
SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017

Lincolnshire Teaching and Learning Centre

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Dear parents, carers, visitors and pupils!

As you will see, it has been a very busy term here at LTLC. Students have been enjoying the 'Zombie' curriculum at KS3 where all of the subjects are linked to an overarching theme and students across all centers are getting involved in a range of interesting and stimulating activities.

The plans for Academisation are still on track and LTLC will (all being well) convert to Lincoln City Academy on April 1st. There will be no big changes in terms of staffing or organisation, but we join a very supportive family of schools in Wellspring Academy Trust. Staff will receive world class training from Wellspring colleagues and in just under two years' time, there will be four new free schools built in Lincolnshire for our young people to receive a high quality education in first class buildings!

I recently enjoyed a working trip to the Middle East where I was training middle leaders and teachers. I showed them some of the working practices we use at LTLC and they were all very impressed, and in awe of what our staff do every day. I wanted to share their opinions with you.

I hope that you enjoy the Easter break and I look forward to welcoming you to our centres to discuss your child's learning at any time.

Best wishes

Gill Kelly

Executive Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 18

Back to School!

APRIL 28

Tour De Yorkshire! – Like Tour De France... but closer!

MAY

Share A Story Month

TRANSPORT UPDATE!

Reminder to Parents – If your child is off school, please ensure you contact school with reasons why, we understand that you may tell the taxi driver, but we still need to speak to you directly.

If you are moving home or need changes to your child's current transport arrangements – Please note that it takes 5 days to for changes to happen with Lincolnshire County Council Transport! Thanks!

LINCOLN

Term 4 had a very exciting start for the students in Primary 2 in Lincoln as we headed off to Skegness Aquarium to start our topic called 'Blue Abyss'. The children had a great day observing all the animals and enjoyed completing the quiz and watching the diver at feeding time.

The children have completed some great work in English where we looked at the beautiful book 'Flotsam' and written some lovely descriptions of the setting. We have also been reading and acting out parts of '20 000 Leagues Under the Sea' ready to write our own stories.



BOSTON



Lots has been happening at Boston TLC this term. Many of the students have been helping to look after the horses at the Castledyke Equestrian Centre.

They have been involved in grooming, preparing the horses food and general stable duties. The children have also been able to experience horse riding on a mechanical horse!



GAINSBOROUGH

Our key stage 4 students at Gainsborough have been learning some real life skills and preparing for their post 16 education.



They are currently working towards a qualification in Construction. Darren, our Bricklaying instructor, is helping our students develop some really superb skills! Students in Gainsborough are also working on their P16 application forms for College, with many having already had visits and put in applications to make sure that they have a P16 destination!



BAUMBER

Students in Baumber have been working towards qualifications in a number of different areas! They have shown amazing talent and many have already passed Level 1 qualifications in Maths and English.

They have also been studying the 'Jamie Oliver BTEC' (BTEC Home Cooking Skills) and learning new recipes and skills every week. A small group of students have been going to a local equestrian centre and learning to ride, trot, canter and groom the beautiful horses there.

Other students are attending Horncastle's Squash club and increasing their fitness alongside their Squash skills!



MABLETHORPE



Primary have enjoyed the space theme this term. With their Cosmic Cave reading area and making papier mache planets.

We have also had a bit of competition in PE this term which was fitness. The boys have worked hard learning different muscles and what activities work those muscles. Mrs **Bower** is still champion of sit ups though, despite a very good effort from Jamaine and Dately. :-)

During Spring Term 2 Mablethorpe secondary students have been using and improving their detective skills to find the MTLC murderer. Students have used interviewing techniques, blood tracing and analysing foot and finger prints to enable them to track the killer down! As well as MTLC being full of budding Sherlock Holmes', secondary students have also fully embraced the zombie apocalypse theme improving reporting skills, costume design, persuasive writing as well as their drama skills. MTLC finished the theme by creating a zombie apocalypse project film. Featuring all the students on site as well as editing and sharing with other students. All students have worked extremely well this term and secondary students have shown that a brilliant start at MTLC reaps rewards.

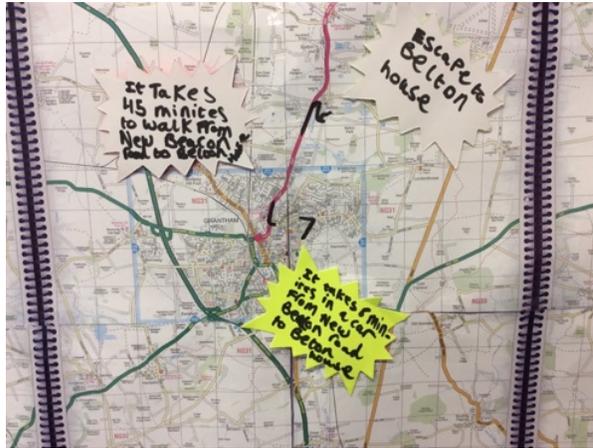


NEWSFLASH!!!!

ZOMBIE OUTBREAK – GRANTHAM!

Class 3 returned to GTLC to the news of a Zombie outbreak in Nebraska, USA. We were fortunate to view a video of the news breaking on TV out there. Immediately, we began preparing in readiness for the outbreak reaching the UK. It turns out the centre here in Grantham is a great place to hole up, with its high fences, secure internal doors and double glazed windows.

We'd benefit from an upper level and an allotment but we think we have time to work on this. We spent most of the first week pouring over maps, looking for the safest places to go, routes to get there and appropriate supply locations. It turns out the more isolated you are, the better.



IN THE COMMUNITY

FESTIVAL OF CYCLING

May 11th – 14th. 3 days of cycling in Lincoln city and countryside!

BATTLE OF LINCOLN

May 20th A day packed full of events and activities to mark the 800th anniversary of the Battle of Lincoln

LINCOLN KNIGHTS TRAIL

36 Knight sculptures across Lincoln to mark 800 years since the battle of Lincoln and the signing of the Charter of the Forest

EGGCITE!

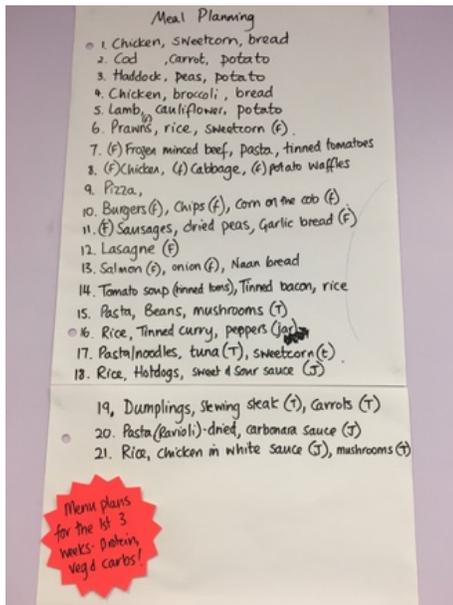
4th April – 17th April
Children's Art Festival over the hols across 4 Lincoln venues.

EASTER EGGSTRAVIGANZA

1st – 17th April, Sleaford
Collect your trail sheet and find the eggs, before collecting a prize!

MORE DETAILS FROM...

<http://www.visitlincolnshire.com/>
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Research suggests the need for menu planning, so a 3 week menu plan was outlined with proteins, carbohydrates and vegetables allocated...we've had great fun since working out meals we can make with them! The Black Death formed the basis of learning from the past as to how to quarantine such an epidemic. Being prepared has meant learning new skills too...

Prosthetic wounds were made so we could polish our first aid skills and we're currently learning to sew...you never know, one day it might be us that needs sewing up, never mind our clothes!

At the time of writing, large areas of the USA, Africa and Europe are infected but, fingers crossed, the English Channel is holding the outbreak at bay! In case the epidemic reaches us before this newsletter reaches you, you can keep up-to-date with our progress on our blog at <https://kidblog.org/class/gtlc-class-3/posts>.

Stay safe and remember...if you're not safe where you are, in the event of a zombie apocalypse,

head for the most isolated spot you can and stay there. Avoid built up areas at all costs (unless of course you want to become the zombies next meal!)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Tuesday April 18th** – Back to School!
- **Friday 26th May** – Family Learning Day – please make every effort to get to your child's centre, you will be able to see work they have completed, discuss progress with their teachers, and experience their success as we fly towards the end of the school year!
- **Saturday 27th May to Sunday 4th June** – Half Term Holiday!
- **Monday 5th June** – Back to School!

USEFUL LINKS AND WEBSITES

- Days Out!
<https://www.dayoutwiththekids.co.uk/things-to-do/east-midlands/lincolnshire>
- Lincolnshire Wildlife Trust
<http://www.lincstrust.org.uk/>
- Geocaching! (you need a smart phone)
<https://www.geocaching.com/play>
- Kids Arts and Crafts
<https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/crafts>
- 50 things to do before you are 11 ³/₄
<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/50-things-to-do>
- E-Safety advice and help!
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
- Barnardos Family Support (loads of help and advice!)
http://www.barnardos.org.uk/what_we_do/our_work.htm
- Family Lives Support – help with your teenager!
<http://www.familylives.org.uk/advice/teenagers/>