

Healing Hotline

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Message from the Head

Dear Parent/Guardian/Supporters of Healing School,

I trust you will enjoy catching up with our news in this first edition of Hotline for the Spring Term. In particular may I draw your attention to the following items:

(i) The article by Miss O'Hare detailing the intensive programme of support for Year 11 as they enter the most important phase of their school career to date—only 14 weeks to go before their first written GCSE examination! Of course, the first precursor of examination success, is to ensure your child attends school everyday throughout this vital period. With your support and the additional help from the school we can maximise the examination chances of ALL of our Year 11 pupils.

(ii) The marvellous response from our pupil community to an appeal by Alex Wilkinson 's family to raise funds, in their son's memory, for the Grimsby Town Football Club's Handicapped Supporters Organisation and LIVES. Alex, a well liked and respected Year 10 pupil, passed away in the Christmas holidays. This terrible loss has been felt keenly by all within our community.

May I wish those families who are intending to take a break during the half term, a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. We look forward to the safe return of all our pupils on Monday, 20 February 2006.

Mrs A Addison
Headteacher

Message from the Governing Body

At the Governors' Meeting on 23 January, 2006, the Governors voted unanimously to consult all stakeholders (including Parents) on whether Healing School should change its status and become a Foundation School. The Governors believe that the increased autonomy the school would enjoy with Foundation Status would assist the staff in their quest to make our good school truly outstanding.

The school would remain a Comprehensive School with the same admissions criteria and for our existing pupils there would be no disruption to their education. All parents will receive further information about this important matter prior to the formal consultation period, which will take place between 27 February 2006 and 24 March 2006.



Sports Headlines

Skegness U15's 1, Healing U15's 8 in the National Specialist Schools' Football Cup.

The team asked if we could dedicate our game in memory of Alex Wilkinson which was a lovely gesture. The players wore black arm bands and we had a minutes silence from both sides before the match.

Not having played the Grammar before meant that the boys were a little apprehensive but were soon on top of the opposition. The unstoppable Callum Blanchard was soon on the score sheet with a very well taken goal only to see Skegness hit the



equaliser 10 minutes later due to a defensive lapse in concentration. This was much against the run of play. The Healing 'Mean Machine' was soon in motion with the midfield of Ali Mills, Captain Drew Rhoades, Richard Simpson and Danny Freeman dominating the game and Callum and James Sorenson (thunderbolt) and Danny adding to the score. Richard and Drew were very unlucky not to add to the score on numerous

occasions.

Healing made five substitutes in the second half but Skegness were unable to break out of their half. After a string of fine saves from their keeper, Super Sub Joe Bowden, Captain Fantastic Drew, a delicate chip from Jamie Steel and a tap in by Jake Fursman took the score to eight!!



Special mention should go to the Healing defence who were outstanding in everything they did and broke the hearts of the Skegness forwards with their no nonsense defending. It is one of their best performances as a unit we've seen and they've had some good games.

Their teacher summed up the match when he said "we expected to get slaughtered and you didn't disappoint us. What a nice bunch of lads you've got there who played with dignity and respect!" I am biased so it's nice to hear from outsiders that the boys are gaining the respect of other schools through their mature approach. Long may it last!!

The boys did Alex proud!!!

J Molloy

Alex Wilkinson Day

On the 10th of March, a fundraising day will be taking place in memory of Alex Wilkinson. We will be raising money for the Grimsby Town Football Club's Handicapped Supporters Organisation and L.I.V.E.S, the rapid response team that attended to Alex.

On this day, a number of events will be taking place: cakes and biscuits will be sold to pupils at break times; a raffle will be drawn, football and netball shoot outs will be taking place, plus many more. We are also hoping that some of the Grimsby Town Football players will come into the school to release sponsored balloons and draw the raffle. An auction has also been suggested, with

the main items being a signed photograph of George Best and a signed Grimsby Town Football shirt.

We have been asking the students whether they have any more fundraising ideas. Likewise, if you have any ideas, please don't hesitate to contact the school. If your business can donate any prizes or money to this special event, please contact the school office on 01472 502400.

Christina Hostad and Stephanie Simpson and Middle School Council

Council for Young People

On Thursday 26th January, 13 Upper School pupils attended the Council for Young People 2006 elections. The conference ran throughout the day at the Queen Elizabeth Hotel. The morning consisted of group exercises, which were designed for participants to practice negotiating and persuading skills in real life situations. The afternoon consisted of debates which resulted in the election. The day also allowed pupils to mix with other schools, which broke stereotypes and allowed friendships to form.

Rachel Clare
10SA

Year 11—Every pupil counts and so does every minute!

Please find listed below the comprehensive range of strategies in place to support Year 11 in their final push towards GCSE examination success:

1. Year 11 reports have now been issued and mock results show many pupils are on track to meet their GCSE target grades. To acknowledge individual pupils' successes we have introduced the Healing School Success Club for those pupils who are on track to meet their target grades by the end of Key Stage 4. Indeed some pupils have exceeded their current individual target grades.

To support pupils further during this key phase, leading up to their examinations, we have already introduced a number of additional programmes detailed below. Support is available for ALL pupils with additional help on offer to those currently below their personal targets.

2. Year 11 Study support

We have successfully bid for funding for the British Academy of Advanced Training. The programme will be delivered to all year 11 pupils and is run by Dr. Paget, a leading authority on thinking skills and emotional intelligence.

3. Subject specific revision lessons

All key stage 4 subjects offer a full range of additional lessons to support pupils, both lunchtime and after school, co-ordinated by Heads of Faculty.

4. Subject specific intensive revision

Some subjects will deliver more intensive and focussed revision sessions e.g.

- (i) ICT during February half-term
- (ii) Science during Saturdays leading up to the final examination. Pupils have already been offered a place on these additional sessions.

5. GCSE Support programme Easter 2006

The programme will be delivered over the 4 days immediately before the Easter weekend and is co-ordinated by Franklin College with funding from Aimhigher. Subject areas include GCSE Mathematics, English, and ICT. Individual pupils have already indicated their interest in the programme and provisional numbers have been forwarded to Franklin College. After half-term places will be confirmed by letter from Franklin College.

6. C/D borderline mentoring

The mentoring process for pupils currently at or below 5 A*-C GCSE grades is already underway. After half-term parents will be informed of the individual targets set for their child.

Pupils requiring further support will also receive mentoring from the Learning Mentor, their tutor or Mr. Twinning.

7. CPSHE module of work on revision strategies.

During CPSHE pupils will complete an important revision skills unit of work.

8. SAM learning

Pupils have access, at home and school, to the on-line programme of study support at www.samlearning.co.uk. Then click on 'Login Here' and ensure centre ID is DN37HC. This site has excellent revision materials for all subjects. Please encourage your child to access this site either at home or at school.

Miss O'Hare

Lost Property Success!

Recently it has been very helpful and successful when parents have made an appointment with Matron to come into the school to locate their child's lost property. An appointment can be made with one of the Premises Staff for after school if it is not possible for you to do so during the day.

Please ring the office on 502400 in order for this to be made possible.

In order to avoid this please ensure that all school wear is clearly labelled with your child's name.



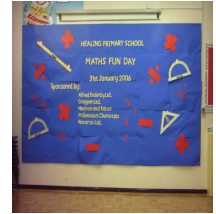
Healing Primary Numeracy Day

On the 31st January 18 Year 10 pupils accompanied me to Healing Primary school to assist at their Numeracy day, sponsored by Millennium, Novartis, Hodson & Kauss, Gray Pen and Alfred Enderby.

The walk to the school was the most surreal experience as we were overtaken by 3 blind mice, a dice, the queen of hearts and C3PO! The primary pupils had dressed in characters that had a numerical connection, not to mention the primary staff who were snow white and the seven dwarves. After an amusing assembly, presenting prizes to the best fancy dress, the Year 10 worked alongside the younger pupils helping them to solve

problems, work on the computers and giving clues

when the questions just got too hard! Some of our pupils set up treasure hunts, hiding pictures of ladybirds in the school grounds. I spent the morning demonstrating our new Activote system. This is the new technology within the school that allows pupils to vote on a keypad – similar to ask the audience on ‘Who wants to be a millionaire?’ The day was a huge success with all the pupils young and old enjoying the experience. Thank you to Mr Wilkinson for his organisation, Mr Hanson for allowing us into his school and Mr Short for making the technology work!



Mrs Yeo

Secondary Schools Quiz Challenge 2006

Healing School was very well represented at this successful annual event, hosted by Hereford Technology School. We entered two teams into the event. Our Under 13 team consisted of Lauren Hebdon and Neil Redding Year 7, Helena Dowell and Matthew Scrimshaw Year 8. The Under 15 team was made up of two students from each of years 9 & 10 – Alessandra Piper and William McNally (Year 9), Thomas Gibson and Victoria Hudson (Year 10).

The two teams competed against the other 11 secondary schools in N.E. Lincolnshire, answering questions on Recent News, Science and Maths, Sport, Books and Media, Music and Humanities. In addition they had to identify some famous faces and places in the two picture rounds.

The team work and competitiveness of our students was great to see. The Under 13 team unfortunately lost out on 3rd place by just two points.

Under 13 Results:

1 st Hereford	69pts
2 nd Lindsey	68pts
3 rd Tollbar	65pts
4 th Healing	63pts

The under 15 competition was very close all the

way and resulted in a play off for 1st place between Lindsey and St Marys.

The final positions were as follows:

Under 15 Results:

1 st Lindsey	58+1 pts
2 nd St Mary's	58pts
3 rd Western	57pts

with Healing coming a respectable 5th with 52 points.

The “GDQL Secondary Schools Quiz Challenge Champions” perpetual trophy goes to the school with the highest combined score from the two age groups. It probably comes as no surprise from the results above, that Lindsey quite deservedly won the Trophy this year – strong competitors from the start. Tollbar (last year’s champions) came in 2nd with Healing achieving an admirable and well deserved 3rd place.

All our students were a credit to themselves, their teams and the school. Special mention must go to Neil Redding who was the strength behind the Under 13 team and I am sure we will see him competing again in the future.

As an a side – the Healing Staff team (consisting of Mrs Short, Learning Mentor and myself) WON the staff quiz – you see, we’re not as daft as we look!!!

Mrs H McLoughlin.

Shakespeare for Sats: Thursday 30th March

In preparation for the English Sat's, I have arranged for this Drama workshop to be held during lessons 4 and 5 in the New Hall. It will involve all of Year 9. The event did prove very valuable last year.

Mrs A Smith

