



ISSUE 72

Tower Times



Reach for the Moon

Week Commencing 15th April 2013

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to Term 5 (Summer Term!). We hope you enjoyed your two weeks break from school routines and are now excited by all the Summer Term offers. This term will see the school's conversion to an Academy (you will already have received a separate letter). This is such a positive step forward and we welcome this opportunity.

NEWTON'S EASTER SUCCESS!

Over the four nights of street collections the total raised was a staggering £1,193. On Good Friday, a further £496 was collected in the Morrison's Shopping Centre. So with sponsorship a grand total of £2,899 has been raised from this very worthwhile event, which not only benefits our school but also our elected charities, Grantham Deaf Children's Society and the Grantham Foodbank.

Barrowby Gate - £230

Alma Park - £307

Huntingtower - £272

Earlesfield - £384

Morrison's Shopping Centre on Good Friday -
£496

Egg Sponsors - £1,200

Thank you once again to everyone involved with this event especially the PTFA and Mrs Sheehy.

MARGARET THATCHER

The most famous former pupil of Huntingtower Community Primary School passed away on Monday 8th April, aged 87. She was a student at the "Huntingtower Road Council School" from 1930 to 1936 and then she received a scholarship to attend Kesteven and Grantham Girls' School. As we all know, she went on to be the first ever female Prime Minister and held the position from 1979 until 1990.

Our children sit on the same hall floor as a former leader of Great Britain. Whatever

people think about her political stance we recognise that she aspired to great things and that, if we put our minds to it, we too can achieve great things. Consider our ethos: REACH - Respect, Expect, Aspire, Care, Honest. If we have high expectations for ourselves and others, aspire to something greater than we have but yet are respectful, honest and caring we too could achieve more than we thought possible.



Pictured are Peter Bearne and Kelly Wright from Central News



What happens behind the camera!



PHOTOGRAPH ORDERS

All orders need to be returned to school by **Tuesday 30th April** at the very latest.

EASTER BOOSTER

During the Easter holidays, some very dedicated Year 6 children joined Mrs Dewhurst and Mrs Bensley for Easter school. We were CSI agents for the week using our best Literacy and Numeracy skills to help crack problems. The afternoons were jam-packed with fun with drumming, table tennis activities and some excellent bowling skills! A big thank you to all of the children and staff who attended.

NSPCC VISIT

Val Footitt, from the NSPCC, came into school the other day and launched a sponsored event in which we are participating. The children have all been given a challenge around keeping fit. She will return next week to ensure the children achieve their challenge and it fits very nicely with our Healthy School theme.

Please can you remind the children that they are only to seek sponsorship from people they know and not to knock on strangers' doors.

CYCLE SAFETY HELMET CAMPAIGN

Please find attached a discount voucher for cycle helmets. For those parents without computer access, the voucher will be available in Lincolnshire branches of Halfords.

Only Lincolnshire branches of Halfords are taking part in this offer.



FOOD FOR THOUGHT - ST GEORGE'S DAY TUESDAY 23RD APRIL

For this lunch we are focusing on the George and the Dragon legend and traditional British meal options.

You can view theme day information, and fun activities for the children, including a St George's Day word search and 'learn to draw St George' on our website -

http://www.food4thoughtgb.co.uk/latest_view.cfm?recordID=83

HATCHING EGGS

Spring is certainly in the air in our Early Years Foundation Stage this week, as the children were greeted back from the holidays with

some new 'chirpy' additions to the classroom. Eleven eggs have been delivered from the Living Eggs Company and they will be staying with us over the next two weeks.

The children will be observing the eggs hatch, taking responsibility of caring for them, and participating in plenty of egg and chick activities across the curriculum. This will literally bring our 'Animal Magic' topic to life! We're sure the children will keep you updated on how the chicks get on throughout the week.



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Applying for Free School Meals can now be done online at -

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/FSMapply

Please check it out as you may be eligible.

UNCLAIMED, UNNAMED CAKE TINS

Cake tins from Red Nose Day will be disposed on Monday. Please collect if one is yours.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Award Cups were today presented as follows:

KS1 - Class Meerkats 94.79%
and

KS2 - Class Gazelles 97.58%
Overall - 93.26%

This was a disappointing week, but several children were off sick. We will not usually present the cups if attendance is below our target.

Diary Dates:

Term 5

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



If you have a QR reader, check this out!