

# The Lincoln Low-down

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Hello and welcome to the first edition of The Lincoln Lowdown. The aim of this newsletter is to inform, entertain and involve; a reflection of how we aim to engage your children at the Lincoln Centre. It's been a long term since September, but the steps the students have made towards their individual goals and targets has been amazing. The staff here at Lincoln have a real passion for what they do and it's obvious they all care a great deal about the attainment, enjoyment and welfare of every student in the centre. Through partnership with you, I hope to continue in this fashion to ensure the best outcomes for everyone.

Continuing in the Lincoln style I'd like to end with a joke (something I do at the end of each morning's briefing).

Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?  
Santa Jaws!

Merry Christmas!

Mr Barnes

Head of Centre



## Introducing....

### Our Chair of Governors

Hello and Happy Christmas! Please allow me to introduce myself. I am the Chair of the Local Governing Body for Springwell Lincoln City Academy. I have been on the Governing Body since May 2017 and was elected Chair in January of this year. I have brought with me a great deal of experience in strategic planning and leadership, communication and innovative design and I am so very impressed with the culture of all these aspects already embedded in this setting, from the Executive Senior Leadership Team to all the staff who work so very hard in giving your children the best opportunities for their future in a safe, nurturing environment.

I enjoy my visits to the school and am always welcomed into a great environment for children and adults alike. It is an absolute pleasure to be part of it. I will continue to accompany the Leadership Team in ensuring that Springwell is a wonderful place for all who come through our doors.

I wish you a restful and enjoyable time throughout the festive period.

Steve Holloway



## Primary 1

In Primary 1 we have been learning about properties of materials in Science. We have also been painting salt dough bakery items. The boys do enjoy going on the iPads at choosing time! Riley has been using coins and base-10 when learning about money in maths this term. Our class won the scarecrow competition at Doddington hall so we were invited to choose a Christmas tree for our classroom – it is quite a large one! We have enjoyed our Christmas lunch too.



What a busy term  
we have had!



As a parent, if you need support there are several agencies that can help you:

- Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum - email [admin@lincspcf.org.uk](mailto:admin@lincspcf.org.uk) tel 07925 232466
- Liaise - email [liaise@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:liaise@lincolnshire.gov.uk) tel 0800 195 1635
- Look on the Lincolnshire Local Offer for details of support groups  
<http://search3.openobjects.com/kb5/lincs/fsd/localoffer.page?familychannel=2>  
email [fis@lincolnshire.gov.uk](mailto:fis@lincolnshire.gov.uk) or call 0800 195 1635.



## Primary 2

This term our class have enjoyed their topic on the Victorians, these are some of the things we have done:

- Looked at the features of Victorian properties in Lincoln
- Visited the Museum of Lincolnshire Life, where the children played at being Victorian school children and had a chance to do the laundry
- Visited the Victorian Prison at Lincoln Castle, where the children dressed up as prisoners, exercised in the prison yard and played the prison escape game - based on the real-life escape of a Victorian prisoner
- Made a Victorian milk loaf and Victorian apple cake in cooking
- Used decoupage to make Victorian scrap books

We have enjoyed decorating the Christmas tree and having our Christmas dinner! Next term our topic will be Frozen Kingdom which will include work on living things and their habitats, famous explorers and the Titanic. We are really looking forward to this!



As a centre, we have raised lots of money for charity - we have now raised just short of £500 since September for various charities. Thank you for all your support with this, it is really appreciated.



## Primary 3

Primary 3 have had a really positive start to the school year, working hard and having fun. We've been swimming, rock climbing, initially showing trepidation but now confident on both the bouldering wall and climbing the main wall, with the pupils even belaying each other in the last few weeks. As a rewards trip they have been to Playzone which was a resounding success.

This half term we've been out to The Museum of Lincolnshire Life to experience a Victorian School and laundry duties, we've been to the theatre to see Peter Pan where Tinkerbell and Smee taught the pupils how to sign. We've also been to Lincoln Castle to look at the Victorian Prison, and in between trips we've packed in our learning.

The boys have all signed up to TT Rock Stars and are loving learning their times tables this way. We've seen Santa and had daily advent treats from the advent calendar – milkshake at lunch, crisps for snack, fun and games with various members of the staff team who don't often get chance to be in class with the pupils. The boys also enjoy weekly meditation sessions.



From Primary 3, staff and pupils would all like to wish you a prosperous and peaceful Christmas and New Year!





## KS3A

For our PE lessons we have had the awesome opportunity to go trampolining!!! We started off learning how to land properly and this week have been doing full front flips. The class has really enjoyed this experience and made Miss Radford and Mr Colley proud with how determined they are and how quickly they can pick up the right techniques. Keep it up!!



This year in KS3A we have been cooking up a storm in the kitchen. Some of the delightful treats may have made it home for parents to try, but sometimes they don't as they are just too tasty! We have made a selection of dishes from mac and cheese, the class's personal favourite, to omelettes and cakes. Next term, we are focusing on homemade classics like chicken nuggets and cherry crumble - all favourites chosen by the students themselves. We can't wait to share our next kitchen adventures with you!



Merry Christmas from KS3A 😊



## Christmas Fun!

Why is it always cold at Christmas?  
Because it's in Decembrrrrrr



Who delivers Christmas gifts to Luke Skywalker?  
Star Claus

What can you get if you eat Christmas decorations?  
Tinselitus

What type of potato chip is Santa's favorite?  
Crisp Pringles



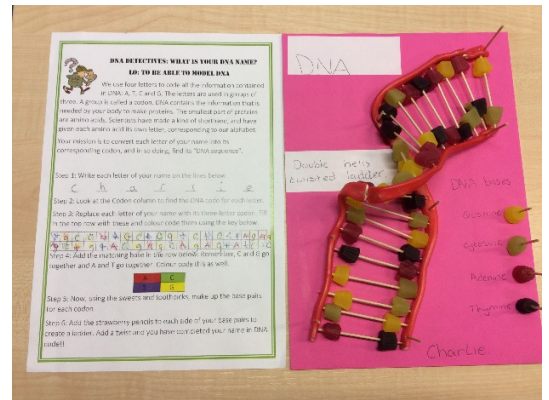
# KS3B

KS3B have been busy this term taking part in lots of fun activities as well as learning some interesting stuff!

We built models of DNA by using the code for our own names - each letter represents an amino acid. Fascinating stuff and tasty too as we used sweets to represent the nucleotides Adenosine, Thymine, Cytosine and Guanine.



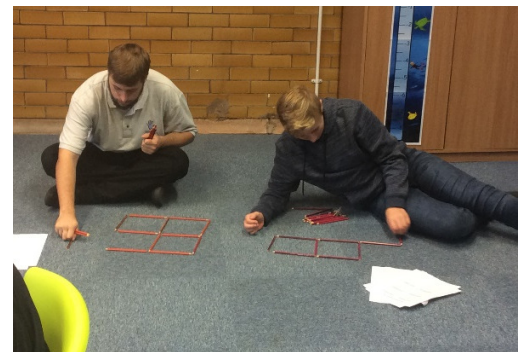
We also learnt to use microscopes.



We cooked recipes from around the world, and took part in sports activities



Miss made us do maths too, but even some of that was fun!



Happy Christmas from KS3B!





## Key Stage 4

As well as working hard on our GCSE work, in our Key stage 4 classes the students have also enjoyed cooking (and eating!!) some delicious dishes.

They have developed their marbling skills and have created some “marbellous” baubles and Christmas cards.



The science this term has been practical, with pupils extracting DNA from a strawberry using an extraction buffer (very technical!). They have also enjoyed going bowling as a treat.

**Merry Christmas from Key Stage 4!**





## Santa!

We have even had a visit from Santa and his elves too!



### Merry Christmas

Carols in the distance, laughter everywhere,  
I can smell Christmas floating in the air.

Candy canes and bon bons, angels top the tree,  
There's presents underneath it – one for you and me!

Tinsel wrapping round and round, candles light  
the night,  
Making Santa's journey sparkly and bright.

A very merry Christmas to your family, my friend.  
May your new year bring happiness and may the  
joyful times not end.

