

Healing Hotline 'SPECIAL EDITION'

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Messages from the Head

"HEALING HITS THE HEADLINES"

This special edition of 'Hotline' has been produced to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our fine pupils throughout the marvellous month of May. Are we showing off - you bet your life, we are!

First mention must go to our magnificent U14 Football Team for their success in reaching the ESFA, 4 Aces, U14 Football Final, at the Walkers Stadium, Leicester, on 11th May 2005. Although the team were denied victory, in spite of a spirited performance, there can't be many local football teams who have had a Grimsby Telegraph Supplement printed about them! (Several wry sports fans noted that our team attracted more coverage than Grimsby Town!)

Pride and dignity were restored to this talented squad when they won the U14 Ron Ramsden's Cup Final, at Blundell Park, on Friday 13th May 2005. Incidentally, Johnny Molloy's "Bonnie Lads" have revelled on the hero status bestowed on them by their travelling supporters. They have been very busy posing for photographs, signing autographs and loaning out their tracksuit tops to their girl fans! Still buzzing with excitement from the football, the school was then treated to a dazzling display of talent by our pupils in the cast of the "Seasons" production. This show, written and produced by Andrew Hudson, wowed a sell out audience on 17th and 18th May 2005. Like the football, the show also attracted excellent press coverage and superlative comments from members of the audience eg "I had no idea I was going to be treated to such a professional show, I normally only go to shows in London".

Finally, on Friday 20 May 2005, the school hosted a concert by the Swing Band from the Grimsby and Cleethorpes Youth Orchestra. (Organised by Bob Bloomfield to raise funds for Keelby and Healing Methodist Chapels). Guest of honour was Melanie Dickerson, Mayor of North East Lincolnshire.

For some of the band, they were playing on home territory since a number of them are our very own pupils! (Is there no end to the talents of our young people?)

The professional standards, and varied, and demanding, repertoire played by this band had the audience applauding loudly and begging for an encore. The enjoyment of the evening was due in no small measure to the inimitable Leo Solomon, who conducted the Senior Band, and his "apprentice" Alex Frost, who conducted the Junior Band.

In conclusion, TV may have had the "X Factor" but Healing School has enjoyed hosting the 'feel good factor' throughout May! Great credit must go to all of the players and performers who have showcased their talents in this period and to their fellow pupils who have supported them loyally (and loudly) throughout. Thanks also to the staff, parents, governors and friends of Healing School in the local community for helping our talented pupils to fulfil their potential. Healing School is a Specialist Science College, which is rightly proud of its high academic standards, but it is also a Community in which individual talents and aspirations are nurtured and valued.

A Addison



Our grateful thanks to Mr Pete Dunwell for the photographs

11th May 2005

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A PASTORAL HEAD

As the year 9 football team's proud Head of Year, it gives me great pleasure to be asked to write this article for a very special edition of the Healing Hotline.

What a major achievement these youngsters have earned. The road has not been easy to a prestigious England Schools' Cup Final. These boys have trained relentlessly under Mr Molloy's coaching (for which I thank him immensely). They have given of their time freely and been fully committed throughout. Their team spirit is next to none. All sixteen men work together for the greater good of the team and this is fine to see. Of course, there can only be one winner and it wasn't to be us - once we saw the skilful broad shouldered Victor Moses aged 14! There can only be one winner but as Lawrie McMenemy pointed out after the match 'there are no losers when you have reached the National Finals, both finalists are winners"! Their super star, Victor Moses was a handful but 'Little Healing' played with dignity and sportsmanship throughout the game.

A credit to Healing School and to me was the behaviour of the fans. The cheering, the chanting, incredible positive support to cheer our lads on. Now boys you have your medal and cap to treasure forever, to tell your children and grandchildren about! The memories of May 11th 2005 will live with you for ever and a day and so they should. A fine group of young men which I am so proud of, I could burst.

Clare Ranyard
Head of Middle School

11th May 2005

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A TRAVELLING REPORTER

As a journalist my job is primarily to report on people and the things they get up to.

Unfortunately, the nature of the beast, particularly with me being the crime reporter, means the majority of the time I spend relaying bad news.

What a change when I got the chance to follow Healing School on their adventure to the English Schools' FA cup final! Travelling down with the team coach, phoning in copy for the first edition of the paper was a real buzz. There was a real sense of anticipation in the air as we made our way down to the Walkers Stadium in Leicester, and what a stadium. I was very envious of the players as they warmed up on the perfect surface. The stands started to fill as the whole school, family and friends made the trip. And what support they gave. They were tremendous and I am sure when the players walked out onto the pitch, they got a rush of adrenaline and a feeling they will never forget.

As for the match, Healing were always up against it. It was a David and Goliath contest. But the side held its own and was undone by one player who has the ability to go all the way. The 5-0 score-line was not a fair reflection of the match and the lads will be disappointed but should not be disheartened.

Everyone at the school deserves a big pat on the back. It was a tremendous achievement to get to the final. The players, their manager Mr Molloy, the PE staff, the pupils for their unrivalled support and impeccable behaviour on the day and the family and friends who took time off work to make the journey. A special congratulations must go to Headteacher Ann Addison, for her enthusiasm and sheer guts in taking the whole school and making it an outing everyone could enjoy!

It was a fantastic day and one I felt proud to be part of and privileged to report on. I'm sure it is one we will all remember for a very long time.

Neil Preston, News Reporter -Grimsby Evening Telegraph

ALMOST A DREAM COME TRUE

Our journey which ended at the Walkers Stadium was incredible and almost a dream come true! My heart sank when I received our opponents in the first round, the mighty Wolfreton, the 2nd largest School in the country. Wolfreton always reach the latter stages of the English Schools competition and they were East Riding Champions, unbeaten since forming their team in year 7, so our 3-2 win in extra time was an indication it would take a good side to beat us. However, I realised that if we were going to have a good run in this competition, there was a lot of work to do. The most encouraging thing, was that the team were eager to learn and learned quickly and I was amazed how we moved from being a promising team to a very effective team. On moving out of the area we were county champions, playing other county champions and hammering them!

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To be honest I was disappointed with much of our opposition as we were so superior throughout the competition. Warrington was the most physical opponent but we showed that, as well as being able to out play teams we could out battle them as well. One huge turning point in the competition was the support from the School. The year 9 supporters made the difference in the semi final at Blackburn Academy and it captured the imagination of the rest of the School. The final didn't go the way we hoped but remove their striker and they would not have been able to live with us. It has been a great experience for all concerned and shows that with the right determination and effort, you can achieve your dreams in life and we live to fight another day!

John Molloy
Head of Year 7





Former Grimsby Town Boss, Lawrie McMenemy with the Healing School Football Team



Healing School v Tollbar School at the Blundell Park Football Ground Grimsby

SEASONS' PERFORMED TO SELL OUT CROWDS

'Seasons' exploded on to the stage at Healing School on the evenings of 18th and 19th May. The arts production, involving over 60 pupils from all years, was delivered to packed, sell-out audiences on both nights. As a result of this an astonishing £1430 was raised for the St. Andrew's Hospice from all ticket and raffle sales. The story of 'Seasons' explores the world of the impatient teenager, wishing to grow up more quickly than time seems to allow. Her dream comes true, and the 'Four Seasons of Life' pay her a visit to give her a vision of what life has in store in the future. The multi-talented Chelsea De-Vries played the lead role of Sophie. Chelsea worked with her equally talented co-stars, Laura Black, Jessica Hart, Kate Prior and Katie Stringer on the piece's choreography over half a year's lunchtimes and after school sessions. They represent an astonishingly able team. As with the Rock Challenge successes of 2001 and 2002, all the choreography was developed by the pupils themselves. These girls led a troop of promising dance talent from Years 7 to 9 to set and rehearse something like 24 minutes of dance.

Fused with the dance were sketches developing aspects of the various stages of life from enthusiastic childhood, through blossoming adulthood towards an eventual arrival at wise but possibly weary old age. Again, a large cast of talented and dedicated young people delivered their roles with character and enthusiasm. It would be unfair to single out some and not others for praise here as they all did so very well; however, particular mention must go to Daniel Birkett and Arron Jones, who stepped into their roles with only days to go. Thanks must go to Mrs. A. Smith and Miss. K. Gilby, who assisted Mr. Hudson in the casting and preparation of the scripted elements and also were the calm and collected stage managers for this production. Equal thanks must go to Mr. I Robinson for developing the choir's performance, the soundtrack and providing sound management on the nights. Ex-pupil, James Opie and Year 11 student, Carl Stanley proved highly professional in their delivery of the lighting.

Pupils Katie Hudson and Rosie Hollingsworth co-wrote parts of the 'Spring' phase of the drama: thanks must go to them for the loan of their gifted writing.

There are far too many people to thank: more than this space allows for now. However, a big thank you needs to go to all staff, parents and pupils involved in volunteering their time and energies towards this project in any shape or form. Thank you!

Andrew Hudson



NOTICES

1) June 6th, 2005 - New timetable for all pupils

All pupils will receive an "early promotion", this year, on their return from the Whitsun Half Term holiday eg.

- ⇒ Year 7 will become Year 8
- ⇒ Year 8 will become Year 9
- ⇒ Year 9 will become Year 10 (and start their GCSE courses)
- ⇒ Year 10 will become Year 11.

This move will enable all pupils to make a flying start to the next Academic Year's programmes of study before the Summer Break, on 19th July, 2005. In particular, it will provide current Year 9 pupils with an extra six weeks on their GCSE examination courses.



2) May 25th, 2005 - Official opening of the new classrooms and unveiling of the Science Logo Sculpture

Our new Science Laboratory, Maths Classroom and IT Suite were opened on May 25th by Councillor Steve Hocknell, Portfolio Holder for Education. The Sculpture commemorating our designation as a Science College, is now mounted on the wall outside the main entrance. The money for this sculpture was donated from the Alan Smith, Memorial Challenge Fund and Mrs E Owen and Mrs S Sheard, Friends of Healing School.



3) June 21st, 2005 - Open Evening for Year 5 pupils

Our Annual Open Evening for prospective pupils and their parents to visit the School will be held between 1730 and 1930, on Tuesday 21st June 2005. We look forward to welcoming visitors to the School. If this is the second Open Evening you have attended, we hope you will be impressed by the massive programme of refurbishment that has been undertaken here, in the last twelve months.

