



Tower Times



Reach for the Moon

Week Commencing 20th January 2014

ISSUE 102

Dear Parents / Carers

The weeks are flying by at the moment due to them being packed full of experiences for your child. Next week will be the first Presentation of Learning event where the children will be showcasing their artwork. We have been exploring a learning method called 'Peer Critique'. The children invite kind, helpful and specific comments about their work so they can celebrate what has been good and where they can further improve. Come along next Thursday between 3.30pm and 6pm. We will meet in the hall where you can see the power of peer critique and then go and wander around the school looking at your child's and the work of others.

OUR CHOIR IN MUSICAL SPECTACULAR WOWS THOUSANDS



Many nights, and hours of rehearsals, finally ended with an absolutely spectacular performance of our school choir. 31 children set off from Huntingtower at lunchtime to go to perform at the Sheffield Motorpoint Arena. Another three hours of rehearsing with a band and 5000 other Young Voices the audience of thousands were treated to a very spectacular experience. To get a flavour of the evening check out [YouTube](#).

Along with the choir entertaining the audience there were street dance acts and Stacey Solomon. Those families who attended from Huntingtower said it was a very special evening. Thanks especially go to Mrs Kightley, Mrs Goddard-Tate and Mrs Bowden for organising and helping but a very special thanks to the children - you did us proud!

ART EXHIBITION - Thursday 30th January at 3.30pm

You will have received a separate letter about this exciting event in school next Thursday. All our children have been working extremely hard to re-draft a drawing using peer critique. This has been a totally new concept for our children and they have produced some excellent work.

BIKE THEFTS

Our local PCSO (Police Community Support Officer) has informed us that in recent weeks several bikes/cycles have been targeted and stolen. Please ensure your bikes/cycles, when not in use, are locked securely at all times.

CHILDREN AND PARENTS COMING INTO KS1 CLASSES IN THE MORNINGS

Parents should please bring their children to the classroom doors in the mornings and not leave them to walk along the access road or playground.

Thank you for your support.

Question of the Week

If you had super powers, what would yours be?

SAFETY OF YOUR CHILDREN

Please remind your children they should not cycle or scoot on the playground before or after school.

Also, it has been reported, that children are climbing on the wall near the ramp (close to the office). This is both dangerous and inappropriate.

ANTI-SMOKING POLICY

It has recently come to our attention that a few parents are now smoking e-cigarettes on or around our school premises. The Governors and staff have decided that this will not be permitted and will be covered within our Anti-Smoking Policy.

CONTACT TELEPHONE NUMBERS/E-MAIL ADDRESSES

Please ensure you let us know if you change your mobile phone number, landline number and/or email address. Also, if you have given additional contact numbers, please ensure that these are still accurate.

It is imperative that we are able to contact parents/carers or the emergency contact numbers during the school day.

SWIMARATHON - The Meres Leisure Centre - Friday 7th February, 7.30pm

If there are any more children or adults who would like to take part in the Swimathon for the school, please let us know as soon as possible. We have 6 lanes and have 3 full, but really need to get some more!!

You need to be able to confidently swim 25m.

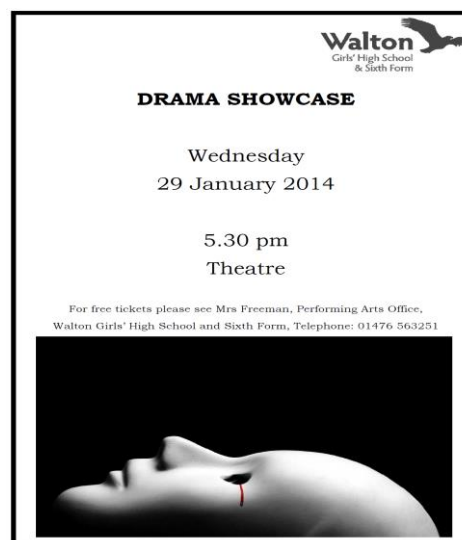
INSET DAY - No children in school

Teacher/Staff Training *Wednesday 19th March* - just to confirm this is our next training day for all staff.

UNWANTED PHOTO/PICTURE FRAMES

We would love to create a gallery of children's work to permanently display around school.

If you have any good quality unwanted frames please let the school office know. Thank you.



Walton Girls' High School, Drama Showcase

This show will last around 1 hour and entry is free of charge. Parents will need to apply to Mrs Freeman at Walton Girls' High School for tickets - 01476 563251

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Award Cups were today presented as follows:

KS1 - Class Tigers 100%

and

KS2 - Class Rhinos 99.69%

Overall attendance 98.85%

This is undoubtedly the best overall attendance percentage we have had for a very long time. Well done!

FOOTBALL MATCH - Monday 20th January

Huntingtower 3 Grantham Prep 4

Just a short journey to play a friendly match against Grantham Prep School. This has been the first time that the Year 5 and 6 children have been able to play this year.

With the first half score being 3-1 to Grantham Prep, you would not have thought it was a close game. However, both sides had chances and played good passing football. In the second half, Huntingtower knew they had to step up their game to gain a result, they had to be strong in their tackles and win the first and second ball. Within ten minutes of the second half the children outplayed their opponents and they managed to bring the game

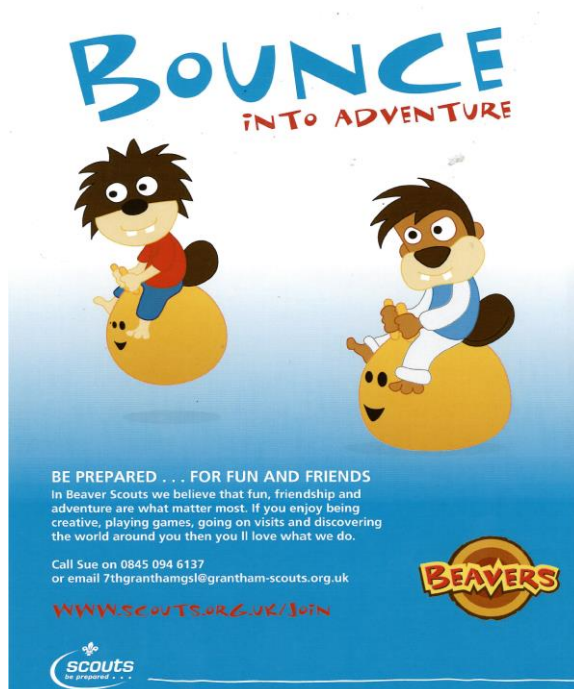
back to 3-3 with Josh heading in the first and Max scoring both the 2nd and 3rd goals. Then with Grantham Prep applying the pressure, a mistake at the back towards the end of the game gave the ball to Grantham Prep and they managed to slot the ball into the back of the net to make it 4-3.

All players should be pleased with their performance, from Phylan making double saves, to Josh running down the line and Sam holding the ball up and playing the simple ball.

The following players took part: Phylan, Alfie, James, Gytis, Piotrek, Sammy, Josh, Sam and Max.

A big "thank you" must go out to all the parents who provided the lifts and for their support throughout the game.

Mrs Duxbury-Mead



Beavers and Cubs meet at the bottom of Earlesfield Lane (Scout Hut)



Dates for your Diary:

Term 3

Art Exhibition *Thursday 30th January*

Term Ends *Friday 14th February*

Term 4

Term Begins *Monday 24th February*

Class Photographs *date to be confirmed*

Teacher/Staff Training *Wednesday 19th March*

Parents' Evenings *(March - date to be confirmed)*

Ragtex Textile Recycling Collection *Thursday 27th March*

Term Ends *Friday 4th April*

Term 5

Term Begins *Tuesday 22nd April*

Bank Holiday - *Monday 5th May*

Y6 SATS *Monday 12th - 16th May*

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

Term Ends *Friday 23rd May*