

The Lincoln Low-down

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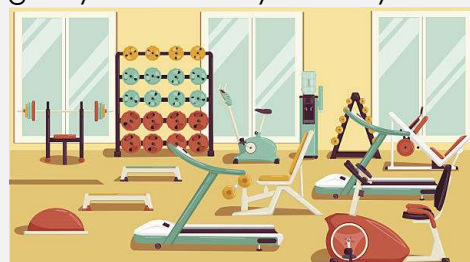
Dear parents/carers/guardians,

Hello and welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter. It's all change! We have a new name [Springwell Alternative Academy Lincoln] and we have a brand new, purpose built school. What a difference it has made! The building is great and the students are really benefiting from the new facilities. We have a good outdoor space, a Multi Use Games Area [MUGA], a bigger kitchen for food tech, a spacious hall, designated Key Stage zones and even a gym!

The students are really enjoying it which is evidenced through their positive attitude to learning, their behaviour and of course their smiles 😊

If you didn't get a chance to see the new site on the open day don't forget you can come and see the facilities and your child's work at the Family Learning Day on Thursday 18th July. Class teachers will be in touch with you to discuss the details.

Mr Barnes
Head of Centre



THINGS TO REMEMBER

You are
important and
you matter.

You
are
so
loved.

Your
mistakes
don't define
you.

It's okay
to ask
for help.

You are
allowed to
say no.

Your wants
and needs
are valid.



BY BEING YOURSELF,
YOU PUT SOMETHING
WONDERFUL IN THE
WORLD THAT WAS NOT
THERE BEFORE.

-EDWIN ELLIOT-

Primary 1

This term in P1 our topic has been Enchanted Forest so we have been looking at all things magical. We have created our own Gingerbread Man from the gingerbread fairy-tale, made rice crispy cakes from Hansel and Gretel and made lots of art using different resources from the woods like leaves and sticks!



We have also done some cooking, which we really enjoyed doing and eating. The children concentrated very hard!



We are enjoying using the outside area together. During playtime some of the classes joined together with Miss. Bailey to create their own aeroplane. They all took on different roles and played together. The children really used their imagination to act out their characters. The children (and staff) have been enjoying using the teepee too!



Primary 2

This term, in maths we have been learning about fractions and how we can show these in different ways. We used Numicon, Lego and Magnetix to help show a variety of different fractions.



In literacy, we have been learning about similes and onomatopoeia and all children made a poem containing these! Go P2! You clever lot!

We have also enjoyed a yoga session and an afternoon making iced buns but we didn't tell Mr. Barnes about the iced buns in case he tried to eat them all 😊



Primary 3

Primary Three have had a fantastic half term. We have been learning about volcanic volcanoes and edgy earthquakes as part of our topic work! We have learnt some very interesting facts and know all about the Richter scale now. We have been making buildings strong enough to survive an earthquake, and have worked well as both individuals and in pairs/teams. If you come into Primary Three.... be careful of the lava!



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

- Lincolnshire Parent Carer Forum - email admin@lincspcf.org.uk tel 07925 232466
- Liaise - email 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 or call 0800 195 1635.

Secondary 1



This term our Inquiry question was 'Why should we save our planet?' We have learned about how much plastic is in the ocean, how much plastic each street in the UK uses, the creatures in the ocean that it affects. We learned about deforestation because of palm oil. We learned that palm oil is disguised as vegetable oil in foods and is used in shampoos, washing liquids and soap. We have looked at the forest animals and how it is affecting the orangutans and we are making our own set of top trump cards of the animals affected in the rainforest. We have looked at persuasive words and have written to Tesco and Hugh Fearnley-Whittingstall about why we agree that Tesco should get rid of their single use plastic.



We have really enjoyed our visits to bushcraft where we have learned to make fires, make bread, burn bread (!), make stew and bolognese. We also started making shelters.

We've made cheesecake, rocky road and fairy cakes in cooking.

The new school building is really big. We like that there are better activity options for break times and the shared areas that we can use. We are looking forward to being able to use the gym in September.



Our inquiry question next half term is 'Do our choices really matter?'

Summer Fun!

Why is a football game a good place to go on a hot day?

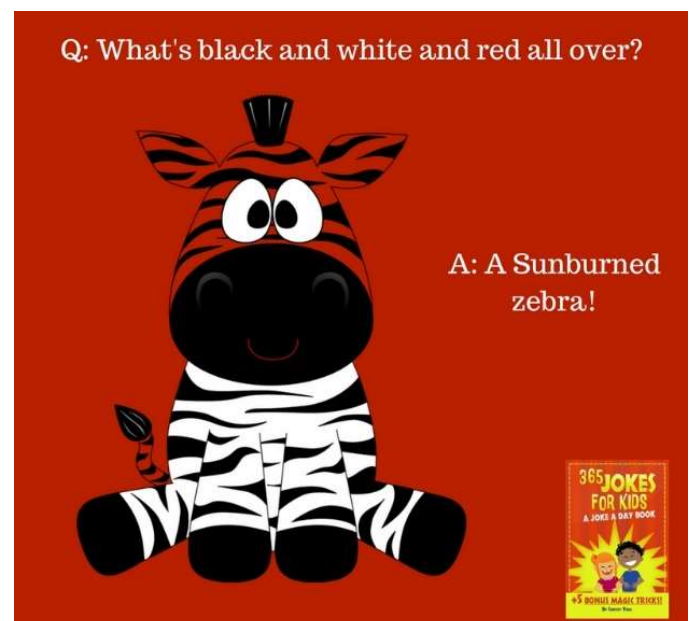
Because there are lots of fans!

Where do sharks go on summer vacation?

Finland!

Why didn't the elephant buy a suitcase for his summer vacation?

Because he already had a trunk!



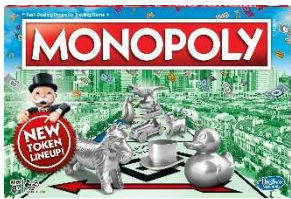
Secondary 2

This term has flown by! Secondary two have settled exceptionally well in the new centre and it has been a joy to get to know each other. We have been busy this term with our Inquiry topic of 'Can we save our planet?' We have been exploring a plethora of ideas from how to design things out of recycling

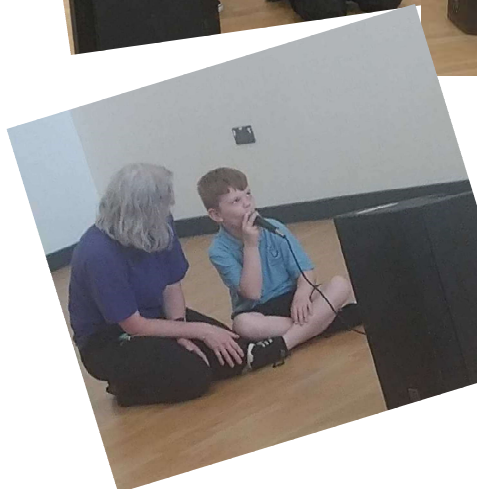
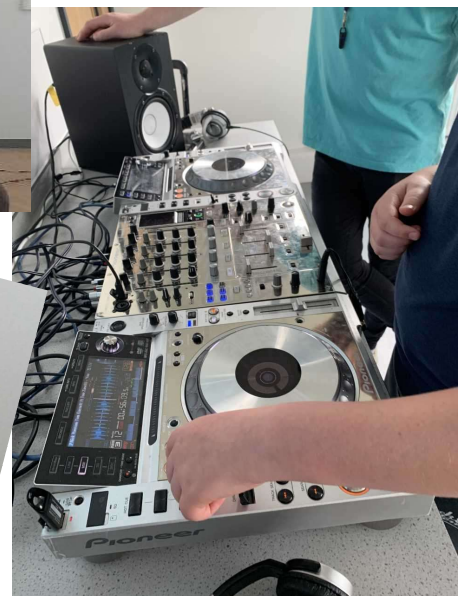


to the remote jungle tribes of South America. This term we have been learning some new skills in bush-craft and look forward to preparing the fire to make ourselves a well-earned cup of tea as well as cooking up a yummy treat. We have made burgers, spaghetti bolognese, chicken stew, toasted marshmallows and next week we are making our favourite... PIZZA!! It has been a successful term

for Secondary 2 earning lots of rewards for our excellent manners, team work and the gift of song (although, Mrs Rawding and Miss Dobbs should not give up their jobs and apply for X-Factor just yet!) We have been working really hard on our social skills too, by playing an old classic, and one of our favourite games, MONOPOLY!



We have had Noise Academy in to work with KS3 pupils and to do an assembly with everyone, where our students – and staff - very bravely had a go at beatboxing.



Secondary 3

Secondary 3 have had to hit the ground running this term. Not only have they all had to adapt to a new school and a new mix of students, but also to the new challenge of a KS4 curriculum!

They have made a great start on their entry level 3 Maths and English courses, with some ready to take their Reading, Writing and Maths exams before the end of term. They have also completed a level 1 AQA Unit award in science on 'The

Skeleton' and will also have completed a second award on 'The Senses.' And finally, most have completed the first unit of the Level 2 award in Personal Wellbeing, in which we have studied the idea of motivation.



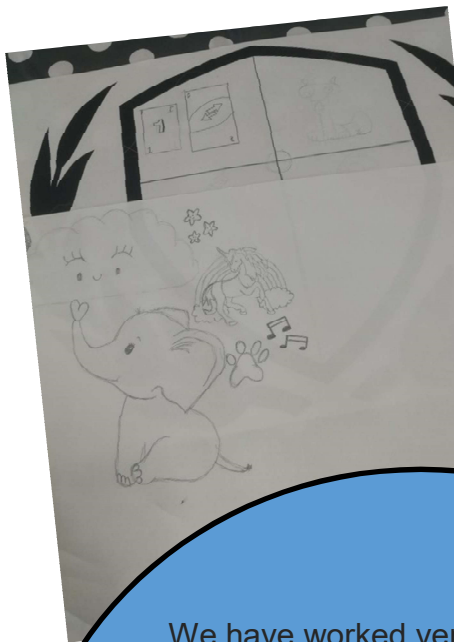
It hasn't all been hard work though. We have also had some fun completing the tower building challenge, improving our table tennis skills and taking part in the sports day races and rounders match.



Enjoy the holiday and a well-earned rest. See you in September.

Mrs Moss and Mr Wilson





We have had a lovely start in the new school. We have started to design our very own crests by drawing the things we like the most. We will then put them all together to make one big family crest for our classroom.

We have worked very hard this term preparing for our speaking and listening exam; some of the topics being discussed are: mental health and social media, animal cruelty, knife crime and if gaming influences violent behaviour.

We have also done an amazing job at achieving our targets each week on our 'Goals we've scored' board!



The glorious weather has meant we have been able to enjoy Art and English lessons outside at the local park! During these lessons we have collected sticks to make our own rustic photo frames, to sell on the family learning day.



Secondary 5

What an exciting end to the year! Students of Secondary 5, previously known as KS4A, were very impressed with their new surroundings and the new, and hugely improved, lunches! Changes can be difficult but, on the whole, students have managed amazingly well.

They have been preparing for their GCSE English Speaking and Listening and focusing on showing all their workings out to maximise their marks in Maths exams. In Science, they have been exploring Ecosystems and have managed to squeeze in some of the great programmes made by David Attenborough which have sparked off some fascinating conversations and given rise to a number of questions which they are researching the answers to. Managing Money has also been a focus for them and they have been exploring budgeting and the range of saving and borrowing options and their consequences.

Students have selected their options for next year and are looking forward to beginning their studies on those. Work experience planning is speeding ahead: one student has successfully had 2 days a week and is really enjoying the opportunities it gives him; another has set up and should be ready to start in September and for others, routes have been identified and CVs have been written.

All in all, a busy term with Sports Day, and they still have to look forward to the creation of our own ecosystems in our miniature ponds.



Things to do over the holidays!

Dinosaur Encounter

 **July 13; 2019** to September 8; 2019  **10:00am** to 4:00pm  The Collection



Be transported back in time to when dinosaurs ruled the land in this thrilling exhibition from London's Natural History Museum, at The Collection museum in Lincoln.

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Lincoln Beach

 **July 22; 2019** to August 31; 2019  **10:00am** to 4:00pm  Lincoln Cornhill



FREE

The beach comes to Lincoln city centre, complete with deckchairs, special appearances from Punch and Judy and of course lots of sand!

Lincoln Castle Victorian Extravaganza

 **July 27; 2019** to July 28; 2019  **10:00am** to 5:00pm  Lincoln Castle




Join us as we celebrate the spectacular, the inventive and the extraordinary at Lincoln Castle's Victorian Extravaganza!

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**JUL
27**



Museum's 50th Anniversary Weekend!

Public - Hosted by Museum of Lincolnshire Life

 27 Jul at 10:00 – 28 Jul at 16:00 UTC+01

 Museum of Lincolnshire Life
Old Barracks, Burton Road, LN1 3LY Lincoln, Lincolnshire

Lincoln 1940s Weekend

 **August 10; 2019** to August 11; 2019  **10:00am** to 5:00pm

 Lincoln Cathedral Quarter



FREE

Celebrate the spirit of 1940s Britain in Lincoln's Cathedral Quarter with two days of period and vintage activities and displays.

Asylum Steampunk Festival

 **August 23; 2019** to August 26; 2019  All Day  Lincoln Cathedral Quarter



See Lincoln transformed as the biggest and longest running Steampunk festival on Earth returns to the city for the 11th year.

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Interventions and support

The children often spend some time 1:1 with our Care Team and Intervention TAs. They are working on all sorts of things but they do seem to have a lot of fun along the way! It's been an amazing term and great to have met some amazing new students!! We do all sorts of things to support the students

during the day and we've had some great interventions together in our new centre.

We also have a school tortoise who has been a big hit!



As the Summer Holidays are approaching for those of you who still wish to reach out to someone take a look at these great resources –

SHOUT - Text service you can access on your phones 85258.

www.youngminds.org.uk

www.kooth.com

