



# Tower Times



*Reach for the Moon*

Week Commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014

ISSUE 112

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back to Term 5 - the shortest term of the academic year! We hope you enjoyed the two week break from school and enjoyed the beautiful Spring weather.

**Newton the Easter Bunny** - Huge support from children, parents, staff and local residents - thank you! Please see below for full report.

During the holiday, our **Easter Booster** sessions have taken place in school for some of our Year 6 children, so thank you to children, parents and staff involved. The days were made up of academic activities during the mornings and then a drumming workshop, sporting activities, circus skills workshop and a Pizza Hut experience during the four afternoons.

Jenny Mattison, one of our Midday Supervisory Assistants, completed the **London Marathon** on Sunday 13th April in just under 5 hours. She has so far raised £2,300 for her chosen charity, Guide Dogs. What an amazing achievement and well done to her!

Our **Project Based Learning** this term includes Outdoor Adventurers, Seaside, Tudor Life and The Amazon! The school looks fabulous and the children are very excited.

## **WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW!**

Today you will have received a separate letter about all children wearing something yellow on Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May. All children should wear their school uniform.

## **NEWTON'S EASTER SUCCESS!**

A huge thank you to all the children, staff and parents who joined Newton out on the streets of Grantham over the four nights last week. They were doing it to raise money for the St Wulfram's Church Spire Appeal and the school.

The weather this year was the complete opposite to last year - it was sunny and warmish! Newton did his usual dancing and jigging around the streets as the kind residents dug into their pockets to give to the worthy causes.

Over the four nights of street collections the total raised was staggering. On Good Friday, a further amount was collected in the Morrisons

Shopping Centre. So with egg sponsorship this has once again proven to be a very worthwhile event.

Thank you once again to everyone involved with this event, especially Newton the Easter Bunny, our PTFA and Mrs Sheehy, Mr Michael Bensley who once again provided transport for Newton and Mrs Bensley for organising the decorating of the float.

We have already had generous donations from local businesses, which have sponsored the float. We would like to thank the following for their wonderful support.

Paul Heard Builders  
Sam Ballaam Motors  
Kevin Bellamy Roofing  
Trade Carpets  
Viking Signs  
A1 Plumbing  
Can Cabs  
EMSL  
Food 4Thought

Robert Holland  
Speedy Hire  
Steve Turner Renovations



### THREE ITEMS OF LOST PROPERTY IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE

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

Also, girl's jeans and bright pink t-shirt in an Asda carrier bag are in the office.

### TWITTER

We are aware that some of our pupils are being active on Twitter in a naive and inappropriate way. We all know how powerful it is but perhaps we should spend time with our children exploring good practice. For instance, they should never share their address with anyone. We suggest you have a look at the following link: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS

These are due to take place on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. As in previous years, Huntingtower Academy will be used as a Polling Station, **but will remain open to all children, as voting will take place in our Extended Provisions Building (Head Start).**

### RAILWAY TUNNEL NEAR SCHOOL

We are sure you will agree the appearance of the railway tunnel and access path is greatly improved and we hope this will now be maintained.

### FISH TANK ON THE KINGFISHER WARD AT GRANTHAM HOSPITAL

Way back in November 2012, you will remember, a new aquarium was presented to the Kingfisher Ward. We have heard that the tank is flourishing and in actual fact the fish have started to breed!

### ***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!

### **Question of the Week**

**If you were an animal, which one would you be and why?**

### **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 Tigers 98.46%  
and

KS2 - Class Lions 99.35% and  
Class Zebras 99.35%

***Overall percentage this week - 96.01%.***

### **GRANTHAM TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB**

On Saturday, 5th April, we took a group of children to watch Grantham Town FC play against Frickley Athletic FC. We were fortunate to receive free tickets from Grantham Town F.C for our KS2 children who wished to go and support their local football club.

Many children took up the opportunity and also brought along their parent(s)/member of family with them. We were pleasantly greeted by members of Grantham Town FC including the "Gingerbread" mascot, who allocated us a seating area next to the pitch and the players tunnel and even had their picture taken with a couple of players before kick-off.

8 of the children also got the chance to be ball boys/girls during the match and they did a great job. The game wasn't end to end action until the last 10 minutes of the game, where the away team scored a surprising goal. However, Grantham Town managed to score an equaliser minutes later and again just before the final whistle making the final score 2-1 to Grantham. I am sure everyone knew Huntingtower were there (even the match officials) with the amount of chanting/cheering they did throughout the game and even had Grantham Town's Chairman thanking Huntingtower for their support.

All children (and parents/family members) were fantastic well done to all. A 'Thank You' also goes out to Mrs Dilloway and Mrs White for helping out.

**Mrs Duxbury-Mead**



## HIGH 5 TOURNAMENT

On Thursday, 3rd April, I took a squad of 8 Year 5 & 6 children to participate in their first High 5 festival at Grantham Meres Leisure Centre.

High 5 is a shorter version of netball, you only use 5 players and not 7 rotating your position every half a game. Hubert H, Elle B, Sam B, Jessica B, Ellie H, Libby S, Jacob P and Heather B were all very much excited but nervous as this was a new sport for them.

Even with 3 losses, 2 draws and a win, the children worked extremely hard especially as we had large gaps in between each game. They all took on the comments, learnt quickly at times to do their best against 17 other teams competing and learning all 5 positions, with each position having different roles!

We at Huntingtower were the only team who had not played together or played this sport at all compared to the other schools that have been competing in a league since September 2013.

On that note, they all did very well and should be proud of themselves as they not only have done themselves proud but also the Academy.

Well done to all the children who participated and 'Thank-You' to all parents/grandparents who transported the children to Meres Leisure centre and gave their support throughout the afternoon.

**Mrs Duxbury-Mead**

## INSPIRE+ - OLYMPIC SPORTS CAMPS

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

The most recent camp in the Easter holidays saw at least 40 children per day and had 90 plus different children across the 7 days. The May camp will run over 4 days - from Tuesday 27th May through to Friday 30th May.

A booking form with all details is attached to this email. Also details of the Summer Camp are attached.



May Half Term  
Poster.doc



Summer Camp  
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## Dates for your Diary:

### Term 5

Bank Holiday - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Y6 SATS Monday 12<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> May

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

Term Ends Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May