



High Flyers Live Up To Name

Well done to all the Cheerleaders in the Healing High Flyers team who competed in the 5th North East Lincolnshire Cheerleading.



Champions

Our Year 8 footballers won the Grimsby and District Cup Final.

The final was against a strong Tollbar side and the score finished 6-2.

Four of the goals came from Ollie Webber, one from Tom Hipwell and one from Finley Wilden.

The girls competed against teams from across the area and achieved a fantastic 1st place with our Senior Team, Healing Hurricanes. The girls impressed the judges with their complex lifts and achieved an award for the most creative stunt.

We also achieved an impressive 3rd place with our Healing Wasps, who performed some complicated choreography with our toughest routine yet.

Our newest team to Cheerleading, who only started in September, achieved a well deserved 2nd place in their pom pom dance, displaying perfect timing.

The girls have now won this trophy for the past 5 years, which is a fantastic achievement. Healing School is very proud of them.



Pupil Plays For Fulham

Year 11 pupil Reece York recently played for Fulham FC in the under 16s national football tournament and won.

The teams in the tournament included Manchester Utd, Liverpool, Arsenal, Celtic, plus many other teams. It was a 50 minute, 11 a side team per match, group style tournament, moving on to knockout rounds. Fulham won 3-0 against Reading and Reece scored in both the semi-final and final.

This is a fantastic achievement and his teachers and the P.E department are very proud of him!

Driver of the year

Healing School, Year 8 pupil - Charlotte Fox, was recently shortlisted for the 'Female Driver of the Year' award by national publication – Karting Magazine.

Charlotte (12), from Great Coates, was delighted to be nominated for the national karting award along with 19 other racers, coming sixth.

Charlotte said: 'I come from a family that is very interested in motor sports.

"When I was little, I used to go to the track to watch my cousin racing. I was inspired and my dad encouraged me to get involved. I began racing when I was 6 and I have now been kart racing for 7 years.

I am looking forward to being able to race cars when I turn 14."

Charlotte's commitment to the sport takes her to the Whilton Mill race track in Northamptonshire most weekends, where she is being tutored by renowned racing instructor – Jock Clear, who has worked as Senior Performance Engineer for both Lewis Hamilton and Michael Schumacher. Charlotte even had the opportunity to meet Lewis Hamilton at the track.



WELCOME



This is a 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.

Mr Knapton
Principal



School celebrates great results

Pupils celebrated 'excellent' GCSE results at Healing School last summer.

A total of 72% achieved five or more A* to C passes, including Maths and English.



In addition, 84% of pupils gained five or more A* - C GCSE passes.

The English department saw results hold up once again with an 87% A* to C pass rate. In maths, the figure was 79%.

Mr Knapton said: "We were pleased with the results. Pupils did well to deal with a really tricky maths paper that grabbed national headlines because it was so difficult."

There were some outstanding individual performances. 26% of pupils achieved three or more A/A*s. One pupil achieved 13 A*s and one A.

Mr Knapton continued: "I'd like to pay particular tribute to the teaching staff at Healing School. They dealt with a range of changes to GCSE courses and to the exams.

"They were an excellent set of results."

Special visit

The Education Secretary praised Healing School for continuing its drive to raise standards during a special visit.



The Education Secretary Nicky Morgan with Mr Knapton, chair of governors Graham Walker (left), Cleethorpes MP Martin Vickers and pupils Lily Wright, Benjamin Foster-Smith, George Gale and Amelia French.

The Rt Hon Nicky Morgan MP toured the new teaching block at Healing School and learned of its recent successes in national awards.

It has recently picked up a Pupil Premium Award from Mrs Morgan's Department for Education after success with disadvantaged pupils and the Schools, Students and Teachers Network named it in the country's top 10 per cent for progress made by pupils.

Mrs Morgan said: "The work at Healing School is inspirational and it was a real pleasure to meet some of the hard working staff and pupils.

"The Academy has shown innovation in ensuring all children receive a high-quality education, regardless of background, as demonstrated in their recent Pupil Premium Award.

"It is really positive to see how they have boosted pupils' confidence through extra-curricular activities such as drama and Glee club.

"It was fantastic to see the new fit for purpose building with state-of-the-art classrooms and discuss the ambitious plans to extend the Multi-Academy Trust."



Principal Mr Knapton, Healing School's Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator Sue Pearson (left) and KS4 Learning Mentor Teresa Bolton with the award.

Major Prize

High achievement with its disadvantaged pupils won Healing Academy a coveted prize.

Healing School picked up the Yorkshire and Humber regional prize in the Pupil Premium Award finals, held in London and organised by the Department for Education.

Mr Knapton attended the prestigious ceremony in Drapers Hall following an invitation from the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Childcare and Education Sam Gyimah MP.

Mr Gyimah said: "Your school excels in educating disadvantaged pupils and improving their outcomes.

"It is an extraordinary achievement. It is clear that you, your staff and governors are equipping your disadvantaged pupils with the skills for future success."

Last summer, 64% of disadvantaged pupils at Healing achieved five A* to C including maths and English. The national average for all pupils was 57% and the local 52%.

Our Day Out

Healing School pupils across all year groups performed the comedy play 'Our Day Out,' written by Willy Rushton.



The play is set in Liverpool and tells the story of a class of socially challenged pupils who visit a castle, a zoo and a fairground on a school trip, with humorous consequences.

The play was led by Year 10 pupils studying for their Btec Performing Arts qualification and was assisted by pupils from Yrs 7, 8 and 9, who are members of the lunch time drama club.



Charity efforts

The school supports Children in Need and, this year, worked with Mrs Fiona Kemp, representative from the Lloyds Banking Group, to embrace their 'Champions of Change' initiative.

A non-uniform day raised more than £1,000.

Mrs Watcham held a successful Pudsey cake competition.

Pupils also took part in a sponsored silence and participant Jenna Ornsby from Year 7 raised an impressive £80 by staying silent all day.

The break time cake sale stall was a huge hit. All in all, it was a fun occasion, with more than £2,800 donated. Thank you to all who participated in the event and made donations.



Perfect Poetry



The English department welcomed back the entertaining poet Ian McMillan and magical cartoonist Tony Husband.

They worked with a group of mixed ability Year 8 pupils on crafting poetic verse, displaying how playing around with language can be fun and entertaining. Ian and Tony were amazed by the creative ideas of our pupils as well as their ability to perform in front of a large crowd.

Top Technology Team

Six Year 10 Design and Technology pupils from Healing School, competed in the national Land Rover 4X4 in Schools Technology Challenge at Silverstone.

The challenge is aimed at young people between the ages of 11 and 17.

Pupils were required to build a radio controlled 4X4 vehicle to set specifications, then successfully negotiate a specially designed test track, to emulate the performance of a real 4X4 vehicle.

Year 10 pupils Lucy Donner, Rebecca Cutforth, Callum Barton, Dominic Parry, Jacob Roberts and Corey Allen, came third in the country out of 22 national competitors.

The team were presented with a 4X4 trophy and also won a Raspberry Pi single board mini-computer each.



Grandparents' Day

Year 8 pupils invited their grandparents into school for an afternoon of hospitality and entertainment.

Pupils met with their grandparents in the New Hall for tea and cake and to take part in a quiz, hosted by Mr Knapton.



Year 8 S.T.E.M Energy Challenge

Inspirational company, The Smallpeice Trust, held a science activity day at Healing School.

The Smallpeice Trust engages young people who are passionate about STEM subjects: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

60 enthusiastic Year 8 pupils took part in the 'Energy Challenge' event which focused on new energy technologies and the future of global energy.

Operation Shoebox Appeal

For the twelfth year running, Healing School supported the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal.

This year, the school managed to fill an impressive 172 boxes: 22 more than last year.



NSPCC Fundraising Number Day

Healing School took part in the NSPCC Number Day.

The event is designed to help pupils to raise money for charity, while learning and having fun with Maths.

More than £590 was raised for the NSPCC and the pupils across all year groups thoroughly enjoyed all the different activities.