

# Lincolnshire Teaching and Learning Centre

## WINTER NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to our Winter Newsletter from the LTLC. It has been another very busy half term, with a superb OFSTED visit on the 1st and 2nd November, and some really exciting things planned as we move forwards into the new year.

We are opening our Gainsborough site to some of our Key Stage 4 students from January, and we are really looking forward to the positive impact this will have on our students outcomes. Many of our KS4 students have also taken their Functional Skills English and Maths exams this half term, and we are awaiting the results—with resits scheduled in for the end of January for students to further improve their marks!

Our students have taken part in a variety of fundraising activities too this term, MacMillan bake sale and Children in Need to name but two. We have also worked with a local business in Horncastle to decorate their community tree with hand made decorations, and our enterprise project of handmade decorations will be raising money for charity too!

It has been a busy, exciting and invigorating term and we can't wait to see what the new year will bring. We are continuing to drive up standards and our website is being populated with more and more information for parents and carers.

We hope you have a wonderful Christmas, and a happy new year!

Lincolnshire TLC staff



Landlord, John Warkup of 'The Ship Inn', Horncastle hosts an annual Christmas fair and every year he invites a school from the local community to make the Christmas decorations to dress the 'community Christmas tree'. We were delighted this year when he invited BTLC to be a part of this community project. Students relished the opportunity to showcase their creative talents and eagerly set about making and decorating their very own Christmas baubles to adorn the tree. After two weeks (and what seemed like nearly 3 ton of glitter, paint and PVC glue!) the baubles were finally ready to go.....

On Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, a party of student representatives visited 'The Ship Inn' to meet the landlord and take up the challenge to dress his community Christmas tree. John was amazed by the students talents and was truly impressed with the finished tree that the students created.

As their Centre Manager I am truly astounded by the hidden talents and artistry held by the students concerned. They grasped the challenge by the horns and I for one am prouder than a partridge in any pear tree of their outstanding achievements!



*Baumber students and our decorated Community Tree in the Ship Inn, Horncastle*



*Cakes by Liam and Courtney, trees by Secondary 1!*





## Baumber News

It has been a very exciting start for all of the staff and students here at Baumber, since we opened this half-term. We negotiated an Ofsted visit on only our second day and the students and staff really did themselves proud. Since then we have been working really hard to secure qualifications in English and Maths which has meant completing formal examinations over the past two weeks! Results will be in just after the Christmas break but fingers crossed for all involved – they have worked incredibly hard and deserve success. Outside of the classroom we have embarked on a series of reward trips/visits – these have included bowling in Lincoln, Go-karting in Grimsby, drone flying, as well as a visit to Mablethorpe!

## Lincoln News

We have been working really hard on our KS3 theme of Myths and Legends. Students have created clay masks, their names in Greek lettering and have learned some classic Greek dishes in Food Tech! We have been writing mythological tales and creating our own classification for mythical creatures in Science. There are some spectacular pictures on our twitter feed and they will be on our website too!

Here are two of our amazing masks made by Secondary 2



## Boston News

We've had a fabulous term learning about Street Detective, A Child's War and Myths and Legends. As well as that the entrance way has been transformed into a page from a Roald Dahl novel courtesy of our very own Van Gogh, Miss Leneghan!

The children have been hard at work completing their learning, building Anderson Shelters, writing poems, and investigating shapes, which we have loved showing off during our celebration assemblies and really anywhere we can – even the windows aren't safe!

And at the end of a hard working week the children in centre have had the opportunity to earn reward time with some children using our new kitchen, going to the park, building campfires and enjoying football with the Boston United coaches to name a few.



## The Midnight House by Jamie-Lei Dunne

The house was shouting,  
The lights went off,  
The windows were calling my name.  
As I climbed the tree,  
The branches reached out,  
To move the ghosts away.  
The fame left me as I watched him shout,  
All of this was a dream.  
I swayed my head and looked to the left  
to see him being mean.  
He looked at me, like I was a Queen,  
shouting at me to watch out!  
The lights turned on,  
The windows shut,  
And I walked back into the house...



Bella enjoying the slides  
at the park!

## *Important Information and Dates for your Diary!*

**Back to School!** Wednesday 4th January 2017

**Friday afternoons:** Students will be collected by taxis at 1:00pm from January.

**FAMILY LEARNING DAY!!!! Friday 10th February 2017**

**February Half Term Holiday:** Monday 13th February to Friday 17th February

**Easter Holiday:** Monday 3rd April to Monday 17th April (inclusive—we return Tue 18th April!)

**Spring Bank:** Monday 29th May to Friday 2nd June

**Summer Holiday:** Thursday 20th July

Please remember to ensure you have applied for **Free School Meals** if you are eligible.

Please let us know if you require more **uniform** for your child—this can be ordered for you.

### **Useful websites and Links**

<https://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/schools/free-school-meals/faqs-free-school-meals/100363.article>

[www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/childrens-centres/](http://www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/parents/childrens-centres/)

[www.nhs.uk/smokefree](http://www.nhs.uk/smokefree)

[www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/how-to-share-books/](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/children/how-to-share-books/)

[www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/lincoln](http://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/lincoln)

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