



Welcome to Healing School, A Science Academy

Welcome to the first Hotline of 2019. I'm happy to report that we have had a very successful start to the year with Healing school celebrating another outstanding year following the publication of the Government Performance League tables. For the third successive year, Healing has been significantly above the national average overall and has performed in the top 20% of schools nationally. As always, it is a pleasure to be able to share in the many achievements of this half term. It has been a particularly busy time for PE, including participating in the Futsal World Championships, achieving badminton successes and an exciting visit to Derby County. There have also been several swimming accomplishments, not to mention the Basketball U14 winners. Furthermore, we have enjoyed sharing our pupils' successes during the Aim Higher assemblies, continued to forge links with employers during the curriculum enhancement opportunity with BAE systems and visited the theatre. In terms of literacy, the library has been a hive of activity during the Scholastic Book Fair and pupils participating in the Languages Department pen pals' scheme have been delighted to receive letters from France. Importantly, our Year 11 pupils are working very hard during lessons, after school intervention and Saturday sessions at this critical stage of their school life and I'd like to thank you as parents for your ongoing support. It's remarkable to note how much has been achieved in such a short half term and it is testament to the hard work and dedication of both pupils and staff alike. I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing half term break.

Principal, Mrs Dewland



Hotline

February 2019



Healing Maintains Its Success!

Healing School celebrated confirmation it had had another outstanding year following publication of the Government's performance league tables.

The Department for Education's key measure, Progress 8 – which illustrates the improvement made by pupils from entering secondary school in Year 7 to leaving in Year 11 - was an 'above average' 0.41.

It meant 2018 was the third successive year Healing had been significantly above the national average, and performing overall in the top 20% of schools nationally. Healing School Principal Michelle Dewland was 'delighted'.

"Every parent wants to be reassured their child is making good progress at school and that's why progress is the Department for Education's preferred measure," Mrs Dewland said.

"Our above average rating this year is not a one-off. Consistently, the school's performed higher than the national average and in the top 20% of schools nationally.

"Everybody should take an enormous amount of credit for that – our pupils, staff, governors and parents who do so much to support their children. I thank them all. "Our broad and balanced curriculum ensures we maintain our academic strength but also supports pupils in their pursuit of excellence and enjoyment in the arts, music and sport. "Exams are important but this school develops well-rounded individuals prepared for all forms of challenge in today's world."

Above: Year 8 pupils, Amir Hussain, Louis Atkin, Clementine Marshall and Eva Ashton-Siviter.

BAE Systems Roadshow

On Monday 11th February BAE systems, Royal Navy and RAF came into school to speak to Year 8 pupils about Communication Technology.

They discussed with pupils how their mobile phones actually work and how that technology is applied in real life including how it is used in submarines.

Students participated in a number of activities from using night vision goggles to identify items in the dark, racing gyroscope with programming skills and calculating the number of turns a zorb ball would make to travel across the hall. The afternoon was very entertaining and demonstrated how pupils can apply what they are learning in Maths, Science and IT in the real world. They also found out a little about the career opportunities these organisations offer.

We would like to thank the BAE Roadshow team for giving up their time to come and see our pupils and sharing their technology with us.

Miss Henshall

Support Your Child's Learning Event: 20th March 2019

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Scholastic Book Fair Promotes Reading

Pupils across all year groups recently attended the Scholastic book fair held in the library.

They had the opportunity to browse over 200 of the most current and popular titles for young people and purchase the books at discounted prices. There were also posters, stationery and book bags available.

The book fair was held to encourage reading and to promote literacy. The pupils really enjoyed talking to each other and staff about their favourite books and making recommendations to each other.

Over the course of the week, pupils spent almost £500 on books and as way of a thank you for holding the event, Scholastic rewarded the school with £160 worth of books to be chosen from the Scholastic website to add to the school library.

Mrs Leeman



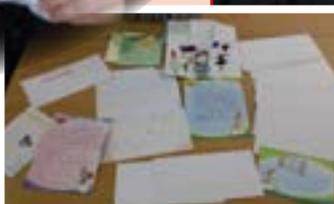
Enjoying the Scholastic book fair:

Top: Year 7 boys: William Owen, Michael Grills and Nikodem Biegun.

Far left: Year 7 girls: Madeline Barnett and Chloe Hillman.

Left: Year 9 pupils: Finley Buxton and Sophia Dolan.

Right: Just a small selection of the many letters received from pen-pals in France!



French Pen-Pals Scheme

Pupils in Years 7-9 were delighted this month to receive a response from new pen-pals in France.

Initially, the exchange of letters was set up for pupils attending MFL club, however this has grown across all Y7-9 French classes.

Pupils are writing letters about themselves, using vocabulary learnt in recent months. Mrs Bywater then sends them off in a big batch to the school in France. The school is called Collège Olympe de Gouges and is located in Ingwiller.

Pupils were so excited when their letters arrived this week and some have even written letters to 3 or 4 different pupils in the school. We have literally had over 100 responses from interested French pupils!

The idea materialised when a teacher from the local area moved to France to teach and approached the MFL department to see if Healing pupils would be interested in corresponding. We are pleased the pen-pal idea has been such a success!

Mrs Bywater

Blood Brothers Theatre Trip

Blood Brothers is a play studied for both the GCSE English Literature exam and as part of BTEC Performing Arts.

On 13th February, pupils ranging from Year 9 to 11 were captivated by the fantastic performance at The Theatre Royal in Nottingham.

Blood Brothers is the heart-breaking story of Mickey and Edward, two brothers separated at birth but brought together again through an unlikely friendship. Thank you to all pupils for their impeccable behaviour throughout the evening.

Mrs Codd





Above: Year 11 pupil, Macey Sixsmith (centre) receives the aim higher award from Grimsby Institute Vice Principal, Claire Foster (left) with Healing Vice Principal, Mrs Smith (right).

Aim Higher Assemblies 2019

This term, pupils in Years 9, 10, and 11 were rewarded for their commitment, attendance and reliability at the schools 'Aim Higher' assemblies.

The presentations were attended by guest speakers from Franklin College, engineering training provider HETA and representatives from Grimsby Institute.

The assemblies are undertaken to encourage and recognise pupils who are committed to "going the extra mile." Although GCSE grades are important, Mrs Dewland believes it is also important to recognise the personal attributes of young people who work hard and strive to be the best they can in terms of effort and reliability - attributes that will serve them well in the workplace.

Miss Henshall



Above and left: Year 7 pupils created some interesting creatures that adapt to their environments.

Below: Year 8 pupils learnt about the impact of our waste on the World.

Creative Science Projects For KS3

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 and been using their imagination and creative flair to deliver two projects they were set this term.

Year 7 pupils have been learning how life adapts to its environment and designed hybrid animals that have features and abilities that would help them to survive and thrive in their habitat.

Year 8 pupils have been learning about how our resources and habits affect our environment, in particular, recycling. Pupils created sculptures from materials that would otherwise be thrown away and we now have them on display in the Science department.

Mr Lamb



Formula 24 Racing Team 2019

Earlier this month, the Team Leaders of the Formula 24 racing team went to Online Designs & Engineering in Immingham to start construction of the vehicle they hope will bring them success in the 2019 Formula 24 competition.

Once completed, the car will be transported to school where the whole F24 team will be working together to improve performance and to practise for our first race on the 9th March.

The team face stiff competition from other schools in the region, so we are hoping that the skill and enthusiasm of our pupils stands them in good stead.

Miss Henshall



The Formula 24 team work well together to create the racing car that they hope will win for Healing School.



NSPCC Number Day Fundraising Event 2019

On Friday 1st February, Pupils took part in the annual fundraising event - NSPCC number day.

Prior to the day, pupils attended assemblies to learn about why it is so important to support charities like the NSPCC. This year, the main way we showed our support was by organising a cake sale. Some of the cakes were even suitably decorated with mathematical symbols! Overall, pupils and staff raised just under £200 for the NSPCC charity.

The Maths department would like to thank everyone who brought cakes, helped with the sale and supported this event.

Miss Thompson



Above: Year 7 pupil Ruby Turner tucks into a chocolate cake.

Left: Members of the student council who ran the cake sale made sure they got a cake before the rest of the school descended!

Tattoo And Mono Print Workshop

Last month, Year 10 pupils visited Grimsby Institute to take part in a tattoo art inspired workshop.

Pupils worked with students studying Art at the college and looked at traditional maritime tattoo images and then created a variation on the theme by designing their own. They then enjoyed a demonstration of mono printing and then had the opportunity to try their hand at printing.

The pupils enjoyed the experience and it highlighted the wide range of techniques used in the Art world.

Mrs Elliot



Pupils watch a demonstration of mono printing and learn about different print techniques used.



Swimming Championships

This month, pupils across all year groups and representing GAST and CADS took part in the Yorkshire County Swimming Championships.

Eve Linton (Yr10) came 4th in the finals. Callum Nurse (Yr8) won 2 silvers. Cecilia Linton (Yr 7) won bronze in the 50m final. Lucy Wood (Yr 7) won bronze and Joe Ward (Yr 10) qualified for 200m fly and breaststroke. Squad captain, Alex Woods, representing GAST won one silver and one bronze.

Next week the team will compete in relays and sprints in Sheffield. Healing School is behind you guys, good luck!

Miss Arnold

Right: Super swimmers; Eve Linton, Joseph Ward, Lily-Mae Stratton, Lucy Wood, Cecilia Linton and Callum Nurse.

Below: Overall swimming squad captain, Alex Woods.





U14's Basketball

We are very proud of our two KS3 basketball teams this term.

Both teams came 1st and 2nd place out of 11 teams at the Grimsby and District U14's basketball tournament.

This is a fantastic result for these strong, fearless teams who are undoubtedly on top of their game. Excellent work boys!

Mr Norman

Above:
The Healing
KS3 basketball
tournament
winners.

Below: *The KS4*
futsal team in
Barcelona, with
younger players.

Amazing Experience For Futsal Team

On Boxing Day, 8 pupils accompanied by family members and Mr Vincent, flew to Barcelona to participate in the World Champion Futsal Championships.

The British team, all aged 14 or 15 years old, were one of only 3 European teams in the tournament. There is already interest in the team attending trials for the England U19 team later this year, which would be a phenomenal outcome.

Pitted against teams from Spain, Brazil, USA, Argentina and Australia, the boys were finally defeated 7-9 by Japan. Overall, the boys finished in 6th place in the World league and 2nd place in terms of the European teams.

I would like to say thank you to every who has helped fund the experience and supported us in so many different ways. We can't stress how proud we are of the boys. This is an amazing achievement and we are looking forward to seeing what the future holds for you.

Mr Vincent



Above: *Manning reception and trying out the facilities in the physio room.*
Left: *The Yr 7 five-a-side football team.*

Year 7 Five-a-side Football

Last month, some of our Year 7 pupils had the amazing opportunity to represent both the school and district in the English Schools' Football Association five-a-side competition at the Derby soccerdrome.

Although the boys didn't win, they were an absolute credit to the school and put in a 100% performance.

Afterwards, the pupils took a tour of the Derby stadium and were able to get a great insight into what goes on behind the scenes of a game. They were also impressed by the excellent resources and facilities that were available and were able to view the physio room.

The boys were so polite and well behaved that the tour guide commented on how much she had enjoyed taking them round.

Mr Norman



Badminton Tournament Medalists

On Tuesday 5th February 12 pupils from KS3 and KS4 competed in the Humber School Games Badminton competition at The Pods in Scunthorpe.

Our KS3 pupils competed in the morning, with the girls playing matches against Frederick Gough (North Lincs), St. Mary's College (Hull) and Wolfreton School (East Riding). The boy's matches were against Frederick Gough (North Lincs), St Mary's College (Hull) and Beverley Grammar School (East Riding).

All pupils played really well against tough competition and represented the school fantastically. There were some good, individual wins for both the girls and the boys, both finishing 4th in the County overall!

The KS4 boy's competed in the afternoon, playing matches against Vale Academy (North Lincs), Malet Lambert (Hull) and Longcroft (East Riding). The standard of the boys game was fantastic, with many county players competing.

Mrs Dickinson



Above top : KS3 boys, Oscar Blanchard, Jack McGill, Louie Purdham and Billy Mumby.

Above centre: KS4 boys team, Josh Macleod, Will Knezervich, Max McGill and Sam Torrance.

Above below: KS4 girls, Lucy Ornsby, Holly Potter, Sophie Oldridge and Cerys Trowers.

Year 9 Pupil County Rugby Success

A huge congratulations to Sophie Oldridge in Year 9 who has been selected to represent the County for the U15 Nottinghamshire Lincolnshire and Derbyshire Rugby team.

Sophie impressed the County coaches during the selection process with her determination and high level of Rugby skills at such a young age. Sophie currently plays for Newark Girls Under 15s and was talent spotted by coaches who invited her to the County Rugby trials.

Sophie has been playing rugby since the age of 7 years and is a keen sportswomen at school having been selected for the Netball, Badminton, Athletics, Tennis, Hockey and Table Tennis

Mrs Yeadon

DATES for your diary

- **Thursday 7th March:** World Book Day
- **Fri 29th/Sat 30th March:** Year 10 London Trip
- **Mon 2nd/Tue 3rd April:** Geography Field Trip
- **Tuesday 3rd April:** Year 9 Parents' Evening
- **Friday 5th April:** Year 10 Enterprise Day

End of Term

Amazing Success For Healing Athlete

Year 11 pupil, Archie Yeo recently smashed the long jump record at The North of England Championships.

Archie competed in both the long and triple jump for the U17 boys and won gold in both. His Long Jump broke the Northern record which has stood from 1984 (it was 6.98m) as he jumped 7.07m in the 4th round and 7.33m in the 5th round. This jump has put him 2nd in the World U18 rankings.

In March, Archie will go to Loughborough University to work with the National jump coaches on a talent programme. They will use technical equipment to check his VO2 consumption, plus train his coach and offer mentoring with competitions through the year.

Although he would like his GB vest, at the moment Archie is still too young for those competitions so aims to stay focused over the summer and continue to improve his distances.

Archie said: " I had been jumping over 7m in training but I'm happy to have achieved it in a competition and secured a record in the process. It keeps me motivated to train"

Below: Jumping into first place, Healing pupil Archie Yeo.





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Support Your Child's Learning Event

Wednesday 20th March 2019: 5.15 - 7.00pm

On Wednesday 20th March 2019, Healing School will be hosting the annual Support Your Child's Learning in Science, English, Maths, Humanities and Foreign Languages event.

Parents of Year 5 pupils are invited to attend the event with their children, for an evening of interactive games and activities. The event is designed to help parents understand how their children will be taught key subjects in secondary school and give a range of helpful tips and resources to support learning at home. It also gives primary children an insight into the subjects they will be learning when they move up to Year 7 and hopefully dispel any worries they may have.

Places for the event are limited and available by **booking only**, so if you wish to attend, please complete the booking form **via the school website** to reserve your place.

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