



Reach for the Moon
Week Commencing 18th March 2013

20th - First Day of Spring!

Dear Parents / Carers

Apparently, spring has officially happened this week, but you perhaps wouldn't actually know this from the weather we are still experiencing!

Newton Easter Bunny will be out Sunday - Barrowby Gate, Monday - Alma Park, Tuesday - Huntingtower Area and Wednesday - Earlesfield evenings.

VERY IMPORTANT SAFETY NOTICE

We open the school gates at 8.45am to ensure your child is safe and not on the narrow paths around school. However, we have always made it clear that our staff are not available to take supervision of the children until they come out to collect them. It has come to my attention that some children are arriving early, hanging around outside of school and then, when the gates are opened, playing games on the playground and going onto the south site. Firstly, you are responsible for the well-being of your child before school and they should not be arriving on their own before 8.50am. Secondly, there is no need for any child to go onto the south site. Please ensure your child has this message and we will do our part to communicate it.

RED NOSE DAY

Total raised through sale of cakes was a staggering £275.24. Thank you all so much for your generous donations.

ROCK CHALLENGE

"Last night I had the privilege of attending the Rock Challenge with the President of The Rotary Club of Grantham, Irvin Metcalf, to witness what can only be described as a truly inspirational evening and something your school and the whole of Grantham should be extremely proud of. The standards were as

high as West End shows and worthy of all the awards received.

You may be interested to know that part of the "Rotary Swimarathon" funds went towards staging this event and of course your students take part in this as well.

Your students are our future and if last night was anything to go by we are in safe hands.

Will you please pass on to the students our congratulations for a fantastic performance, they should be very proud of their achievements we are certainly proud of them and to have helped in just a small way.

Kind Regards

Roger Graves

"RotarySwimarathon"

Irvin Metcalf

President, Rotary Club of Grantham"

THE BEACON CLUB

Sadly the Beacon Club is nearing the end. The children and adults have all enjoyed the last 10 weeks, we have seen



the children grow in confidence and make new friends. The children celebrated their achievements this week with a pirate themed party. Miss Steeples was very competitive during musical islands, Mackenzie Brown busted some moves on the dance floor and all the children enjoyed the fishes race!

HOLIDAYS DURING TERM TIME

The school supports the view that every lesson counts and discourages parents from taking holidays in term time. However, there may be circumstances when this is unavoidable.

The Head Teacher may authorise holidays in term time if:

- Leave of absence from education forms are received at least 4 weeks prior to the proposed holiday
- The proposed holiday is for no longer than 10 school days
- The child has not already had 10 days holiday during that academic year.

The Head Teacher will not authorise holidays in term time:

- During Year 2 and Year 6 SATs testing
- Any holiday application for a child with less than 95% for the previous 12 months attendance for whatever reason
- Holiday requested on the last day of term for the first week of the following term will not be authorised (except in exceptional circumstances).

See our policy for complete details on our website.

KEY STAGE 2 (Year 6) SATs TESTS

Week commencing Monday 13th - 17th May

KEY STAGE 1 TESTS

Year 2 SATs - last week of May, first 3 weeks of Term 6

Year 1 - week beginning 17th - 24th June

Please ensure your child is in school during these important times.

INSPIRE+ OLYMPIC SPORTS CAMP

Inspire+ (Charity No. 1144507)

"Working together for Young People"

2012 was an exceptional year of sporting success and now Inspire+ want to continue the Olympic buzz throughout 2013! Our Olympic Sports Camp is a chance for you to try a range of Olympic and Paralympic sports for all abilities.

Come and see if you're the next Jess Ennis or Mo Farah!!

Sports Camp Details:

Venue: Belton Lane Primary School, Grantham (NG31 9PP)

Age: 6-11 years old

Time: From 8:30am till 5:30pm

Dates: Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th April 2013

To book please fill in the application form (available from Huntingtower's School Office) and return with payment to:

Inspire Plus, Olympic Sports Camp, Belton Lane Primary School, Green Lane, Grantham, NG31 9PP.

To request booking forms or for more information please contact Inspire+ on:

Tel: 01476 578137

E-mail: chris.inspireplus@gmail.com

Website: www.inspireplus.org.uk

FOOTBALL MATCHES

2 matches in 2 days and it was time to show how good Huntingtower football teams are, and this we did!!

It was cold and wet, and the hope for the snow to stay away was answered. It was time for kick off and the football team's first match was on Tuesday where we played Barkston and Syston in the quarter final of the knock out cup. There was excitement in the air, and a win would take the team through to the semi-finals and yes, you guessed it; we won 4 - 0 and through to the semi-finals which will be arranged in due course.

The match started and quite clearly, we showed how good we were from the outset, the only thing missing was scoring the first goal, the half time came and went, and then the goals started to appear, with 4 goals in the 15 minutes of the second half which happened due to the slick passing, good hard but fair tackling by the team.

After Tuesday's win, then came Wednesday's game and the children wanted yet another win and yes we got that too! This time we played Belmont in a friendly and we won that game 3 - 0.

The match started with some excellent team work, good communication and some good

passing between the players throughout the match scoring 2 goals before half time. The second half saw Belmont step up a gear with applying pressure to get back in the game, although we still had chances to increase the score, this we did to make it 3 - 0 and finish the game with yet another win and another clean sheet.

Miss Duxbury said, "All our players played well over the 2 days and should be proud of their efforts and how well they played and have yet again impressed their opponents, parents and teachers alike".

A big "thank you" must go out to all the parents and teachers who show their continued support to the children in the cold wintery conditions.

The following players took part:- Piotrek, Jakub, Billy A-H, Max, Harry, Leah, Phylan, Gytis, Sammy, Liam, Caitlin, Georgia, Joshua.

Well done to you all!

Miss Duxbury

ONCE AGAIN HUNTINGTOWER SETS US PROUD!

On Monday, 18th March, the Year 5/6 dancers went to the Mere's Leisure Centre to take part in the Rock Challenge. We also sold 80 tickets. When we arrived we got to watch the rehearsals. I think most of us thought the Secondary Schools were amazing. Even though we were there all day, we all had big smiles on our faces every minute. We enjoyed performing to the other schools and our family and friends, and felt like we were winners. It was a great opportunity to be a part of the Rock Challenge and we are hoping more people do it in 2014. Unfortunately, the 2013 Year 6 children will not be able to do it with our school next year, but the Year 5s will. The Rock Challenge is one of the best things you can take part in and, if you ever take part in it, I'm sure you will remember it for a long time.

ROYAL LUNCH

Our 'Royal Lunch' to be held on 19th April is in celebration of Her Majesty The Queen's 87th Birthday.

Please visit Food 4 Thoughts website for more information, including a fun Queen Elizabeth II



quiz and a simple colouring activity for younger children.

http://www.food4thoughtgb.co.uk/latest_view.cfm?recordID=82

GRANTHAM SCHOOLS GYMNASTICS COMPETITION AT GRANTHAM MERES

On Sunday 10th March, 20 children from Key Stage 2 took part in a gym competition. The children had been working incredibly hard before school to perfect the moves for the set routines.

This year we had the largest number of children taking part, for many of whom, this was the first competition they have taken part in. I was extremely proud of all of the children who participated. We took 4 teams, this year and had success with the under 11 team A, who came 2nd. We also had individual success with Jessica Tamplin coming 3rd for under 11. In the advanced competition we had 2 girls. We were extremely proud of the additional work these girls had to do. In this competition, Elle Booton came 2nd, with Lottie Mears coming in 1st. I am extremely proud of how each individual has improved their personal technique and look forward to another fabulous year with Gymnastics in 2014.



WALTON GIRLS PERFORMANCE OF HAIRSPRAY

23 - 26 April 2013
7.00 pm

Walton Theatre

TICKETS

ADULTS: £8.00

CONCESSIONS: £7.00

Tickets available from the
Performing Arts Office

DADS AND LADS HELP BUILD OUR ANDERSON SHELTER



What a fantastic event we had on Tuesday evening. Boys and men got mucky developing the grounds and enhancing the curriculum. Led by Mr Turner, over 15 children with their male role model dug, sawed, hammered, clipped, swept and made a fantastic Anderson shelter. This fits brilliantly with our World War II theme in Key Stage 2. We are very grateful, once again, to the PTFA for giving school the monies raised by them to buy the Anderson shelter.

CLASS AND TEAM/GROUP PHOTOGRAPHS - THURSDAY 21ST MARCH

The proofs of these photographs, when received, will be sent home with your child and orders can then be placed for copies. They will also be displayed in a prominent location in school.

Diary Dates:

Term 4

Term Ends Thursday 28th March

Term 5

Term Begins Monday 15th April

Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May

Y6 SATS Monday 13th - 17th May

Ragtex Textile Collection Wednesday 15th May

Y3, Y4, Y5 SATS (date to be confirmed)

Term Ends Friday 24th May

Term 6

Term Begins Monday 3rd June

PTFA Summer Fayre Saturday 6th July

End of Year Reports to Parents Friday 12th July

Term Ends Tuesday 23rd July

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