



Tower Times



Reach for the Moon

Week Commencing 31st March 2014

ISSUE 111

Dear Parents / Carers

As we come to the end of the Spring term, I would just like to thank all children, parents, staff and governors for their total commitment to achieving the best for your children. **We break up today, Friday 4th April and return on Tuesday 22nd April.** Enjoy the two weeks' holiday from school.

Jenny Mattison, one of our Midday Supervisory Assistant, will be taking part in this year's London Marathon on Sunday 13th April. We wish her well and will let you know how much she raises for her chosen charity, which is Guide Dogs. Her link is JustGiving page - http://www.justgiving.com/Jenny-Mattison/?utm_source=Facebook&utm_medium=fundraisingpage&utm_content=Jenny-Mattison&utm_campaign=pfp-share - running number is 40335 if you would like to look out for her.

NEWTON THE EASTER BUNNY

The routes for Newton have now been agreed and are as follows. If you are able to help that will be great!

Saturday 12th April - Earlesfield - 4-7pm

Sunday 13th - Alma Park - 4-7pm

Monday 14th - Barrowby Gate - 5-8pm

Tuesday 15th - Brambles/Huntingtower - 5-8pm

If you can help, please let the PTFA know through Facebook.

HOT DOG FRIDAY

Our first Hot Dog Friday was held last Friday, 28th March. Phylan, Brandon and William were challenged by Mrs Newton and Mrs Gudgeon to earn enough stickers to attend a hot dog lunch. They all rose to the challenge and put in extra effort and worked hard during their sessions with either Mrs Newton or Mrs Gudgeon. Each one of the boys then invited a friend to join them and they all enjoyed hot dogs, vegetable sticks with humous and fruit pieces dipped in melted chocolate. We hope to challenge some others during April and May.



OUR ENDEAVOUR AWARDS APRIL 2014

Koalas – Loui C

Kangaroos – Maksymilian N

Giraffes – Kyla R

Leopards – Rj Sam A

Meerkats – Jessica M

Tigers – Zhi Q D

Lemurs – Mollie E

Gazelles – Bethany M

Rhinos – Harry R

Panthers – Victoria M

Lions – Poppy W

Zebras – Ben M

Certificates were today presented to all the above children.

KS1 trophy was presented to Loui

KS2 trophy was presented to Poppy

Well done to you all!

FOUND – does it belong to you?

A little silver necklace with girl's name has been handed into the school office. If you have lost a necklace and you think it may belong to you, please call into the school office.



INVENTION CONVENTION

CLASSES KANGAROOS AND KOALAS

The reception children in classes Koalas and Kangaroos presented their own "cracking inventions" to parents in the hall on Monday 31st March. This presentation of learning was the culmination of a fantastic term's work on inventions using Wallace and Gromit to help them along their journey of discovery. Displayed for people to enjoy were models of their inventions, plans, invention description writing, Gromit unleashed repeating patterns, Wallace and Gromit pastel drawings and the half term homework research on inventions that have already been invented. Parents had the opportunity to talk about the inventions with their own and other children and watch their journey in a slideshow to the soundtrack of the Wallace and Gromit theme tune. On Friday 4th April we finished off the project by taking part in the big breakfast teapot challenge for the Wallace and Gromit children's foundation that donates money to children's hospitals and hospices. Children will be encouraged to bring in loose change to try to fill the teapot and help children who need their support.

FOOTBALL FRIENDLIES

Huntingtower v Belton Lane

On Friday, 28th March, the Huntingtower Football team travelled to Belton Lane Primary School. We had already played this school a couple of weeks ago but as both sides showed great sportsmanship they offered us a re-match.

Phylan, Josh, Piotrek, Sammy, Max, Sam and Harley all had good performances, however, we played a lot better football in the second half,

switching play and delivering crosses into the box. When we kept the ball we were passing and started playing as a team and the more goals we scored. Sam scoring a hat trick, Max 1, Sammy 1 and Piotrek 1 scoring the others to make it comfortable 6-0 win.

Each player still had to do their jobs, Phylan made a couple of great saves, Josh and Harley had to defend and make sure they timed their tackles correctly.

Piotrek, Sammy and Max had to work hard to come back and defend when the opposition attacked and Sam had to pressure their defence to stop them from playing from the back.

A well deserved win. Well done to you all.

Girls' Football Friendly v Isaac Newton

Primary School

On Monday, 31st March, Ebony, Rebekah, Chloe, Jess, Jenny, Poppy and Elle played their first all girls' football match for Huntingtower. Excitement and nerves all in one for their first game. The girls didn't show as much passing within the team to start with, but what they did show was determination. Once the nerves had calmed down, the girls battled, closing the ball down, marking the opposition, blocking the ball and getting tackles in and of course with smiles on their faces! The girls were more than pleased when Elle slotted the ball in the back of the net twice, showing their joy with the girls coming together jumping up and down in excitement. Each player played extremely well and I cannot pick out individual players as they all worked very hard. Well done girls for winning their first game 2-1.

On Tuesday, 1st April, Huntingtower football team played against a hard **Long Bennington** side. Due to my absence, I would like to thank Mr Turner and Mrs Dilloway for assisting the team and Jack Dilloway for refereeing. I have been given good feedback from the teachers and heard we were unlucky to lose the game 3-

1, but proud of the team for all of their efforts.

I would like to thank all the parents/family members who supported the children during all 3 games, giving their time and support to the children who play football at Huntingtower Academy.

Well done to you all

Mrs Duxbury-Mead



TITANICAL IMMERSION

On Wednesday, Years 5 and 6 experienced the sinking of the Titanic. We took a final stroll around the luxurious ship, before retiring to our rooms. Suddenly we were alerted to the need to abandon ship, with women and children called for first. As they made their way to the deck, they discovered that they may need to enter the icy water of the Atlantic (within paddling pools, filled with help from the Grantham Fire Service). The men and third class passengers were held back, with much hustling and bustling, they finally made their way through the gates and into the water. As you would expect the water in the Atlantic is very cold and the passengers were incredibly grateful when the Carpathia arrived to lift them to safety.

Wednesday was a fantastic finale to the learning of the past term that has taken place in Years 5/6. Thank you to all the parents who came in to visit the rooms and share in the learning we have been doing. The totals have been added and you voted to blame Mr J Bruce Ismay for the sinking of the Titanic.



FANTASTIC GYMNASTICS COMPETITION AT THE MERES LEISURE CENTRE last Sunday 30th March

WOW! This week saw us take the largest ever amount of children to a gym competition. Some of the children have only started gymnastics in January and took part last weekend. For the first time we took a team of boys, who all had to be at the Meres for 9.30am - when the

clocks changed! They all worked really hard and produced their best performances. Later we had a participant in the Under 7s. We also had 3 girls' teams taking part in the afternoon session. There was an Under 9 team and 2 Under 11 teams. It was a long day for some children, in particular our 2 advanced girls who had to be there from 12 until the end at 7pm. The results were fantastic and the children all took part incredibly well. I was very proud of them all for their dedication, focus, attitude and behaviour.



RESULTS

Under 7 boys - Seth - 3rd

Under 9 girls - Ella - 1st

Under 11 team - Huntingtower A - 1st

Under 11 Advanced - Elle - 1st



LOOKING FOR THINGS TO DO OVER EASTER?

Finding activities for the school holidays is easy thanks to the Family Information Service. Parents, carers and professionals can contact the service for ideas - 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 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)



FIS What's on Guide
Easter Holidays 2014



FIS Easter What's
On Guide 2014 poster

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

Term Time Only!

RAILWAY TUNNEL NEAR SCHOOL - WED 9TH APRIL - We need your help!

As you are all aware, the pathway that runs towards the railway tunnel is getting rather messy. This is due to people throwing or leaving rubbish over the fence. Network Rail is due to hold a Clean-Up day during the Easter Holidays and have asked us to help as part of a Community Project. The aim of this project is to completely rejuvenate that area near our School. After we have improved the appearance of this area, the aim is to make a Huntingtower Academy mural on the wall that enters the tunnel.

The Clean-Up day is Wednesday 9th April and Network Rail will be there from 7:30am. Network Rail will be supplying gloves and relevant waste bags, but I suggest you all wear boots as well as thick clothes.

This event is open to all of our children but please be aware that there could be anything in the undergrowth. Please don't let that put you off helping.

INSPIRE+ EASTER OLYMPIC SPORTS CAMP

After the highly successful Olympic Sports Camp during the recent February Half Term, where children got to participate in sports such as Wheelchair Basketball, Badminton, Netball, Street Dance, Volleyball and many more, Inspire+ are delighted to invite children to come along again to the next Olympic Sports Camp during the Easter School Holidays.

Inspire+ will be running camps over the two weeks. With the first running from Monday 7th April to Thursday 10th April and the second the following week on Monday 14th April to Wednesday 17th April.

A booking form with an extended deadline date is attached to this email.



Easter camp poster
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Question of the Week

Which is the best school in the world?

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.

ATTENDANCE

Fantastic attendance this week, well done and thank you!

KS1 - Class Kangaroos 99%
and

KS2 - Class Zebras 100%
Overall percentage this week!
Overall - 97.49%

OUR PTFA ASK FOR YOUR HELP

If you have any unwanted gifts, our PTFA would be delighted to receive these to be used as prizes at Bingo Evenings, Quiz Nights etc. Please take them into the school office.

Also, do you know of anyone who works for an employer who can Match Fund all the money raised by our PTFA? If so, please give details to the school office.

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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Dates for your Diary:

Term 4

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*

