



# Tower Times



*Reach for the Moon*

Week Commencing 28<sup>th</sup> April 2014

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Dear Parents / Carers

We have now been back in school for two weeks and all the children are certainly excited by the prospect of immersing themselves in their classrooms and learning. The staff have worked tremendously hard to ensure the environments represent the theme for the project and, if you get a moment, do pop your heads in and see what they are like. In the not too distant future we aim to invite you all to share the approach we have adopted towards the new curriculum. Watch this space.

*No school on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Bank Holiday.*



## AMAZON RAINFOREST WOW EVENT!

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April, the Year 5s and 6s had a WOW day about the Amazon rainforest. Our day started off as usual, registration and assembly, but then we got to do something we have never been able to do before... Play a massive game of hide and seek! The Zebras (who dressed up as animals from the Amazon) had to hide somewhere in the school. Once we had done the Lions (who were dressed up as the tribesmen) had to come and find us, then they had to hide with us. After that, the Panthers (who were dressed up as explorers) had to finish the job off and come and find both of us.

When we got back, Mrs Smith got our pet snake, Chilli Pepper, out so we could measure him and find out whether it was a boy or a girl. Unfortunately, we didn't find out as apparently you can't tell with corn snakes whether they are a boy or girl by their size! So we got to

take turns holding him; we even had a special visit from Miss Harkins.

After lunch, we had an arty finish to our day! We had to make a jungly themed background using tissue paper. After that, we had to draw a portrait of an animal from the Amazon and stick it on to our backgrounds. Overall I think we had an amazing day!

By Jessica-Leigh T - Zebras



## TUDORS

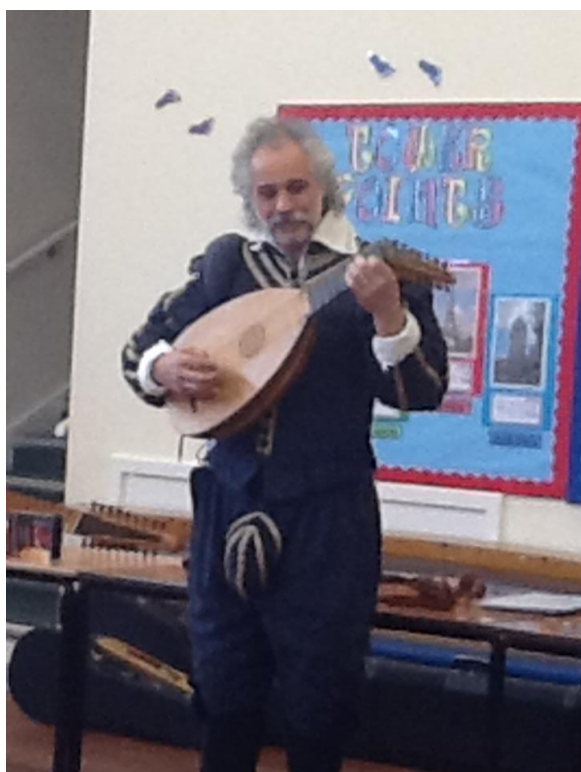
Years 3/4 have been so busy since our two weeks off! We all had a great time on our Tudor day when everyone came in Tudor outfits - even the teachers! It was such fun. When lunchtime came we had vegetable soup, chicken drumsticks and rice pudding, but I did not like it so I don't think I'll have it again! It was really interesting learning about how Tudors dressed and how they walked. Some of us were rich Tudors and some of us were poor but we were all mixed up. Lots of boys came as Henry VIII!

Amelia J

## DANTE FERRARA

On Monday, Dante Ferrara visited our school to show and tell us about Tudor musical instruments. I could not believe Henry VIII's favourite musical instrument was the recorder and he had eight of them. Wow! Oh and before I forget, Henry VIII loved music and had over 400 instruments. If you don't like gruesome things look away now. Strings in Tudor times were different to our strings, so if you broke a string you would have to pass your instrument to the string maker. The string maker would go to the butchers and ask for some sheep intestines. He would take the strings back to his shop and clean them and put them on a rock to stretch them. Finally, he put weights each end and let them dry. The thicker the string the lower the sound.

My favourite instrument is the hurdy gurdy. It's like a violin but much more complicated and it would take weeks to practice. **By Mia S-E**



## LEICESTER CITY FOOTBALL CLUB

Thank you to Leicester City Football Club for donating some football programmes for Mr Turner's Reading Stars Project.

## WEAR SOMETHING YELLOW!

Thank you for supporting this event. The school looked wonderfully adorned with yellow. Children, parents and staff released 35 balloons into the blue sky. Thank you to Clinton Cards who very kindly gave us discount on the balloons.



### Teacher Vacancy

Due to moving from 3 classes in Y3/4 to two classes in Y3 and two in Y4, we have a vacancy for a teacher next year. If you know of anyone who might be interested then please direct them to the [website](#) or ask for details in the office.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

We are always delighted to present children with their awards, trophies and certificates and to celebrate their achievements. Please can we ask children and/or parents to bring these into school no later than the Thursday before the Celebration Assembly so we are aware how much time to allow in assembly?

Unfortunately, if they arrive late, they will have to wait until the next week. Thank you.

**Question of the Week**  
**How does a snake move?**

## DOGS

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted on school premises. We also ask that dogs are not tied up outside school and left whilst you collect your child. Dogs can be unpredictable and we need to safeguard everyone.

## 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.

## 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).**

### ***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!

## 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 100%  
and

KS2 - Class Gazelles 99.62%

***Overall percentage this week - 97.65%***  
***This is up on last week - excellent!***

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> May through to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May.

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



May Half Term  
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Summer Camp  
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### **Dates for your Diary:**

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*)

European Elections (Extended Provisions Building) -  
*Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May*

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

**Term 6 - *Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June***

KS2 Races am / KS1 pm - *Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June*

New Intake - Secondary/Moving Up - *Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July*

PTFA Summer Fayre - *Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July*