

# HEALING HOTLINE

## HEALING SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

### Message from the Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian

This 'Hotline' captures all of the exciting activities which have taken place, in only six weeks, since the Christmas break!

I hope you enjoy reading it and like me marvel at the quantity and quality of the activities which all our pupils involve themselves in.

Have a good half term break and thank you for your on-going support.

Mrs A Addison



Pictured above: Y5 Children, Parents,  
Healing School Y7 Pupils & Miss Woods

### Parent Power Helps Pupils

Parents and pupils participated in a special event which highlighted the importance of literacy. The "Support Your Child's Learning in English" event was aimed at Year 5 pupils and their parents.

Principal Ann Addison said it proved to be a successful and popular evening.

"It was wonderful to see so many parents taking an active interest in their child's education," she said.

"Their child's progress depends on a successful partnership between them and their school and the literacy evening is one way of highlighting that."

The parents and children took part in a series of activities which focused on how to develop literacy skills. Year 7 pupils were on hand throughout the evening to provide valuable assistance.

### Forthcoming Events

24<sup>th</sup> Feb – John Hegley (poetry workshop) (Year 8)

29<sup>th</sup> Feb – Year 9 Parents' Evening

2<sup>nd</sup> March – Official Opening Ceremony of the Teaching School

2<sup>nd</sup> March - Maths Exam (Year 10 set 6 and Year 11 resits)

5<sup>th</sup> March – Maths Exam (Year 11 resits)

6<sup>th</sup> March – Will Hussey (visiting author) (Year 9)

12<sup>th</sup> March - German exchange (all week)

19<sup>th</sup> March - MFL Speaking Exams

19<sup>th</sup> March - Year 8 Combined Parents & KS4 Options' Evening

20<sup>th</sup> March - Y8 'Frantic Assembly Theatre Co' Style Workshop

### The Day I Met Ian McMillian– Again!!

The first time I met Ian was when I was 4 months old at the Grimsby Festival of Literature. Ian was on a market stall and had been "installed" by the council. He gave me the thumbs up and a photographer snapped the photo. We were to meet again seven years later when Ian and the famous cartoonist Tony Husband visited Healing to present the "Book in a Day" workshop.

#### Book in a Day

When we all got into the class room on January 16<sup>th</sup>, Ian introduced himself and Tony Husband. Ian then talked about when he was at an infant school recently. He was really funny and everyone was crying with laughter!

After lunch we prepared for our assembly. We rehearsed the "Moore" family song. We then went into assembly. Ian read out his 'Postman Pat's brothers' poem. He got a boy from the audience to be all the people in the poem. Tony drew the lucky boy a cartoon version of himself! We then read out more poems that we had invented throughout the day.

I really enjoyed meeting Ian McMillian and Tony Husband. It has taught me so much about poetry. I thought that poems had to rhyme but they don't! The day has inspired me to write more poetry and to look at poetry in a different way. I will remember the day for the rest of my life!  
By Alice Howard



Pictured above: Ian McMillian & Alice Howard

## Education Under Construction

It's almost impossible to miss the building work going on around the school, the most prominent being the extension to the New Block.

You may have wondered what all the work encompasses; in response to several questions, we took it upon ourselves to find out...



"Improving the facilities of pupils was our top priority." Principal Mrs Addison The new construction will help improve the facilities available to both pupils and staff, providing new medical facilities, a new pupil reception and improving the day-to-day lives of pupils. The project also enabled the addition of soundproofed meeting rooms where sensitive and confidential matters can be discussed with the utmost privacy. Staff also benefit from the additions to the buildings. Mostly the office and financial staff have working conditions that are improved greatly through improved resources and office space. Teaching staff have also gained a new reception.

Priority three was to make the school look as attractive as possible to visitors. This was ensured through the extremely modern design of the buildings and a glass atrium being added onto the main entrance, which not only adds aesthetic appeal to the building

but also improves fuel efficiency. Alongside this major project, there are also other builds going on at the same time, namely improvements to the Network Services building and repairs on the female toilets located in the Old Block. Network Services is planned to be almost completely revamped, with a dedicated help desk, improving the assistance offered by the on-site technicians massively. Hotline Online would like to thank Principal Mrs Addison for participating in our interview and allowing us access to the newly-built areas.

Tom Herring and the Roving Reporters

## Food for thought... News from Chartwells

- Pupils recently enjoyed a range of delicious oriental treats during their lunch break when a themed meal day was organised to mark the Chinese New Year.
- Following February half-term new menus will be introduced. They are available on the school's FROG site if parents wish to view them
- Y9 pupils studying Food Technology have been invited to enter a sandwich competition: Four or five winners will have their sandwich on sale and the most popular will be introduced to the menu permanently
- In association with "Mary's Meals", Chartwells have invested £16k to build two new schools in Malawi and will donate 3p from every sale made at school. Pupils will be able to track how their lunchtime purchases make a difference to others by following progress on the charts displayed in the lunch halls
- Regular meetings about food related issues continue to be held with the Pupil Council.

## Year 11 Parents' Evening Evaluations

Parents are thanked for their valuable feedback after Year 11 Parents' evening. Responses were overwhelmingly positive. Some parents expressed concerns over a lack of privacy in some rooms and we are looking at ways to address this issue before the next Parents' Evening.

Mr Knapton

## Polite Reminder

Please be aware that pupils' school bags should be robust enough to carry a range of equipment and should not display unsuitable images e.g. naked torsos of men or women which are currently very fashionable on some 'designer' bags!!!

Thank you.

## "Chess Mates"

The recently formed Chess Club is proving very popular as a visit to Mr Chappel's classroom on a Monday lunchtime will quickly confirm. Pupils of all ages doggedly pit their wits against one another and even against the staff! .

According to founder member Bradley Ashworth, "anyone can be taught to play the game; it just takes patience, especially as games can last a long time." Daniel Day, who helped to set up the group, explained that the club, "attracts a wide variety of people of all ages who wouldn't normally mix together." He also wanted to thank Mrs Addison for her donation of the chess sets which helped to get the group off the ground.

Mrs Smith



Pictured Above: Chess Club Pupils with Mr Chappel

## German Exchange

Fourteen Y10 pupils will travel to Königswinter as part of the German Exchange programme with N E Lincs, from 10th - 17th March.

It's the fourth German Exchange visit in recent years.

The programme includes : a visit to a Science Museum, Bonn History Museum, a trip to the Drachenfels, Koblenz, Cologne and to the Mayor, as usual!

Feedback from the trip to follow in the next Hotline...

Miss Hill



Pictured Above: German Exchange Pupils when they visited us in October 2011.

## Aiming Higher

Key Stage Four pupils are awarded Aiming Higher certificates twice a year in recognition of 95% attendance, excellent punctuality and for being extremely reliable. Their certificates are presented by a guest speaker. On this occasion we were pleased to welcome Jim Rutherford from The Grimsby Institute to Year 9's ceremony, Kevin Childs from Novartis for 10'S and Clive Wilson from Franklin College to Year 11's. In total an excellent 286 pupils received a certificate.

Very well done to them all.

Mrs Ranyard



Y9 with Mrs Ranyard & Mr Knapton



Y10 with Mrs Ranyard & Mr Biglands



Y11 with Mrs Ranyard & Mrs Barnard



Y7 5-side Boys' Football Team

**Y7 5-side Football Team**

The year 7 boys and girls football teams travelled to Derby Soccer Dome to represent Grimsby and Cleethorpes in the Midland area final. The boys played some great football but missed out on second place in their pool by 1 goal. The winners of their pool went on to the final so we did well in a tough group.

The girls team also did well missing out on the semi finals by 1 point and playing some good football again in a tough league. All pupils were fantastic representatives for the school and should feel very proud to have made it to the finals.

**Y11 English Schools Cup run comes to an end ...**

After beating the elements and the opposition, North Kesteven School, 2-1 our run finally ended in a close and hard fought game against a National School from Nottingham. The team showed its usual fighting spirit and came back from 2-0 down to take the game to extra time. We could just not convert our chances and the National school took their only chance and won 3-2. The boys need to hold their head up high as making it to the last 16 from over 740 schools is a great achievement!

Mr Norman

**Y8 Hockey Team**

The Y8 Hockey team travelled across the bridge for the Humberside Hockey finals. In what was a very well organised league format, the team played some excellent Hockey and no team looked like scoring against us. However, we struggled to score goals ourselves and drew in all our games. This was not enough for us to qualify for the next round. The boys did really well in a sport that is new to most of the players.

The Y9 and Y10 Hockey teams are currently competing in the Grimsby league on a Thursday night and have produced some good performances and played some excellent hockey. Playing against Y11 teams they are giving themselves a great experience for next year.

**Triple win for Girls' Hockey**

The year 7, 8 and 9 girls hockey teams have been crowned Grimsby and District Indoor Hockey Champions after fantastic performances at the tournaments held at John Whitgift Academy. The girls showed brilliant skill, teamwork and commitment at the tournaments with each team winning every match.

Miss Sass

**Coming soon ...**

The Junior "High Flyers" cheerleading squad are to perform in a Dance Showcase, at the 1200 seater Baths Hall, in Scunthorpe on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March. This will involve 20 pupils from Year 7, listed below. Please be aware the girls will be leaving school at 5pm and returning to school at approximately 10pm.

Mrs Yeadon

**Mobile Phones & Electronic Equipment (ipods, MP3's)**

Please can I remind parents and pupils that mobile phones should not be brought into school. If as a parent you feel your son/daughter needs to bring a mobile phone into school, we insist that they must be lodged at reception in the morning and then be collected at the end of the day. All other electronic equipment **should not** be brought into school. If we become aware that either a mobile phone or electronic equipment has not been handed in, it will be confiscated from the pupil and lodged with the office until parents can collect it as it is not necessary and just poses a security issue.

Mrs Croft