



# Tower Times

*Reach for the Moon*  
Week Commencing 16<sup>th</sup> December 2013



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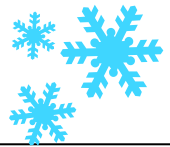
Dear Parents / Carers

**News flash:** Mrs Dewhurst is a mummy to Isabelle who was born yesterday! Our congratulations go to her!

As you will all know, children and staff break up today for two weeks' holiday and we hope you have a peaceful and happy holiday. We thank you all for your continued support this term, which has been extremely busy and so full of learning and fun.

**Children return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014.**

**Have a very peaceful and relaxing Christmas.**



## CONGRATULATIONS, FAREWELL AND WELCOME!

Congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hebert on the safe arrival of their baby daughter Lucy! Farewell to Miss Fowkes who is moving on to be a Read Write Inc trainer. Welcome Mrs Stephenson who, from January, will be taking Class Leopards.

## LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO OVER THE CHRISTMAS BREAK/

Finding activities for the school holidays is easy thanks to the Family Information Service. Parents, carers and professionals can contact the service for ideas, including a Christmas What's On Guide, Boredom Busters booklet and childcare including holiday clubs.

The What's On Guide and Boredom Busters are available to download on-line at

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fis](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fis) or phone us on **0800 195 1635** from 8am until 6pm, Monday to Friday.

(source: Family Information Service, 0800 195 1635, [fis@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@lincolnshire.gov.uk))

## OUR CHOIRS SING IN THE TOWN CENTRE AND AT BRICK KILN PLACE

The KS2 choir were out and about in the last week, performing three times at separate events in the town. Firstly, in the Isaac Newton centre, where we had many comments from others who heard us, about how much they enjoyed it. Secondly, at Brick Kiln Place, where we performed in front of a smaller, but just as appreciative crowd. The children enjoyed chatting to the residents and eating biscuits after the performance, almost as much as they enjoyed singing. Finally, rounding off a busy week at the George centre. Many thanks to parents who ensured children were dressed in uniform on a Saturday and helped escort the children to the venues. Also a big thanks to Mrs Jacklin and Mrs Goddard-Tate for helping me ensure the children sounded superb and the PTFA for the fantastic choir sashes! We looked super smart.



**Pyramid Pantomimes proudly presented  
ALADDIN**

Last Friday all the children were thoroughly entertained and enjoyed this delightful tale when Aladdin's magic carpet whisked them on a fantastic adventure in search of a magic lamp - and the Genie.

**An Afternoon of Craft at Walton Girls' High School!**

On Wednesday a group of Year 1 children went to Walton Girls' School for the afternoon. We walked there and it was windy! We did lots of crafts like decorating biscuits, making angels, making Christmas cards and doing drama. We also had a drink there. We had a wonderful and awesome time!

**By Michael and Burton (Giraffe Class)**

**FROZEN - Reel Grantham**

Edward Mayes of Grantham Autistic Information Network (GAIN) here. Just to let you know that we are holding an autism friendly screening of Frozen on December 22nd (this Sunday) at 1000hrs at Reel Grantham. Entry is a flat fee of £3.50 per person. An autism friendly screening differs from a regular film screening in the following ways-

- \*The sound will be turned down.
- \*The lights will be turned slightly up (strip lighting is also used on the stairs).
- \*Film goers will be able to move around the cinema.
- \*No trailers will be shown before the screening.

More details about the screening can be found at

<https://www.facebook.com/events/202389893282045/> or at

<https://www.facebook.com/GAINGrantham>.

We will be selling promotional GAIN wristbands at the screening for £1, further details can be found here-  
<https://www.facebook.com/photo.php?fbid=577194705692738>

If you could please forward this email to anyone who you feel would be interested we would be most grateful.

Finally, I wish you all a Happy Christmas and a Peaceful New Year from everyone at GAIN.

Kind Regards,

Edward Mayes

Chairman of Grantham Autistic Information Network (GAIN)

**FOUNDATION STAGE NATIVITY**

**Christmas Cabaret**

The Early Years Foundation Stage tried something a little different for the presentation this year and performed a 'Christmas Cabaret.' This involved, carol singers, dancers, musicians, reading of poetry, joke telling and a nativity tableau. The mixture of talents allowed all of the children to shine and they thoroughly enjoyed performing it.

A huge thank you to parents for providing the fabulous costumes, these really did make the cabaret complete. We hope that everyone who came to watch enjoyed the show; we know the staff were incredibly proud of them! Well done again to the Kangaroos and Koalas, you worked so hard and made us all feel very festive.



We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from staff and children in the Early Years!

**Question of the Week**

**How many miles will Santa be travelling this year whilst he visits every home in the world?**

## ADMISSIONS - SEPTEMBER 2014

### Starting School?

Children born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2010 are due to start Reception in September 2014.

**You must apply for a school place before 12 noon, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014.**

Even if you want to defer entry until later in the academic year, you will still need to apply now.

**Apply online at**

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

**or pick up an application pack from the School Office (available now).**

### Carol Singing at The George Centre

Just a quick email to thank you all for bringing your choirs to The George this December. A collective total of £456.99 was raised for St Barnabas Hospice which is fantastic!

With Kind Regards

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UK Property Adviser of the Year  
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Industrial Adviser of the Year  
Young Professional of the Year



Office Agency Team of the Year  
Industrial Agency Team of the Year  
Investment Agency Team of the Year



Retail Consultant of the year  
2011, 2012

### ***STRETCH and FLEX with Jackie***

**Come and try - you have nothing to lose but inches!**

**Pay as you go £4 per class.**

**New Venue Huntingtower Academy on**

**Wednesdays 6.00 - 7.00pm**

**Starting Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2014**

## OUR ENDEAVOUR AWARDS DECEMBER 2013

Koalas - Holly H

Kangaroos - Harvey E

Giraffes - Marcelina D

Leopards - Rhys L

Meerkats - Elina M

Tigers - Jakub M

Lemurs - Harry M

Gazelles - Reggie W

Rhinos - Lola S

Panthers - Erin O

Lions - Gytis V

Zebras - Jack H

Certificates were today presented to all the above children.

KS1 trophy was presented to Holly H

KS2 trophy was presented to Harry M

***Well done to you all!***

## ATTENDANCE

These are the overall attendance levels for the Autumn term:

Class Koalas - 95.27%

Class Kangaroos - 95.63%

Class Giraffes - 97.26%

Class Leopards - 96.24%

Class Meerkats - 96.49%

Class Tigers - 96.70%

Class Lemurs - 95.85%

Class Gazelles - 95.98%

Class Rhinos - 96.78%

Class Panthers - 95.74%

Class Lions - 96.54%

Class Zebras - 97.83%

**Overall attendance 96.35%**

**Dates for your Diary:**

### **Term 2**

Break up for holiday - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### **Term 3**

Teacher/Staff Training Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Children return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Term Ends Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February