



Tower Times



Reach for the Moon

Week Commencing 21st July 2014

ISSUE 123

Dear Parents / Carers

As we come to the end of another fantastic year in school, I would like to thank all pupils, parents, staff, governors and everyone else who contributes to school life. We continue to grow and flourish all to the benefit of our children - which is what we are all about.

We say farewell to Miss Eldred, who will be moving out of the area and taking up a teaching post in Oxfordshire. Miss Eldred has been at Huntingtower for over 20 years and we thank her for all her hard work during this time.

Mrs Evans will be going on maternity leave and we send our best wishes to her and her husband.

We break up today, at the usual time. Please stay safe over the long summer holiday, enjoy the break and we will welcome everyone back on Monday 8th September.

PRIMARY SCHOOL CONCERT

On Thursday, 10th July, the talented violinists of Huntingtower went to the new Priory Ruskin to play in a Primary School concert! We had so much fun learning to play new instruments such as the Ukulele and lots of percussion. It was a great day for every one of us and our parents said we were very good!



A big thank you to Mrs Lambley who supervised the children all day and then took part in the concert too. The singing and orchestra were of a high standard that Mrs Rossington managed to produce after just one day of rehearsal. We are already looking forward to next year!

Written by Adam J

GUILDHALL ARTS CENTRE - YEARS 5/6 AMAZON EXHIBITION

Our POL (Presentation of Learning)

On Thursday, 17th July, Years 5 and 6 visited the Guildhall to present our project to friends, family and members of the public. Our essential question was 'Should our local community be responsible for the decline of the Amazon's resources?'

Two weeks before our POL, we worked in groups to prepare our learning. This included our books and displays being prepared for our presentation. It almost felt like we were in the Amazon because the room was so hot! We were extremely lucky because the Mayor of Grantham came along. We also had the geography teacher from St Hugh's come along. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for coming along.

By Harvey A (Class Zebras)

TOWER TIMES AND GENERAL LETTERS TO CHILDREN

In September we will again be trying to send out as many letters as possible electronically.

Please keep us updated with your e-mail address. You can still receive paper copies if you inform the School Office.

WOW! CENTENARY TOWER IN THE KS2 PLAYGROUND



PRESENTATION OF LEARNING TUDOR EXPERIENCE - YEARS 3/4



Looking for things to do over the summer?

Finding activities for the school holidays is easy thanks to the Family Information Service. Parents, carers and professionals can contact the service for ideas, including the Summer 2014 What's On Guide, Boredom Busters booklet and childcare including holiday clubs.

The 2014 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.

There are also lots of other events, groups and family services on the Family Services Directory at www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/fsd

(source: Family Information Service, 0800 195 1635, fis@lincolnshire.gov.uk)

ARRIVING IN THE MORNING AND LEAVING AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL DAY - September 2014

Now that our new class room has been completed, children in Classes Koalas, Kangaroos, Leopards, Pandas, Meerkats and Tigers will again come into school via the access road off Huntingtower Road.

Children in Classes Lemurs, Wolves, Gazelles, Rhinos, Panthers, Lions and Zebras will come onto the Key Stage 2 playground then into class when directed by their class teacher. Thank you for your co-operation during this building work.

TEAM SPORTS - THURSDAY 17TH JULY

On a very sunny Thursday morning, Huntingtower Academy got together for another sporting event. This time, in our Tower Teams to participate in different sporting activities such as, balancing, dribbling, throwing and catching and running through obstacle course.

Each Tower Team was split into four groups and was led by a staff member of the team around the field. Each activity lasted for three minutes and all the children earned their team points which were tallied at the end of the morning.

Finley in Lemurs class said "it was really good as this was my first team sports for Huntingtower. It was nice to mix in with other children as we had different year groups in a team. My favourite activity was dribbling the football round the cones."

A big 'Thank-you' goes out to all the staff for their work, Mr McKinnon on setting the gazebos up to shelter from the hot weather and to all the parents and family members for again supporting the children.

A big 'Well done' to all the children, they worked extremely hard and it was good to see them participate in all the activities with smiles on their faces and well done to Eiffel on winning the Team Sports.

Mrs Duxbury-Mead

ENDEAVOUR ROLL OF HONOUR

Koalas - Anastasiya G

Kangaroos - Lewis F

Giraffes - Makiya W

Leopards - Lucius W

Meerkats - Harry S

Tigers - Izabela C

Lemurs - Ben F

Panthers - Ellie H

Rhinos - Caine W

Gazelles - Hannah F

Lions - Isabelle L

Zebras - Agata A

The Key Stage 1 trophy was awarded to Makiya and the Key Stage 2 trophy to Isabelle. Congratulations!

CAR PARK

Unfortunately, some parents are parking without due regard to other parents, namely blocking in and obstructing. As I am sure you are aware this car park is primarily for staff and visitors to the school, we do not wish to restrict parents' parking, but this may have to be imposed if the problem persists.

NEARLY NEW UNIFORM

Please remember to save any outgrown or no longer required uniform ready for September.

REACH RANGERS

We have come to the end of another REACH rangers!

What a fantastic 6 weeks we had as we watched the children grow in confidence. I would like to thank all the children who participated and Mrs Wood and Mrs Marsden

for their hard work, without them it would not have been possible.

Watch this space in September, when REACH rangers will be inviting 10 lucky Year 3s to join the fun.

Clare Chamberlain



PTFA

From September, the role of Chair of our PTFA will become vacant. Every parent/carer of every child in the Academy is a member of the PTFA. We will be holding an evening meeting on Wednesday, 17th September (time and location to be confirmed). Please come along if you are available.

We would like to thank Alison Willesden for the huge contribution she has made over six years as Chair. In fact, once again, thank you to everyone who supports our very active PTFA.

GREAT WOOD FARM EARLY YEARS CENTRE

Please find attached information regarding our summer holiday club for primary aged children at Great Wood Farm Early Years Centre. We offer an exciting summer programme exploring 'The Great Outdoors' for the whole summer and thought it may be of interest to your parents.



Flyer for summer holidays 2014.pdf

**CELEBRATE the
90th Anniversary of the
Opening of Wyndham Park
On Sunday 27th July 2014**

In Wyndham Park, Grantham

The Wyndham Park Forum with the Old Pavilion Tea Rooms are planning a themed event to mark this occasion.

Events and activities will run between 10 am and 2 pm and include:

Uptown Strutters Jazz Band and St Wulfram's Church Choir

Storytelling by Betty Elmer

Climbing Wall with the Army Cadets

Bowling Club Fun Day

Bouncy Castle

Various Craft Stalls around Bowling Area

Model Boats on the River Witham – come and have a go

Heritage display and a HERITAGE TRAIL

Special Sunday Lunch Menu served at the Tea Rooms

Raffle for Park improvement funds

EVERYONE WELCOME

For more details on this event contact:

Elizabeth Bowskill, Secretary Wyndham Park

Forum: Tel: 07840 240854

Or Jenny Sutherland, at the Old Pavilion Tea

Rooms: Tel: 07930 481575

WALTON'S OPEN EVENING

For Year 5s

THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 2014

6.00 PM TO 8.30 PM

Everyone welcome!

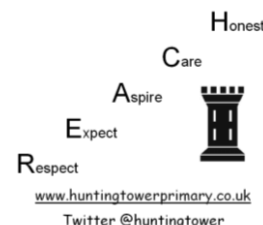
The evening will include refreshments, tours of the school, lots of activities throughout the school and performances by our Performing Art students. www.waltongirls.co.uk.

INSPIRE+ - OLYMPIC SPORTS CAMP

By now you should all have received information about the Sports Camp being held at Huntingtower Academy during the summer holiday. Further copies are available from the school office.



Summer '14
Huntingtower Camp F



Dysart Park

Family Funday

Sunday 27th July 2014

MOVING SCHOOLS

If, for any reason, your child may be moving schools at the end of this academic year (starting a new school in September), please inform your child's class teacher or the school office. We are currently in the process of assigning classes for next year.

ATTENDANCE

Here is this week's attendance.

KS1 - Meerkats - 99.09%

KS2 - Zebras - 97.74%

Overall attendance 95.24%

Slightly down this week, but well done for much improved attendance levels this academic year. Something to build on for next year!

Dates for your Diary:

PTFA Year 6 Leavers' Ball - *Monday 21st July*

Year 6 Leavers' Presentation - *Tuesday 22nd July 1.45pm and 6pm*

BBQ South Site - *Wednesday 23rd July lunchtime*

Break Up for the Summer Holiday - *Wed 23rd July*

TERM DATES AND HOLIDAYS 2014/2015

Term 1

Monday 8th September - Friday 24th October

Term 2

Monday 3rd November - Friday 19th December

Term 3

Tuesday 6th January - Friday 13th February

Term 4

Monday 23rd February - Friday 27th March

Term 5

Tuesday 14th April - Friday 22nd May

Term 6

Monday 1st June - Wednesday 22nd July

These dates are provisional and will be confirmed as soon as possible.