



Tower Times



Reach for the Moon

Week Commencing 28th October 2013

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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back after the half-term break! We hope you all had some relaxation and fun time with your children. Now countdown to Christmas, so in the next few weeks you will receive information about what is happening at Huntingtower. As you can see from the Tower Times each week there is so much going on that it is hard to keep up so keep watching out. If you want to hear about things as they happen then follow us on Twitter! @huntingtower. Mr Turner and Mrs Ward are available on the playground, before and after school, to help set up your Twitter account.



**Would like to THANK
Huntingtower Academy
for the Harvest donation of
170.6kg of food**

What you have done has helped us restore dignity and place food on the plates of almost 3600 local family members including 1550 children that found themselves at the point of crisis.

Through this process we aim to feed over **1200 families** within this next year.

Brian Hanbury - Foodbank Co-ordinator

Two from Huntingtower Nominated for Grantham is Great Awards

We are delighted to hear that two of our community have been nominated for the Grantham is Great Awards 2013. Miss Harkins, teacher of class Tigers and Deputy Head is up for Top Teacher Award and Jessica Churchill has been nominated for the Child Achiever Award! Add your support by clicking on this link and voting. Go team Huntingtower!!

<http://www.granthamjournal.co.uk/news/local/vote-in-the-grantham-is-great-awards-2013-1-5623589>

POPPIES ARE ON SALE IN SCHOOL

Poppies in aid of The Royal British Legion will be on sale in school between the 28th October and the 8th November.

PTFA HALLOWEEN DISCO last night

Witches, ghosts, clowns and skeletons, they all came along to a fantastic disco. A huge thank you to our PTFA for organising such a successful event. We will let you know how much we raised when we have the final total!

BONFIRE NIGHT

Have fun but remember to all take care when near bonfires and fireworks.



ELKLAN TRAINING 'LET'S TALK WITH UNDER 5s' - Accredited Training: Level 1

A Six Session Course - Sleaford Children's Centre - Please see attached a flyer re the above. It is a very worthwhile course.



Sleaford level 1
poster.doc

KENSUKE'S KINGDOM

Before half term, Year 5/6 read 'Kensuke's Kingdom' by Michael Murpurgo. This book is about a boy called Michael who is marooned on an island with his dog Stella, after falling overboard a yacht he is travelling around the world with his parents. As time goes by, Michael realises he is not alone on the island and discovers an old man also lives there too. At first, they despise each other until one day, Michael becomes very badly injured after a jelly fish attack and the old man, who we now know is Kensuke, nurses him back to health. Over the next few months, they live happily together and teach each other new things - Michael teaches Kensuke how to speak English as he is from Japan, and Kensuke teaches Michael survival skills and how to paint. Although they live happily on the island together, Michael desperately wants to go home and see his parents again. We won't tell you if they get off the island, but we can tell you that we all absolutely loved this book, it also exposed us to some fantastic vocabulary that we have started to use in our writing. We did some excellent work in Literacy based on this, including diary writing and we wrote our own ending! This week some children have written poems about the book, again they were spectacular.

A Poem by Riley - Class Zebras

A killerman came this morning
Dressed all in black and grey
Put every sound into a bag
And carried them away

The scuttling of the insects
The swaying of the giant trees
The whistling of the wind
Around Kensuke knees

The chirping of parrots
The crackling of the fire
The whistling of the leaves
The insects form a choir

The crack of the coconuts
The falling of the trees
Lightning striking the island
As it thunders over the seas

MRS KAREN RATCLIFFE - SCHOOL BURSAR

As you will see, we are presently advertising for a School Business Manager. This is due to the fact that Mrs Ratcliffe has resigned, to pursue other interests. We thank her for all her hard work whilst at Huntingtower and wish her all the best for the future.

JOB VACANCIES

We currently need to recruit a **Cleaner** to join our cleaning team and also a **Relief Midday Supervisory Assistant** (Dinner lady/man!). If you are interested, or know of anyone else who may be, please call into the School Office and leave your contact details. The application form and job description are also available on our website.

School Business Manager

We are also looking for a School Business Manager. This is a fantastic opportunity for someone to help shape the school and have strategic input into its direction.

All details of the above posts are available from the office or on the Job Vacancies page on our website:

<http://www.huntingtowerprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Job+Vacancies&pid=70>

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHER

If your child was absent when the photographs were taken, the Photographer is coming back on Wednesday 20th November to take absentees.

MATERNITY COVER IN CLASS GIRAFFES

As you are aware, Mrs Hebert is pregnant and will be going on maternity leave very shortly. I am sure you will join me in wishing her and her family the very best. She will be keeping us all informed over the coming weeks of how things go and we look forward to welcoming her new addition soon.

We are absolutely delighted to say that Mrs Jacklin will be covering her during her period of leave. Mrs Jacklin has been associated with the school for nearly five years as a parent, very active PTFA member and teacher. She has a huge amount of experience and I have worked with her for a number of years previously. To have someone with such experience is very reassuring and I know she will more than adequately continue the good work of Mrs Hebert.

YEARS 1 AND 2 HEALTHY SNACKS

Please be reminded that your child needs to bring a healthy snack to school every day. The School Council suggests a piece of fruit, cereal bar, cheese biscuits or crackers.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Award Cups were today presented as follows:

KS1 - Class Giraffes 97.59%

and

KS2 - Class Rhinos 99.39%

Overall attendance 95.03%

Dates for your Diary:

Term 2

PTFA Nearly New Shop - Tuesday 5th November
Ragtex Textile Recycling Collection - Friday 8th November

PTFA Christmas/Winter Fayre - Friday 6th Dec

FS/KS1 Christmas Performance - Monday 9th

December - dress rehearsal

FS/KS1 Christmas Performance - Tues 10th Dec eve

FS/KS1 Christmas Performance - Wed 11th Dec pm

KS2 Christmas Lunch and Party - Wed 18th Dec

FS/KS1 Christmas Lunch and Party - Thurs 19th Dec

Break up for holiday - Friday 20th December

Question of the Week

You may have noticed a plant that Miss Reddish has been nurturing in the waiting area. She feels it needs a name! This weeks question is: What would be an appropriate name for the plant that reflects the kind of school we are?

Tweet or Facebook us with some of your responses!

