



Hat-trick heroines

A hat-trick of wins was secured by Healing School in North East Lincolnshire's annual inter-school cheerleading competition.

The 45 girls in intermediate and junior squads travelled to Oasis Wintingham Academy.

The intermediates, from Years 7 to 10, came first out of six teams and also won awards for creativity and synchronicity.

The 15 Year 7 girls in the junior squad also performed well in their first competition.

PE teacher and coach Helena Yeadon and science teacher and coach Sarah Plant praised all the girls who took part.

Fantastic individual and team performances saw Healing School crowned district swimming champions.

Champions

The competition took place at Grimsby Swimming Pool and saw Healing compete against six schools.

The team lifted the Challenge Shield, presented to the overall winners. They also came top for years 7 and 8 girls, year 7 boys and girls overall.

Principal Mr Knapton said: "We are very proud winners of the district Challenge Shield. I'm delighted for all those involved and our PE team who gave our pupils encouragement and support. There was a terrific team spirit with everybody getting behind each other."



WELCOME



Welcome to our special edition of Healing Hotline.

Our regular bulletin takes on a 'golden' glow as it celebrates another outstanding year in the life of the school.

While academic success is a priority, this newsletter also highlights just a few of the activities outside the classroom which play a crucial role at our school.

From the sports field to drama classes, musical productions to cheer-leading glory, we are proud of our extra-curricular achievements.

Healing School is about developing well-rounded individuals, where academic excellence is important but not our only focus.

For those visiting Healing, we hope you enjoy it.

Mark Knapton
Principal



Top of the class

Excellent progress and attainment at Healing School was recognised with national awards.

The Schools, Students and Teachers Network (SSAT) named it as one of the best in the country for the value it adds at GCSE.

Healing topped North East Lincolnshire's performance league table, with 80 per cent gaining five GCSEs last summer, including maths and English, and 97% gained five or more A*-C grades overall.

SSAT undertook its annual in-depth analysis of official Department for Education data on all state-funded schools in England.

Healing was in the top 10 per cent nationally for high attainment and for progress made by pupils between key stage 2 results at primary school and GCSE results. All subject areas had pleasing results, with science and humanities doing particularly well.

The school was also a regional winner in the Pupil Premium Awards, highlighting the school's effective use of funding targeted at the most vulnerable.

Principal Mark Knapton said the school was proud of the achievement of all its pupils. "The various awards reflect the hard work and dedication of the pupils and staff, despite changes to the curriculum," he said.



Top talent

GCSE music pupils performed in a spectacular recital to showcase their talent.

The performances were used as coursework for the performers' final GCSE and from the high standards of playing and singing, their hard work was evident. They had spent two terms perfecting their pieces.

The show was a huge success in front of a packed audience.



Inspired duo

Entertaining poet Ian McMillan and magical cartoonist Tony Husband visited Healing for the third successive year.

Pupils in Year 7, along with Mr Hudson and Mr Allenby, were rolling around with laughter at Ian's improvisational delivery whilst Tony delivered cartoons to order.

The year group met in the hall to hear the results and join Ian in some performance poems. It was an intensive, inspirational visit.



Battlefields visit

A trip to Belgium and France was the reward for two pupils who won a Year 9 competition.

Phoebe Graves and Madeline Foster-Smith accompanied Mrs Plant as part of the First World War Centenary Battlefields Tour Programme, a Government initiative.



Alfie's role

Year 10 pupil Alfie Hallett was elected to be North East Lincolnshire's deputy representative in the UK's Youth Parliament.

He came second to Salema Khatun in a process which saw more than 3,000 young people vote across the borough.

Alfie was delighted and aims to campaign for better mental health services, work experience opportunities and hopes to increase the wages paid to young people.



Taking shape

An artist's impression of our new £3.6-million, state-of-the-art teaching block.

It will include 18 classrooms, a new library and other enhanced facilities. Paid for by the Government's Academies Capital Maintenance Fund, it will open in September.

Pupils picked a pocket

The main cast – assessed on their performance as part of their BTEC Performing Arts – Acting course - performed to two sell out audiences, supported by the school's Year 7 and Year 8 Drama Clubs, the School Choir and pupils from Year 9 and Year 11 Performing Arts' groups.



Tablet scheme launch



Lucky pupils in Year 7 are piloting the school's new e-book repository which aims to promote English and literacy.

They have been loaned e-reader devices and are able to loan books from the e-book library. Pupils are able to read their favourite books on their tablet devices in their library lessons and at home.

If successful, the intention is to roll the scheme out to other year groups.

The pilot has been very well received and the pupils were excited about getting their tablets.

Year 7 pupil Lauren Wells said: "When I heard I would be getting the e-reader, I couldn't wait and I love it! My friends wish they had one too."

Maths Masters

Two Healing teams participated in the LOR Maths Challenge



Competing against 10 other secondary schools from North East Lincolnshire, they had to complete as many maths puzzles as possible within 20 minutes.

They then tackled a codes and cyphers round, a new addition this year. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed this interesting task. They had to think fast, organise their team and use all of their logic in order to gain as many marks as possible.

Samba sounds

Grandparents were treated to a taste of the Samba during a memorable afternoon at Healing School.

The special guests were invited into the academy in recognition of the role they play in their grandchildren's education.

A performance from the school's enthusiastic Samba band was included during the afternoon.

The grandparents also attended lessons and were impressed with the topics the children were learning. They enjoyed their insight into the typical school day.

Children benefit

Money was raised for the BBC's Children in Need from a series of events.

Pupils paid £1 to take part in a non-uniform day and English teacher Mr Vincent surprised pupils when he took to the stage during morning assembly for a sponsored sing.

Year 11 pupils were sponsored and challenged to see who could eat the most cream crackers or marshmallows within a minute.

The PE department organised several fundraising events around school and the school council organised a very popular cake sale.

