



Tower Times



Reach for the Moon

Week Commencing 17th March 2014

ISSUE 109

Dear Parents / Carers

What a fabulous week! Monday started with Rock Challenge at the Leisure Centre. The children practised all day and then in the evening performed in front of a full auditorium. We won 8 awards!

Wednesday, our INSET day, all teaching staff attended a one day Conference at Belton Woods about delivering a really exciting curriculum. Our teaching assistants travelled over to Hartsholme Academy in Lincoln to spend the day doing a similar thing. We know this day is the springboard to some very exciting times at Huntingtower.

Thursday, was International Happiness Day and the First Day of Spring. Also, in the afternoon, we had an inspirational visit from Sam Ruddock. Sam is a brilliant speaker with his amazing story about how it was less than one year before the London Paralympics that he got into athletics and started training as a 100m and 200m sprinter before getting the call to represent his country.

Friday, Sport Relief - everyone dressed as Olympians! The entire nation gets together to get active, raise cash and change lives. Thank you for your support with this fund raising event.



Our Trip to Apple Trees

Years 3 and 4 have been designing things to go into a very special time capsule. On 14th March 2014, we were invited to the opening of Apple Trees Care Home to put some of the work inside the capsule that was buried. We didn't get muddy at all! We had our photographs taken for the newspaper, met some of the residents and ate some scrumptious cake. YUM! We had a great afternoon at Apple Trees and hope to visit again soon!

Autumn-Dawn and Grace

FELLA FRIDAY

Every Friday in Tower Time, Calum, Sam, Logan, Brandon, Owen, Alex, Ryan, Jacob, me and the teachers - Mr Potter and Mr Turner, are currently building/making a camp fire and in a few weeks' time we will know how to make a fire and to cook things on it.

We get a choice on what we want on our camp fire, after that we will eat the food and enjoy the rest of the day.

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RAGTEX TEXTILE RECYCLING

COLLECTION - our next collection will be on Thursday 27th March.

PTFA - NEXT PLANNING MEETING

will be on Thursday 27th March at 9am either in the Community Room or the Extended Provisions Building at school. Everyone is welcome to come along.

PARENTAL QUESTIONNAIRES

These were handed out at Parents' Evenings - thank you to everyone who has completed one. If you have not and would still like to, please collect one from the school office. We are sending them off next Wednesday.



March 2014

'Snow White, the Dwarfs and the Henchman!'

Summer School 28th July – 1st August 2014

Back by popular demand MJH Productions returns to Grantham this summer for a fantastic week of dance, music and drama.



MJH Productions
Summer School Letter

TABLE TENNIS EVENT AT GRANTHAM COLLEGE

On Monday, 17th March, I took 6 children down to Grantham College to take the opportunity to play and watch table tennis. It wasn't just a day out, meeting Grantham College Table Tennis Academy players but also the children had the chance to meet the London 2012 GB Paralympic Team.



Huntingtower children meeting the London 2012 GB Paralympics Team and below with Will Bayley who won a Silver medal in the 2012 Paralympics in London.



The day started with the children taking part in a training session with the first part of the session joining with the Paralympians in a game, with the Paralympians giving the children tips on how to improve their game. The second part of the session, the children joined Grantham College Table Tennis Academy players and took part in all different activities that the players do to improve their ball skills.

In the afternoon, we took our seats and watched matches between Grantham College Table Tennis Academy and the London 2012 GB Paralympics Team. This was very enjoyable to watch, especially with the speed and technique of these players, which was outstanding and was definitely worth watching.

Frazer said "It's been a great experience meeting the Paralympians and future stars of the Olympics"

Josh said "I have been inspired by Will Bayley and all the other Paralympians"

Ben and Mollie said "It's been really fun watching Paralympians and has inspired us to play more Table Tennis"

Emily and Charlie said "Our favourite bit was the matches at the end, because they were brilliant. The ball skills were really fun and our favourite one, was to balance the ball on our bat"

A big "Thank You" must go to Mrs Winfield who came along to the event as a parent helper.

Mrs Duxbury-Mead

SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS 2014

Vouchers are again being issued by Sainsbury's - one voucher for every £10 spent. These vouchers will be issued for purchases made between 29.01.14 and 20.05.14. The more we receive the more free items we will be able to order.

FOOTBALL MATCH - HUNTINGTOWER v HARLAXTON

Last Friday, 14th March, Huntingtower football team travelled to Harlaxton Primary School.

On a small and narrow pitch, Huntingtower had at least 8 shots, with the Harlaxton goalkeeper in fine form keeping the ball from entering his net and was by far their player of the match.

Phylan, our goal keeper, had very little to do in the first half, making one save in 20 minutes but then was tested a couple of times in the second half, but yet again he showed no fear in making sure the ball stayed out of our net! Joshua and James worked extremely hard in defence and saw both of them having their best performance ever for Huntingtower. Joshua was solid in his tackles and played some lovely balls up to Max which two of the goals were started by Joshua and every time James got the ball, he played the ball to our midfielders feet with one/two touch passing and being very composed on the ball. Piotrek had yet another solid performance, a work engine who will run all day for you, he will win the first and second balls and involves all his team mates in the game. Sammy, Hubert and Max had a steady performance, Hubert scoring the first goal with his left foot making it 1 - 0 at half time and Max scoring twice in the second half to end the game with a 3-1 win which of course could have been a lot more if not for their goalkeeper having an outstanding game.

Overall, a very pleasing performance from Huntingtower, they passed, worked well as a team and I hope we can continue this with our next match against Long Bennington Primary School (date to be arranged).

A big "thank you" must go to Miss Harkins and Mr Ward for taking the children to and from the game.
Mrs Duxbury-Mead

Question of the Week

Did the wealth of the passengers guarantee their survival?



The Young Americans will be performing a Showcase Concert at Walton Theatre on Wednesday 2 April 2014. This is not a workshop, just a Concert.

Details are: Wednesday 2 April 2014, 6.30 pm
Show starts in Walton Girls' High School, Theatre

Tickets are £10.00 per person and can be obtained from the Finance Office at Walton Girls' High School, Telephone 01476 563251 or email finance@walton.lincs.sch.uk

Walton Girls' School have also asked whether any of our parents would be able to Homestay one or two of the American Students for the night of 2nd April 2014 and if so could they please contact Jayne Robb on 07828039623 email jayne.robb@hotmail.co.uk

ATTENDANCE

Attendance Award Cups were today presented
to: KS1 - Class Leopards 98.57%
and
KS2 - Class Zebras 98.71%
Well done children!
Overall percentage again up from last week!
Overall - 97.05%

EASTER FOOTBALL FUN DAYS

One Touch Football

One Touch Football are going to be running football fun/ development days in the **EASTER holidays**. The sessions will be for **BOYS & GIRLS** from ages **4 to 14** years, from beginners to more experience players. The days will be based on learning new skills in a fun and relaxed environment.

Head Coach, Glenn Vaughan is a coach & scout for **Peterborough UTD Football Club**, who will attend to develop all individuals.



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Very Important Notice

This morning a member of my staff was verbally abused for challenging them about the safety of their parking. I must make this clear that we will not tolerate any level of abuse against any member of staff, particularly when they have your children's well being at the forefront of everything they do. Should incidents occur we will immediately pass them to the police for them to deal with.

Dates for your Diary:

Term 4

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*

