

## SPORTING SILVERWARE

We are delighted to announce the success of our Y5/6 Gymnastics team.

Even though this was the first time Ballifield entered the competition, we took a clean sweep, winning the team and individual categories in the area heat. The team finished a fantastic third in the City Finals and will now compete in the South Yorkshire finals.

In Cross Country, our Y5/Y6 team have won not only the Spring League, but also the City Championships.

Our Y2 athletics team took the honours in the Family of Schools indoor championship held at Handsworth Grange School beating off competition from our local rivals!

Congratulations to all those that have represented Ballifield so successfully. Looks like we are going to be needing a bigger trophy cabinet!



## MORE AWARDS...

It's a pleasure to announce that two people who have given the school so much over the years are to be recognised at the annual Celebration of Success.

Mrs Sharran Brown has won the support staff category for her dedicated service over the last 17 years during which she has not only been the first contact many of you have had when coming into the school, but has worked behind the scenes on countless Christmas performances and school trips.

Our second winner is Mrs Mona Duffy who has been a voluntary classroom helper in Y3 for pretty much as long as anyone can remember! As well as many thankless admin tasks, she has helped countless children with their reading and assisted learning across the curriculum.

The glittering awards ceremony will be held at the City Hall on Wednesday 22nd April.



## JOBS

There are currently two job vacancies within the school.

We are currently advertising for a buildings supervisor as Mr Matthews will soon be leaving us for health reasons. Job descriptions and application forms are available on request from the school office.

We are also looking for anyone who is interested in becoming a lunchtime supervisor. This would be for 1h 15mins each day, two days a week. Job descriptions and application forms are available on request from the school office.



## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD...

Another busy term is coming to an end and I can't thank the staff and governors enough for their hard work.

We were one of a very small handful of schools which managed to stay open throughout the snowy weather last month and this is thanks to the determination and dedication of the staff. This was recognised in a letter from CYPD Executive Director, Sonia Sharp.

I'd also like to commend all the pupils who have represented the school so well on our recent residential trips. They were a credit school to the school and this was frequently commented on everywhere we went.

We are really starting to buckle down as we get into the final stages of preparation for the SATS in May. We are looking forward to some excellent results as a result of everyone's continuing hard work.

As usual, if you have any comments, concerns or queries, my door is always open!

## COMIC RELIEF

Our thanks to everyone who contributed to the school collection through the various bun sales and by wearing something red.

We are delighted to confirm that we collected £393.60 in total. Our biggest charity collection of the year so far!



*Mrs Haigh*