the vaccine. I'd not heard of cervical cancer

until Jade Goody had it, and it is so sad that she has left her children behind'.

### **Who will receive the vaccine?**

The vaccine will be offered each year to 12- to 13-year-old girls (school year 8) via The Sheffield School Nursing Service in your daughter's school.

### **How will I know when my daughter is going to have the vaccination?**

The Sheffield School Nursing Service will provide you with information, including a consent form, through the post. It is important that parents sign this and return it to the school before the vaccination is due.

Three doses of the vaccine are required over a six-month period for the best protection against HPV. The second injection will be given 1-2 months after your first injection, and the third is given about 6 months after your first injection. It is important to complete the course within 12 months.

### **Want more information?**

Call Alison Campbell (HPV Co-ordinator) on 0114 2262085 – or access [www.nhs.uk/vaccinations](http://www.nhs.uk/vaccinations) and click on teenage vaccinations

## **Allergies**

The recent national news about a child who nearly died when given chocolate containing nuts has prompted us to ask all parents and carers to make sure that the school has all the up to date information about any allergies which a child has.

Any new information we receive we will need to discuss with you to ensure that everyone is clear about the steps to be taken to avoid a problem and, of course, what must be done if a problem occurred. If you wish to check the information we hold or update us with anything, please contact us at your earliest convenience or call into school to discuss any worries.



**Health Drop-in and Workshops**  
**Every Wednesday Lunchtime**

**Outside the Library**

**WORKSHOPS**

- 19th January - Healthy Eating, Exercise and Access to Services
- 2nd February - Year 9 Immunisations - School Leaving Booster DTP
- 16th February - Mental Health
- 9th March - Smoking Cessation
- 6th April - Body Image and Development
- 11th May - Sexual Health and Access to Services
- 22nd June - Cancer Awareness
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**School Nursing Team**

## **Health Drop-in and Workshops**

The School Nursing Team will be running weekly Health Drop-in Sessions and/or Workshops each Wednesday Lunchtime; these commenced on the 19th January with the first of the Workshops focussing on Healthy Eating, Exercise and Access to Services. Each Workshop will take place on the corridor outside the Library and the Drop-in Sessions will be held in the Learning Mentors Interview Room on 'C' Corridor. Please see the Learning Mentor Team if you would like any further information.



## Discover US (Aim Higher)



The University of Sheffield organised an Aim Higher day for students from schools across South Yorkshire. A group of 23 Year 10 Students from Hinde House took part and on arrival were each given a piece of a jigsaw. We then had to find other students who had matching jigsaw pieces. This split the Hinde House students into eight different teams and mixed us with the other schools. During the initial briefing it was explained to us that by the end of the day each team would develop a new concept food outlet which would have to be original and suitable for students. To help us, we were all given a tour of the Students' Union, the Learning Centre and the English Language Department, where we talked to the staff in the cafes, salad bars, cake shops and coffee lounges to give us ideas about what students really liked to eat and what they liked best.

We all then went back to work in our teams and explored all our ideas. We were all given a particular responsibility in our group which

meant that we worked as a team, with each of us having to listen to the others and doing what the group leader asked.

At the end of the session the eight teams were split into two groups and then each team had to present their ideas to the rest of their group. The team with the best idea from each group went through to the final presentation. Their final presentation was to everyone involved including a panel of professionals. This panel had experts from finance and management along with a local entrepreneur who runs a successful restaurant in the centre of Sheffield. After the presentation had been made each team were asked questions to explore their idea further and a winner was chosen. It was very pleasing that a team with 3 Hinde House students in it came up with the best presentation. Karl Burditt, Thomas Young and Phoebe Foulstone were in the winning team and were given a prize of chocolates for their efforts. Well done!

*Miss Wilson - Aim Higher Co-ordinator*

## Scrabble Challenge

Friday 11th February saw the Y10 ASDAN group visiting Primary Phase to teach Y4 students how to play scrabble. They went as part of their ASDAN course, working on the 'Sport and Leisure' module. Having

first looked at the rules and re-written them for a younger audience, the Y10s practised before teaching the younger ones how to play.

A fantastic afternoon was had by all with the Y10s learning as much about themselves as the Y4s did about playing scrabble!!

## The Writer's Challenge

On the 13th of January Mrs Khan and Ms. Ashton took a group of 30 students from Y7 and Y8 to The Circle in Sheffield City Centre to attend the "Writer's Challenge". The day offered activities and strategies to develop students' skills as writers. The focus of the day was on fiction writing developing the

use of prose, understanding more about the creative process of writing and exploring the writer's view of the world. Students were

given the opportunity to extend and consider their own writing style, composing a piece of creative writing alongside professional writer Daniel Blythe.

"Excellent day, well organised and informative. Children were always occupied and learning. The children thoroughly enjoyed the day. Brilliant, thank you" *Mrs Khan*



## First Steps Trampoline Competition

Four teams were entered in this competition, most of whom had only been trampolining for a short time, plus some more experienced 'jumpers'. It was a very successful evening with three of our teams winning and one coming third. The winning teams have qualified for the South Yorkshire Finals on 3rd February!

**U14 Level 1 – 3rd place** Fern Stainrod (7Hs) Derian Dearman (7Wm) Manuella Owusu (7Wm) Chloe Ludlam (7Cc)

**U14 Level 2 – Winners** Megan Allen (8Nm) Chelsea McMillan (7Cm) Chloe Coombes (7Cc) Ruby Smith (7Hs)

**U14 level 3 – Winners** Bonnie Lee Brown (9Bt) Mia Bowater (9Ga) Ellis Mart (8Nm) Connie Horne (7Cc)

**U16 Level 3 – Winners** Chloe Brewster (10An) Megan Fermer (10Ce) Kayleigh Horne (11Fo) *Mrs Russell – Head of PE*



## First Steps - South Yorkshire Final

As previously mentioned – our winning teams from the First Steps trampoline competition went on to compete in the South Yorkshire Finals! – 39 teams from Sheffield, Barnsley, Rotherham and Doncaster competed and the results were absolutely brilliant!!!

### U14 Level 2 Champions

Hinde House Team - *Megan Allen, Chelsea McMillan, Chloe Coombes and Ruby Smith.*

### U14 Level 3 Champions

Hinde House Team - *Bonnie Lee Brown, Mia Bowater, Connie Horne and Ellis Mart.*

Well done to our U16 Level 3 team , they did really well but not in the top two -*Kayleigh Horne, Chloe Brewster and Megan Fermer.*

## Sports Leaders Award - Primary Activity Morning

On 10th February there was a Primary Activity Morning for Y2 pupils from Hinde House Primary and Brightside Nursery to experience activities led by the Secondary Phase students who are studying for their Sports Leaders Award. Under the guidance of Tom Greenall (their tutor from the Arches), they planned, set out and totally ran the different activities for the morning. They took it in turns to lead and support and

were all brilliant and did themselves and the school proud. Teachers from the Primary schools couldn't praise them enough and said it was the best activity morning they had experienced.

As an observer, it was great to see the enthusiasm and commitment from our students and watch their development in confidence and pride in their achievement.

Well done to - Jessica Bailey, Mia Bowater, Bonnie Lee Brown, Megan Fermer, Haydn Ford, Kyle Hall, Calum Higginbottom, Shabaz Khan, Regan Parker, Nicholas Purdy, Bradley Sowerby, Danny Swann, Jordan Walshaw, Shalikh Walters, Rochell Watson, Luci Whitham, Megan Williamson, Natasha Woodhouse, Jordan Woodrow and Tom Young. *Mrs Russell*



## Y10/11 Rugby Match

Just in time for this year's Six Nations Tournament, Hinde House Y10 and Y11 boys had their first rugby match. The fixture was against City School first Xv and our lads had the home advantage. Nerves were running high but the team spirit was great! Captain, Aiden Suter, lead our boys out in their new kits (paid for by their own fundraising efforts!) stood out in purple jerseys and contrasting yellow socks. The first score came in the opening four minutes and Hinde House continued to dominate through both the attacking and defending phases with the ball seemingly camped on City's half of the pitch. The opposition never gave up the fight but our lads stayed strong and came away with a 37 – 0 victory! The evening saw tries scored by Aiden Suter, Jake Hodder, Daniel Currie, Reece Hind and Fungai Karigambe, with a conversion secured by Tom Young.

Special thanks go to City School for making the trip to Hinde House and playing in what turned out to be an exciting match.

Congratulations to the team and the win and good luck for future matches!. *Ms Waite*

## Y7 and Y8 Sports Hall Athletics Competition English Institute of Sport

Although we were short of a few team members, all the events were filled and the students did themselves and the school proud. They all ran, jumped and threw their hearts out – there was great team spirit!

The following students had some particular success:-

Manuella Owusu, Connie Horne, Alice Cutts, Mitchell Allen, Marcel Atkinson (Y7) Lauren Law, Sadie Smith, Kane Owen, Valdemar Cassandra, Abdulla Ibrahim (Y8)

Special mentions for determination to finish and fill-in for some events:-

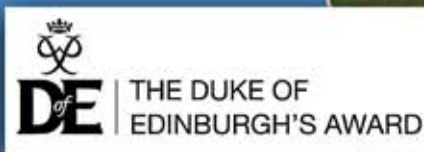
Elle Kingswood, Shona Brooks, Chloe Coombes (Y7) and Megan Allen, Molly Brown, Ellis Mart and Rakhmat Nazir (Y8) Commiserations to Kim Hewitt-Hind who slipped over and was unable to run.

Thanks to Josh Hudson who was prepared to be 'super sub' if needed.

The team results await confirmation but at present the Y7 team were awarded seventh place and the Y8 team were awarded fourth – a much improved result from last years' competition.

*Mrs Russell – Head of PE*

# The Duke of Edinburgh Award



THE DUKE OF  
EDINBURGH'S AWARD



Even though George Yates has left for pastures new, the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Hinde House lives on! Now led by Miss Iredale, Miss Wainman and Mr Jameson; supported by Miss Quinn and Mr Cash; and with help from Mr Hobson, Mr Schofield, Mr Sinclair, Mr Riley, Mr Kubica, Ms Travis, Miss Omaisson and Miss Fox; plus great support from Molly and Norman Gill from the D of E Award Centre in Sheffield – we are continuing to help our students become successful entrants for this Award.

This year we have 28 Year 10 students start out on their Bronze Award, 4 Year 11 students starting the Silver Award and 12 Year 11 students continuing on from their successful achievement of the Bronze Award last year going in to the Silver Award.

The students have chosen quite diverse challenges; such as helping at Breakfast Club at Wincobank School, helping in Care Homes and Youth Groups for their 'Volunteering'; devising a website and 'blog', playing the guitar, pottery and cooking for their 'Skills' and badminton, squash, trampolining, swimming, jogging and ice hockey for their 'Physical'.

They have already been out on a practice walk in November, walking in Derbyshire from Edale via Lose Hill to Bamford. In May they will be doing a practice expedition at Thornbridge outdoor centre. The Bronze students will then do their Expedition during the weekend 21-22 May and the Silver students will do theirs 8-10 July. We wish them all the best of luck.

The innovation this year is the use of a new website HYPERLINK "<http://www.edofe.org>" [www.edofe.org](http://www.edofe.org) where students can upload their record of all that they do for each element of the award. This will be the way in the future, as the need for paper recording of events is reduced.

Look out for their progress report in the next edition of the newsletter. *Ms Iredale*



# Singing Academy at the Sheffield Arena

After the December concerts were cancelled due to the heavy snow, the Singing Academy finally got their chance to shine on Wednesday 26th January. Along with thousands of school pupils from the Sheffield, South Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire areas we took part in the 'Young Voices Concert'. We performed alongside professional artists: Urban Strides, Josh Osho and Dionne Bromfield. Rehearsals all afternoon got us in the mood and then after a picnic tea the concert started at 7pm. The Arena was packed and the performance was amazing! Everyone sang their hearts out and had a brilliant time. *Ms Gibson*



# Primary Sports

We have some really exciting sports events to look forward to at our Primary Phase next half term:

**Dance Club:** Next half term our Year 3's and 4's will have the chance to work with some 6th Form students from Longley Park 6th Form College. They will choreograph a dance routine, and even get to perform with children from other schools at the Octagon on the 7th April. Please see Miss Callaghan for more details.

**Football Coaching:** Our partner agencies, Activity Sheffield, SWFC and SUFC are trying to start a new 'Shiregreen Football Club' with teams of different ages from Year 3 up to Year 6. We will be having some

football coaching sessions after February half term for anyone in Y3/4/5/6 who has not played for a team before, and would like to join one. This is for girls and boys!

The coaching sessions are free starting from 7th March 3.30-4.30pm, for four weeks. Please see Mrs Roe at Primary for more details.

**Thornbridge:** The Year 5's will have the opportunity to attend a one day reward trip to 'Thornbridge Outdoors'. Our Year 6's have a great time at Thornbridge every year, so it will be great to give the Year 5's a chance to see what is in store for them next year! *Miss Callaghan*



## Children in Need

A big THANK YOU! to all who supported our fundraising efforts for Children in Need, across both Primary and Secondary Phases. From selling key-rings and mugs to wearing fancy dress and sponsored silences, as well as baking and selling buns and biscuits; we all had a fantastic day and raised an incredible £1669.98



## Beyond the Four Walls Five Weirs Walk

Throughout January, children in Year 5 and 6 have been keeping healthy by walking the Five Weirs Walk, a 3½ mile walk following the River Don from the City Centre to Meadowhall. The 'Beyond Four Walls' trip linked to the work carried out in class around 'keeping healthy' and next term's topic 'rivers'.

These are just some of the comments from children in Mrs Gibson's class - "...We discovered an amazing bridge that had been used in WW2...fed some ducks and geese...saw the damage that the 2007

flood caused...walked past an old sign for Salmon Pastures School...understood why it had been called Salmon Pastures...spotted an old pill-box from the war...listened to Mr McD explain why the weirs were there...enjoyed a fantastic trip..."

The Five Weirs Walk is a great walk for all ages and suitable for pushchairs. If you would like any more information call into school and ask Mr McDermott.



## Family & Adult Learning

The Autumn term saw the start of another successful year of Family and Adult Learning Activities at the Primary Phase.

We started the year with the Adult Maths Class. Learners had 10 weeks to brush up on their own Maths skills ready to take the National Level 1 or Level 2 tests in December. We had 6 learners who took either their Level 1 or Level 2.

Fortunately we have been able to have another 10 weeks course in Maths with the same Tutor. The learners are back, consolidating their learning and pushing for the next level or trying to improve on the results they achieved.

We do have some places left on this course if anyone would like to come and try it.

Tuesdays is our ESOL Class which is run and assessed by our partner agencies WEA/ SAVTE. All the ESOL classes in our area are currently full with many learners on the waiting list!

Wednesday is our ever popular Coffee Morning which this term is participating in the Healthy Living course. Anyone is welcome to attend (bring the babies with you) and join in. Some sessions are interactive, some have visiting speakers. On February 16th we had a 'ZUMBA' class!!

Thursday is our Story Sacks course with 14 learners attending every week. This is our most popular course ever, therefore this course is now full. (see our photos)

In the summer term we have more Maths classes and ESOL continuing but will be taking a break from Family Learning for a short time.

## Extended Services Activities





## Children's Activities

The 'Count Me In' project is up and running with many pupils now taking part in activities out of school hours. Some of the Primary Phase pupils are using some of their money to fund their Thornbridge residential trip; others are having swimming lessons or buying equipment to enable them to take part in an activity. If your children are eligible for free school meals then call in to see Kay Roe (at Primary) or Suzanne Swift (at Secondary) for more details.

Primary have several new after school activities starting soon, watch the notice boards for details.

Enrichment Wednesdays continue to be very popular, especially with the younger children. Every activity we have available this half term is full!

Some of our Y6 pupils are attending Natural Explorers Club on a Saturday morning at the Chapel on Wincobank Avenue. This is a 4 week club leading up to some holiday fun during February half-term holiday. Pupils from Concord Juniors and Hinde House Primary have fun outdoors looking at the natural world and exploring!

## Community Week

This is a forward notice about our Family of Schools Community Week. This year the week is 4th- 8th July. All the schools in our area will be taking part in some fun activities out of the classroom, in the community. There will be some old favourites such as the 'Family Picnic' and litter picking day but we need the support of all the schools and families to make it a success. Our concert at the Chapel on Wincobank Avenue was very good but didn't have a very large audience.

This year we aim to be bigger and better and really need parents/carers and families to come and support us. Any ideas for activities for this week would be gratefully received. We will let everyone know the diary of events as soon as we can. Watch this space...

Please contact me if you would like further information about any of the Extended Activities we offer at Hinde House School. Many are on the Primary site but are open to ALL our parents/carers and the community.

*Kay Roe, Extended Services Co-ordinator,  
tel: 2426874. email: kroe@hindehouse.net*

## Drugs Education Talks in Y5/6

The children's theme for Spring Term 1 was 'Drugs: Harmful or Helpful?' and they have been learning about the variety of legal and illegal drugs available, their effects and how they should react in certain situations to stay safe. In order that the children got the most up to date information PC Alan Hancock and PCSO Julia McLaughlin came in to our theme lessons. They were great at explaining the dangers of illegal drugs, and were able to answer questions which the children had. We were able to see what some drugs looked like up close, and although they were harmless fakes, the 'drugs' gave the children a real image of what they should be wary of. One Y6 commented at the end of the talk, "That was scary, but I'm definitely never going to take drugs!" *Mrs Marsden.*





## Gardening Club & Environmental Group

The Gardening Club restarted on the 8th February and had a Royal Horticultural Society Workshop on 17th February. Everyone was made more than welcome by Ms Iredale or Miss Fox at the Secondary Phase. The club is open on Tuesdays straight after school and on Wednesday afternoon Enrichment. Our big aim this year is to grow enough vegetables to be able to hold a Market Garden Stall in July.

### Green Groove - Container Project:

'Green Groove' is a new project run by Groundworks Sheffield with the aim of getting young people interested in growing their own food. Students in Year 7 and 8 will be growing seeds in containers in classrooms which will eventually be planted out into the school garden. Each school will receive £1,000 to buy whatever growing equipment they decide would best help them get more kids growing – perhaps more tools, raised beds, a shed, or greenhouse. As well as children learning how to grow some items of fruit and vegetables themselves, the practical element of this project will be a spring board for the exploration of related topics in school, such as cooking healthy food, food miles and organic food. One of our Silver Duke of Edinburgh students is developing her Skill Challenge by helping to make a book with planting and growing instructions for the vegetables, as well as recipes to cook them.

## Attendance

Please don't forget the importance of attendance.

Always aim for 100% attendance

If your attendance is at least 95%, you are more likely to achieve above your target grades.

If your attendance falls below 90%, you are more likely to achieve below your target grades.

Each half-term students with below 85% attendance will have a meeting in school to discuss any problems they may be experiencing and to talk about ways to help them raise their attendance levels.

If you have questions or concerns over your child's attendance then please do not hesitate to contact school and speak to their Year Leader or to Mrs Robson, Deputy Head.

## Text Messaging Service

The school now provides a text messaging service for parents/carers. If it is more convenient, you can contact school regarding your child's absence by texting your message to 'Keep-Kids-Safe Messaging'.

The number is -

**07624815138**

The website is checked regularly on a daily basis for text messages concerning student absences etc.

Many thanks for your co-operation  
*Data and Attendance Team*

## SHARP System

Remember! If you have any problems, day or night, you can use the new SHARP System. Just log on to the website <http://hindehouse.thesharpsystem.com> to send an e-mail into school with any worry or concern at whatever time of day or night. These e-mails will be picked up each school morning and dealt with as quickly as we can in a confidential way.

We believe that every child should be safe and feel safe. We work hard to support each child during the school day and we want everyone to have adults in school that they can turn to if they have a problem. However, we know that both children and adults can have worries which can seem much worse at night or times when people are alone. *Learning Mentor Team*

## 'Granny Shop' closes its doors for the final time

The affectionately named 'granny shop' frequented by our students for many years shut its doors for the last time on Christmas Eve. Sadly increased running costs have meant owner Val Baxter has decided to call time on the popular little snack shop. Val holds the children of Hinde House in high esteem saying, "The kids have kept me in business these last few years. Without them I would have closed ages ago".

The shop has served the community for 12 years and became a popular venue for Hinde House students five years ago. Val has nothing but praise for the children of the school saying, "they are all well behaved and polite, a real credit to you". To reward the children for their custom and good manners she has donated a cheque for a £100 to the school to be spent on something to remember the shop by.

Val came into school on the 15th December to present the cheque to 'granny shop customers'; Amy Wakefield and Beth Mallender. To celebrate the shop's passing there was a party on 21st December attended by many Hinde House students and people from the local community.

Val plans to continue working saying she is not ready for retirement just yet! Kids from the school will still be able to see her in and around the community. One last question, why did HH students name it the 'granny shop'? Well simple, it's because it's in the grounds of an old peoples' care home! So now you know... *Mrs Mellor & Mr Finnigan*

# Give us your suggestions please!

**Please add any comments or suggestions that you feel would benefit your children or you as parents and carers**



**Please spend a few minutes letting us know what you think**

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
I feel welcome at Hinde House				
The school has high expectations for my child				
My child wants to learn				
My child is happy at school				
My child is safe at school				
My child's health is looked after well in school				
The school informs me about my child's progress, achievements and successes				
School keeps me well informed if there are problems with my child's behaviour				
I am satisfied with the way that questions or concerns are dealt with				
I think my child has enough work to do at home				
The school clearly communicates its expectations for my child's learning to me and my child				
The school provides me with help and resources on how to help my child at home				
I have opportunities to be involved in my child's education				
The school promotes a good anti-bullying and anti-racism message				
The school expects everyone to respect each other				
There are opportunities for my child to be involved in healthy activities				
The school is well thought of in the community				
The stay onsite policy has improved how the school is viewed by the local community				
The school is well led and managed				

cut out and returned to school please

Monday 2nd May  
**May Day Bank Holiday**

9th to 13th May  
**KS2 SATs**

16th May to 23rd June  
**Y11 GCSE Exams**

Thursday 19th May  
**Y10 Parents' Evening**

30th May to 3rd June  
**Spring Half Term Holidays**

13th June to 17th June  
**Y9 SATs (internal)**

Thursday 16th June  
**Y7 Parents' Evening**

Friday 1st July  
**Staff Training Day - PRIMARY PHASE ONLY**

6th to 20th July  
**Primary Transition Days**

Friday 8th July  
**Community Day**

Friday 15th July  
**Activity 4Fun Day**

Friday 22nd July  
**School breaks up for Summer**

Thursday 25th August  
**GCSE Results Day**

**Key Dates for your Diary**

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If you have anything to say please see reverse side



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