

Lincolnshire Teaching and Learning Centre Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to our Autumn Newsletter! There have been lots of changes this term, we have welcomed a number of new staff, and some new students too. Our website is fully operational at www.lincstlc.lincs.sch.uk and we have a twitter account too! Please follow us for news and pictures on @LincsTLC.

The Japanese Curriculum in Key Stage 3 has been a massive hit, with students in all of our sites making sushi and other fabulous Japanese inspired dishes, and exploring Japanese Anime and artwork, even recreating a Japanese tea room in one of our Lincoln classrooms! The rock cycle was studied in the most innovative (and popular!) of ways yet... using different colours of grated chocolate to demonstrate sedimentary rock, and then warming and squeezing this to demonstrate metamorphic rock formation - as one student said "this is the best Science lesson I have EVER had!" As a Science teacher this has absolutely thrilled me to bits!

Our primary students have been having an exciting time creating the biggest bubbles I have ever seen, and learning about fairgrounds. Grantham, Lincoln, Mablethorpe and Boston have wonderful classroom displays and West Ashby (our Key Stage 4 vocational site) is developing into a great 'real life' preparation for our students who wish to follow careers in construction, catering and motor vehicle. We have some really successful KS4 students in Bridge House, First Steps and Hill Holt Wood, and we are really happy to be working in partnership with these settings. Mablethorpe has the warmest and cosiest classrooms I have been in, protection from that coastal wind!

All that leaves is for us to share the successes of this half term, and immediately below you will find some important dates and notices; please make a note of these!

21st
October

**FAMILY LEARNING
DAY**

Please see details
overleaf!

22nd to 30th
October

HALF TERM
WE RETURN ON
MONDAY 31st
OCTOBER!!!!!!

November is
MOvember!

**MENS HEALTH
AWARENESS MONTH**
How many of our male staff
will try to grow a 'tache???



**Our fabulous new
logo for LTLC,
designed by a
Grantham
student!**



**Primary students
having a
swinging time!**



**Culture at the
Boston 'Stump' -
St Botolph's
Church**

Centre Spotlight:
Grantham!

All things great at Grantham!

This half term has been filled with terrific tai chi, fabulous fairground rides and the bounciest of bubbles. All the students and staff at Grantham have been loving learning and our start to this school year has been a great one. In Primary One, our topic has been 'Bounce' and we have experimented with making giant bubbles and become authors by writing our very own information book. Over in Primary Two our topic has been 'Scream Machine' and we have enjoyed making all the yummy delights found at a fairground as well as inventing and creating our own rides. Secondary One have become scientists in our 'Japan and Natural Disasters' topic where we have looked at how different rocks are formed. We have also been journalists producing some super newspaper reports on a natural disaster and we are becoming expert chefs in the art of Japanese cooking! Secondary One have also been busy trialling a new online learning journal and now have their own class blog! You can use the QR code below to keep up to date with the exciting work they are doing!



As a centre we have done lots for charity this half term. We have raised money for Genes for Jeans and the bakers in Secondary One made cakes which Primary One sold for MacMillan coffee morning at our local Tesco. Altogether we have raised almost £100 for charity this half term and are very proud of

our achievements. Celebration assemblies on a Friday have been a great way to reward our students for all the hard work they put in every day, and we really enjoy sharing their successes.

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Our students became budding chefs and entrepreneurs for the day in Lincoln!

We were thrilled to have Hywel Roberts join us again for some exciting 'imagineering' lessons in Primary!



FAMILY LEARNING DAY

On **October 21st** we will be having a family learning day across all of our centres.

Your child won't be in school as normal this day (taxis are cancelled), but you and your child are invited to come in at any point during the day to meet with Teachers, Teaching Assistants, Head of Centre and the Leadership Team to discuss your child's progress, your hopes and dreams for them, how we can help and to see examples of the work that your child has been doing. There will also be lots of information available for you on e-safety, and helping keep your child safe online.

The centres open are Lincoln, Grantham, Boston and Mablethorpe.

