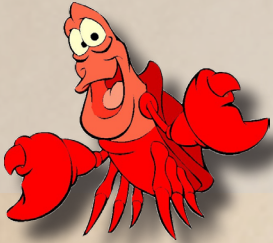


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## Jewel in the Crown of BFB

This was the comment made

by GOC RC Maj Gen Duncan Capps CBE.

The GOC's visit to Hornbill School in April was honoured by a seal of approval from the General for the standards of education offered and the way in which we support the culture of both Nepal and the UK.

The General was very impressed with the School Council who spoke eloquently about the Labi School Project which they are involved alongside 7 Flight. Over apple pie and orange juice, the General talked to a range

of children about Hornbill School. He was impressed with the way that pupils were able to discuss so openly their own personal strengths and favourite subjects - including mathematics!

The visit also included a very well choreographed Nepali dance, observing Year 2 during their PE session, visiting the Art Room, the Library and officially opening a mural in the EYFS area - more on page 3





# An Easter Egg Extravaganza

**The end of Term 2** saw our annual Easter egg competition take place. Over 100 entries of all shapes, sizes and designs were brought into school by children from all year groups. The front of the hall became a spectacle of creativity and imagination. We were delighted when Mr Turk (Community Support Senior Development Worker) agreed to be the judge.

He spent an enjoyable but challenging hour in the hall deciding on all of the various winners.

Anticipation and excitement had built up over the week and the various winners from all year groups were announced during the final assembly of the term.

We are very thankful to the NAAFI and Hornbill Helping Hands for their generosity in providing the prizes.

**What an eggstraordinarily eggciting and eggsquisite end to Term 2!**



**Well done to everyone who took part in this eggsiting competition.**



# Parent Questionnaire - 3 Answers

Thank you to all parents who were able to fill in and return the parent questionnaire. It is always good to hear your thoughts and ideas about how our school can develop further.

There are a number of themes coming from the questionnaires. Each month we will be sharing with you how we are going to respond to your very valuable comments in order to further improve our outstanding practices.

## HOT LUNCH

### Hot Lunch / Dinner

**Question:** A number of parents are asking if we can provide hot dinners.

**Answer:** Hornbill School was created to work on Tropical Hours. This means there is not a dedicated hour for lunch time for this to happen. Additionally, we do not have the infrastructure to cook meals for 200+ pupils.

A one hour lunch break (as in the UK) would also mean children are outside in the midday sun for 30 minutes - which is not recommended.

Unfortunately this is not something we can action or develop further.

## STOP BULLYING

### Bullying

**Question:** A number of parents have stated that they don't know how we deal with bullying.

**Answer:** While we rarely see incidents of bullying at Hornbill School we do talk to children about this each year during our Friendship Week (generally in November). Additionally, we hold a range of Circle Time and

PSED sessions to discuss bullying and how to be a good friend.

Our weekly assemblies all have special messages linked to our school values and aims. At assembly we talk to pupils about how their actions can affect others and how to be good citizens.

To support parents we have a dedicated leaflet on how we deal with Bullying on our website under the **Keeping Children Safe** heading.

There are posters in every classroom and in all toilets explaining to children what to do if they are worried or need to talk to someone.

Please also see the November issue of the Gazette for more information.

## PARENT MEETING

### Parent Meetings

**Question:** A number of parents have asked us to look into the way in which we hold parent consultations.

**Answer:** We will be carrying out a complete review of parent consultations and there will be significant changes put into place for the September consultation.

In July your child's Annual Report will be sent home. Following this, there will be an Open Day at which you can speak with your child's class teacher about their report.

Children in Years 5 & 6 have special parent meetings which encourage the pupils to feed back to their parents about the progress they have made this year.



3rd May

Years 4, 5 & 6 BJS  
Tee Ball tournament

Week commencing  
14th May

Year 6 SATs

Week commencing  
21st May

Year 2 SATs

24th May

Years 4, 5 & 6  
Swimming Gala at the  
Garrison Pool

28th May to  
1st June

Mid Term Break

10th May - Camo Day

SSAFA have a fun-packed and exciting day planned for our school to take part in Camo Charity Day. We are looking for donations of between \$3 and \$5 per child. The money raised by Camo Day activities means that SSAFA can be there for our Forces past and present, and their families. For more information visit:

[www.ssafa.org.uk/fundraise/camo-day](http://www.ssafa.org.uk/fundraise/camo-day)



# SPORT April Round-Up

## Annual Badminton Tournament for Years 5 & 6 and Hornbill Staff

**As Term 2 drew to a close**, in keeping with Hornbill School tradition, both members of staff and children in Years 5 and 6 committed themselves to taking part in a Singles and Mixed Doubles knock out badminton tournament.

**32 children** took up the challenge and 40 matches were played. They demonstrated courage, confidence and creativity in order to try and beat their opponents. In the Mixed Doubles matches, partners had to communicate and co-operate with each other to play successfully. Finally, all players remembered to show the courtesy of shaking hands at the end of each match.

**What a great way to demonstrate our Hornbill values!**

Later on in the afternoon, members of staff took part in their own doubles tournament which was closely contended.

Congratulations to all who took part and many thanks to Mr Shahi and Mr Limbu for organising both events.

Results for the children's matches:

### Girls' Singles

**1st Place:** Natalie Chong

**Runner up:** Arshi Rai

### Boys' Singles

**1st Place:** Allwin Yakha

**Runner up:** Rohan Badgami

### Mixed Doubles

**1st Place:** Allwin Yakha / Eric Gurung

**Runners up:** Nana Ansah / Natalie Chong

Results for the staff matches:

**Joint 1st Place:** Mrs Brown / Mr Limbu and Mr Gurung / Mrs R Rai

**Runners up:** Mrs S Rai / Mrs Smith





# BJSJL Football Commentary



**The Year 6 Boys Football team** played inspirationally to win their playoff **2-0** against ISB B team - this result positioned them in third place for their Brunei Junior Sports League competition. The playoff was no doubt their best performance of the day with Nana and William scoring exciting goals, adding to their goal tallies from throughout the day.

Allwin was exceptional as goal keeper during the tournament before moving into midfield/ defence, and along with Rehan were the team's playmakers. Jason stepped into goalkeeper and made some super saves, keeping ISB B team goalless in the



playoff. Nischal played a vital role in adding a spark to the team's performance whenever needed and across a variety of positions. Well done boys - a great team effort and display of 'character' during very hot and humid conditions.

With some **scepticism and anxiousness**, the **Year 6 girls** started their game against Panaga. However, with some reassurance and motivation, they got on to the field, ready to rock. The first match was a draw, which in a way boosted the team spirit to some extent. The girls won their next two matches and entered the finals against Panaga again. With some cracking goal saves and great team play, they stepped ahead of their opponents to win the final game.

**Year 5 Boys** started nervously and were unlucky to come away with a 0-0 draw against Panaga in their first game. Both ISB games followed and they swept them away with two clean sheets at 2-0 and 5-0. Raj worked bravely in goal to keep the ball out of the net.

We met Panaga again in the final who had also beaten both ISB teams. Our boys were brave and fought



hard for every tackle. Their first goal was scored by Ben, in the box, following a whipped cross in from the right hand side. Shortly after, Panaga dribbled through our defence and blasted home. Raj had no chance but, within a minute, Swarup tackled hard and struck the ball perfectly, with curl from a distance into the top corner. A tremendous strike. We were dominant but once again Panaga dribbled through and scored. With 3 minutes to go Jayden, from defence, won the ball and struck it high and hard to lob the keeper from in our own half.

Having been so unlucky in the first game, Jayden continued to work hard and deserved a little luck to win the game in the final.



A very proud and happy team.

**Year 5 Girls** fielded two teams who had been training together. Their ability to keep running after the ball in such heat was inspiring.

**A Team** - Chhiluma and Shiha showed outstanding stamina as they consistently fed the ball forward so that Chloe and Lily could score plenty of goals. Suravee's goalkeeping skills were tested in the penalty shoot-out which enabled the team to claim the gold medals.

**B Team** - did themselves proud and played with great commitment. Shayona did her very best to run the ball down the field to score goals while Jenisha, Jessica, Dipasa and Prabriti showed courage in tackling the opposition and defending the goal area. Despite her slim size, Arshi proved to be a natural goalkeeper and showed great courage when faced with the opposition's attempts to score goals.

**Year 4 boys** were unlucky to lose their opening game 2-1 to Panaga. They responded with a resounding 4-0 win in their next match against ISB B with Mano scoring all four goals. Their final group game against ISB A finished 0-0 but the Hornbill team struck the woodwork several times and Samuel produced a number of key saves in goal. The boys progressed to the final but again fell short against a good Panaga side losing 4-1.

**Year 4 girls** showed such character. A special mention has to go to Ashjeena who clearly was the best goalkeeper on show, and to Lexi and Ningwa who never stopped running. Nothing could get past Hangna in defence, while Arhwin and Daisy also tackled with great determination.



# camoday

10th May \* ‡



## Dress up, blend in...

We are asking for donations  
between \$3 and \$5 per child. All  
monies raised will go to SSAFA.

A special Camo Day letter will be coming home very soon.

[ssafa.org.uk/camoday](http://ssafa.org.uk/camoday)

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# Under the Sea Mural Opening



Our previous art teacher, Miss Sarah Woodey, ignited the idea of creating an 'Under the Sea' mural and clay work was created but was unable to be fired in the kiln at that time due to technical issues.



We were finally able to get the clay work fired which meant that, happily, the project could resume. Mrs Laxmi Ghale and Mrs Reena Gurung (our LRGR art LSAs) played a key role in this project and, with Mr Brown, were able to create a mural design. With the assistance DIO, the project was able to enter its final stages, leading up to the all-important unveiling!

**General Officer Commanding RC Maj Gen Duncan Capps CBE** unveils our new 'Under the Sea' mural in the EYFS garden.

This mural will now be a permanent display of the creativity of Hornbill artists (past and present) and will be a child-friendly, 3D artwork for Learning Phase 1 children to explore both with their eyes and by touch.

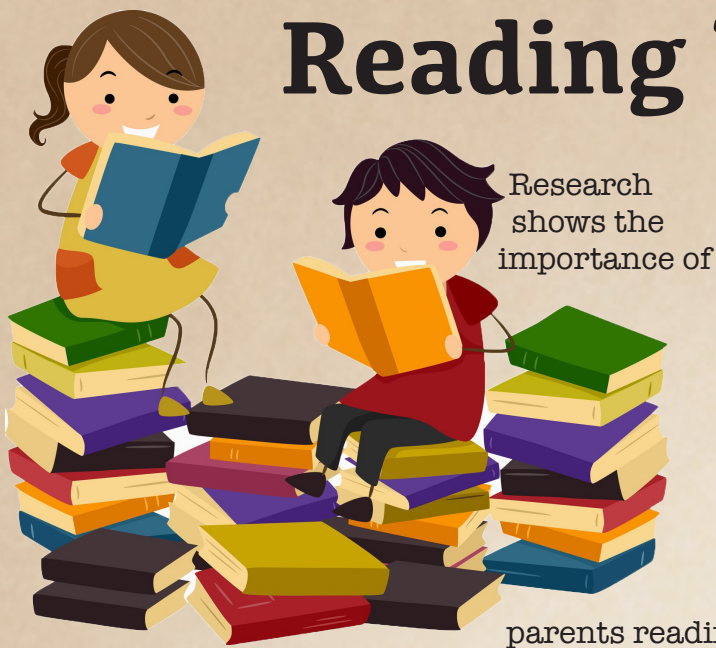
The unveiling of the mural marked a wonderful culmination of this project which has spanned a number of years.



The photographs above show the long process of designing, creating and planning the mural. In total it took 14 adults and 83 children to turn an idea into reality.



# Reading Together



Research shows the importance of

parents reading with children – even after children have learnt the basic skills of reading.

Reading experiences are highly beneficial for all children. Benefits of shared reading include enriched language exposure, development of listening skills, spelling, reading comprehension, vocabulary, and establishing essential foundational literacy skills.

**Children also value a shared social opportunity with their parents.**

When we read aloud to children it is also beneficial for their cognitive development, with parent-child reading activating brain

areas related to narrative comprehension and mental imagery.

**How often do you read with your child?**

Hornbill School recommends at least three times each week.

**How often do you question your child about the story you have been reading?**

We recommend at least once a week.

Class teachers hear your child read at least once a week. This could be part of a whole class reading task or as an individual. In the lower school we ask teachers to comment about this reading in your child's book. In the upper school we ask children to focus on a skill area to further deepen their reading - this is not always commented upon in your child's book as the development is carried out verbally.

Every class has access to a wide range of reading books to support learning and encourage reading.

Our libraries have over **40,000 books**. If you can't find a book you want to read - we will order it for you!

Reading is the **KEY** to learning

## Bikes in School

We love the fact that children are being healthy and biking to school each day. Especially our FS children who bike in with their parents.

However, for safety of all children can you please make sure that your child dismounts at the school gates and walks their bike into (and out of) school each day.

Those children coming to the front of the school, by the main office, also need to walk their bikes into the school grounds to help keep everyone safe during the school day.

**Remember to wear your bike helmet at all times when biking to and from school.**

