

C.I.T. NEWS

March 2018



"Where Learning Comes First"



Dear All

Firstly, I would like to welcome all the staff, parents and pupils of Chapel St Leonards Primary School who joined us as a Trust on 1st March this year. I would also like to congratulate the newly appointed Headteacher, Graham Almond, whom I look forward to working with closely to realise his and the school's vision to provide the highest levels of education and care to the pupils at Chapel St Leonards.

Poplar Farm continues to move closer to its opening date of 1st September. The build is on schedule. Staff are starting to be recruited, uniforms are on order and the Local Governing Body have had their first meeting. It is starting to feel like a school!

The SEND Review consultation across all special schools came to an end this month. The initial feedback is very positive and thank you to staff who have fed back into this process. We now await the final decision from the Local Authority whether to move forward. Many of you will be aware the proposals for the SEND Review will bring significant investment into our special schools and culminate with a purpose-built new special school in Boston, if signed off by the County Council.

Thank you to all staff who completed the C.I.T. Communications Survey. As a Trust and as we grow, we are looking at more efficient ways to communicate, share successes, good practice and ultimately reduce duplication of work, thereby reducing workload. We will feed back the initial results from the survey and in the spirit of good communication, we will keep you informed as we move forward.

Finally, can I direct you to the monthly 'Funding Snapshot' bulletin distributed by Jacki and her team, highlighting possible funding streams. Please do read and get back to the Fundraising Team, as there are many opportunities to enhance your resources and for pupils to access exciting activities.

Have a great Easter.

Peter Bell

Chief Executive Officer



"Where Learning Comes First"

Chapel St Leonards Primary School joins C.I.T.

Chapel St Leonards Primary School, has converted to academy status and joined C.I.T. Academies.



Chapel St Leonards School is a mainstream primary school within the village of Chapel St Leonards, near Skegness. Following a consultation period the Governing Body met to consider all of the information gathered and to make a final decision about the school's future. At this meeting, it was agreed that the school would convert to an Academy as part of the Community Inclusive Trust.

Graham Almond, Headteacher, "We are thrilled to have joined C.I.T, who above everything else, put its learners first. We have been working with the Trust to secure the rapid improvements that the school needs, the Trust have supported this at every level. As a school

we can now continue our journey with renewed confidence ensuring that we provide the very best education for our children, an education that they richly deserve. We look forward to a bright future working in partnership with C.I.T. I am sure the school will go from strength to strength as a result of becoming an Academy within the Trust."

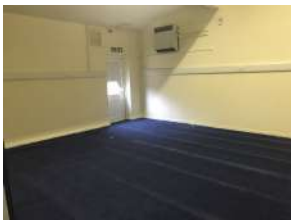
Chapel St Leonards joining C.I.T moves the number of schools within the trust to 10:- Woodlands Academy in Spilsby, Grantham Additional Needs Fellowship (Ambergate Sports College and Sandon School), Isaac Newton Primary School in Grantham, The Spalding Special Schools Fellowship (The Priory School and The Garth School), The John Fielding Special School in Boston, Poplar Farm Primary School in Grantham, Caythorpe Primary School near Grantham, and The LEARN Teaching School Alliance.

Peter Bell, C.I.T. Chief Executive, added: "Community Inclusive Trust are delighted that Chapel St. Leonards are joining C.I.T. from the 1st of March. Chapel St. Leonards have gone through a difficult period over the last 12 months. Moving forward, C.I.T. will work with Chapel's staff, pupils and parents to ensure the school provides the highest level of education for all. This will be through a process of high challenge and support, as well as the sharing of expertise across the Trust, other Primaries and Special Schools."



INSTALLATION BEGINS!

Following John Fielding School smashing their Sensory Room Project Target and raising over a whopping £30,000, works have now begun in school and their new sensory room is coming together.



The space has been stripped, re-decorated, new electrics fitted, new doors and new carpets fitted. It's now ready for new blinds then equipment! The staff need to climb out of the ball pit first though

for it to be finished!



From little acorns...

C.I.T. grows from three to ten schools in three years

Brief History

C.I.T. Academies was formed in 2014, the founding schools were a primary school and two special needs schools in Grantham. The Trust was formed to ensure the values of Trust, Respect, Outstanding Provision and Personalised Learning remained at the heart of the organisation.

Growth

Since 2014 C.I.T. has been joined by seven other schools. The Trust supports and challenges its schools to have an ethos and drive to achieve educational excellence, through a child-centred approach, where each individual's care, wellbeing and developmental needs come first.

The CEO and Trustees feel passionately about education for the next generation.

Peter Bell, CEO, said: "C.I.T. strives to be inclusive and to offer a personalised learning experience for all. This drive for excellence has been recognised in four schools within the Trust being graded Outstanding by Ofsted.

These achievements are driven by a highly dedicated and motivated staff, and a trusting partnership with parents, pupils and the local community. The Trust also ensures all schools are funded correctly, the efficient financial management to resource effectively, the monitoring of how the schools are performing, along with high levels of support and challenge."

Schools within the Trust are:

Isaac Newton Primary School, Grantham

GANF - Ambergate Sports College, Grantham

GANF - Sandon School, Grantham

The Priory School, Spalding

The Garth School, Spalding

The John Fielding Special School, Boston

Woodlands Academy, Spilsby

Poplar Farm Primary School, Grantham

Caythorpe Primary School, Grantham

Chapel St Leonards Primary School, Skegness

LEARN Teaching School Alliance, Lincolnshire



Future

The growth of the Trust has benefited each school through the ability to attract and retain the best staff to a growing organisation. The economies of scale has enabled staffing levels and resourcing to remain higher than if the schools were on their own in these troubled economic times. Through the sharing of good practice across the Trust and utilising the expertise of LEARN Teaching School Alliance, the Trust ensures that staff continue to develop to meet the needs of pupils.



Garth pupils get recycling!

Mango's Class have been concentrating on their term topic of 'Recycling'. They have enjoyed learning about the different materials and finding out whether or not they can be recycled; they talked a lot about turning old things into new things.

One way to recycle is to donate unwanted items to a charity shop for other people to buy. The pupils enjoyed a visit to a charity shop one afternoon and were all able to purchase a 'new-to-us' toy!

It was a lovely afternoon and the children were very intrigued to find out what kind of items can be bought from a charity shop.



Isaac Newton and GANF pupils take part in the 2018 Rotary Swimarathon!

Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th February 2018 saw local teams of swimmers taking part in the 29th Annual Rotary Swimarathon.

The swimmers clocked up as many lengths as they could in return for sponsorship, which is given to The Rotary Club of Grantham. The Rotary then donate the money raised to local good causes.

Last year, Isaac Newton Primary School received £1,295 to install sport hall markings and GANF were lucky enough to receive £5,000 towards a brand new Sensory room at Sandon School.

The event took place at The Mere's Leisure Centre and both Isaac Newton School and GANF Schools had teams swimming in the challenge with Isaac Newton Primary School pledging nearly £1,800 in sponsorship this year!

Across the weekend a total of 30,014 lengths were swam by all participants, and a total of £29,963 was pledged to the Rotary Club of Grantham. This is expected to rise once all the sponsorship money is in and should then bring the total raised over the 29 years to exceed a staggering £800,000!!

Well done to all our pupils and staff for taking part!

Chair of the event Roger Graves said: "Behind the scenes there are months of planning and on the weekend an awful lot of voluntary work by a constant stream of helpers to ensure it all runs smoothly but it's made easier by the fantastic support we get from the swimmers, the supporters and the corporate sponsors who cover all the running costs."



The Spalding Priory School score big in chilly footy match!

The Priory School Football Team welcomed Ambergate Sports College in January for a re-match! Both teams fielded different players which set up the game to be an interesting one.

The conditions were very cold and wet, therefore it was very important that the players warmed up properly to reduce the risk of injury.

The game started slowly with most of the players struggling to battle the temperatures however it wasn't long before The Priory School took the lead with a long range effort. The Priory School then increased their lead and going into half time they were winning 3-0.

After inspirational half time team talks from the coaches the Ambergate Team started the second half very well with a point to prove. Effort levels increased, more tackles made and soon Ambergate were clawing their way back into the game 1-3. A second goal came quickly after.

With both teams set up to score more goals in the second half, The Priory took advantage with two quick counter attacks which resulted in fantastic team goals.

End score: Priory 5, Ambergate 2.

An excellent display of team work from start to finish. Congratulations to all the players for representing the school and showing exceptional sportsmanship.



Caythorpe pupils say "I do" with Haribo rings!

Children from Caythorpe Primary School dressed up in their finery to stage a mock wedding at their local church. Pupils in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 took part in the pretend wedding ceremony at St Vincent's Church, as part of their church topic.

Reception and Year 1 Teacher Claire Turner said: "We have been looking at churches and why they are important. We decided to stage the wedding ceremony as an example of what kind of celebrations take place in church." All the pupils took on the different roles including the bride and groom, bridesmaids and guests. Reverend Stuart conducted the ceremony as the bride walked down the aisle to the sound of The Wedding March and exchanged Haribo rings with the groom!

Annie, who took on the role of the bride's mother, said: "I enjoyed it because I was the bride's mother. At the end we had to go outside the church and have a picture. I had to wear a hat. We learned about the different features of the church, like the cross."

Bridesmaid Poppy enjoyed walking down the aisle, "I had to walk down the church with a flower," she said. "I really enjoyed the wedding party after."



There was no such thing as cold feet for groom, Charlie. He said: "We had to give each other some rings because we got married. I liked being the groom because my friends pretended to be my mum and dad."



POPLAR FARM SCHOOL UPDATE

You will already be aware that C.I.T. will be opening a new primary school in Grantham in September 2018.

The new 420 capacity school will cater for 4 – 11 year olds and is being built with modern learning in mind. There will be break out rooms built alongside the classrooms for individual quiet learning, along with a large indoor sport hall. The school has been designed to introduce as much natural light as possible and will come complete with outstanding outdoor facilities including playing fields, multi-use sport courts, and modern outdoor play areas.

The school will open its doors in September 2018 with two reception classes and grow incrementally so that it will be to full capacity by 2026.

The build is on schedule and due to complete at the end of July 2018.



The Work of An Artist

This term, students from The Garth School have been working towards the AQA Unit Award Exploring Careers: The Work of An Artist.

This has involved looking at the artwork of artists such as Andy Warhol, Paul Klee and Picasso.

The students have then created their own artwork based on those artists. Working with paints, chalks and salt dough they have produced some fantastic work and all appeared to enjoy themselves at the same time!



Caythorpe girls win at Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament

The Premier League Schools Tournament is one of the highlights of the Premier League Communities calendar and allows hundreds of youngsters the chance to experience the thrill of being treated like a top-flight footballer.

WOW! What a great day Caythorpe Primary School had when they took their boys and girls football teams to the Premier League Primary Stars Football Tournament in Skegness!

The boys' team played brilliantly, demonstrating super sportsmanship but just missed out on making it through to the finals.

However, the girls team were on fire and not only made it to the final but then went on to win the tournament! Which means they now have the opportunity to play in the national finals at The King Power Stadium, home of Leicester City Football Club, later in the year. Well done girls!



Record numbers visit Sandon's Coffee Shop!

Pupils from Sandon School have been running their own Coffee Shop off site for over 3 years. The pupils named their Coffee Shop – 'Tasty Treats' and they open to the public every Tuesday and Wednesday morning, during term time.

Last month saw their busiest coffee shop ever, with a total of 54 customers coming to visit on just one morning!

The pupils have recently changed their menu and now offer Panini's and Hot Chocolate, as well as their usual wonderful cakes, coffee and tea.

The students work so hard and we are super proud of them all. One recent visitor said: "I would like to say that the pupils who run the coffee shop do an amazing job. They are all polite.



It can be hard for these pupils, I remember when I first came to visit the pupils were nervous but have really come out of their shells. They are an amazing bunch and a credit to Sandon School and GANF. Keep it up, I will always support these amazing people and the food is gorgeous all made by their own hands. Well done to the teachers as well".



South Holland councillors support safe sport in schools

Councillors across South Holland District Council have clubbed together to support a project at The Priory Special School in Spalding.

Sally Slade, District Councillor for Pinchbeck and Surfleet Ward said: "I was keen to support the project as I know how important it is for the children to have structured and safe areas to play and relax in outside."

Over 12 months ago The Priory School embarked on a project to improve their sport facilities for pupils and to make them safer.

The Priory School effectively meets the needs of pupils aged 11 to 16, all of whom have moderate learning difficulties and many of whom have Autistic Spectrum Disorder and Social Communication Difficulties.

Their playground occupies 130 children with special needs and only has some old markings and two free standing netball hoops.

A year ago they received a National Lottery Award and were able to install two large MUGA ends which include football goals, basketball hoops and cricket stumps.

The MUGA's are a great addition to the playground facilities however, they are positioned on grass and during bad weather, cannot be used. To complete their project they now need to install court surfacing with sport markings for football and basketball, along with secure fencing to enclose the sport court.

By containing the sport court, pupils will have an uninterrupted game of football, netball or basketball without impacting upon other children. Because of The Priory School pupil's additional needs, they don't always understand a playground situation and if incidents occur they can be quite catastrophic for them. The main aim is to include everyone in practical and fun outdoor activities to help them not only burn off excess energy, but also return to the classroom more engaged and ready to learn.

Barrie Taylor, Head of Site at The Priory School said, "We were thrilled to receive the lottery money last year and we are now fully focused on completing this project so that the pupils can enjoy a safer, fully enclosed sport court. Other organisations including Action for Children and Spalding United Youth Teams, will also benefit from this new facility once completed.

"We are very thankful to the councillors across South Holland District Council for getting us off the mark with their kind donations. We are now at £4,000 of a £31,000 target."



Success for Isaac Newton's Footy Team

Isaac Newton Primary School's football team competed in the Premier League Primary Stars Tournament in Skegness where they came 2nd and managed to get their photo taken with the Premier League Trophy! The following week they also won against National and Gonerby Hill Foot. The school netball team has also been on a winning streak beating both Cliffdale and St Sebastian's in their league. A huge well done to all the pupils!



Seeing stars!

John Fielding pupils have loved the immersive sensory learning experience of going inside the planetarium! With thanks to the Edina Trust for funding this amazing opportunity for the pupils.



Edina Trust

Funding Snapshot March 2018

Hi All - Here are three new funds that have recently become available. If you have a project on the go that fits into any of the criteria's below, please let us know.

[First World War: then and now](#)

Fund: £300 - £10,000

The First World War: then and now grant believe everyone should have the opportunity to learn about the First World War and its impact on our communities.

A recent project took children into the community to talk to people about their family history and look at photographs from WW1, along with visiting a local war museum. The children then used what they had learned through these interactions to create artwork depicting life during the First World War 1

Deadline: Open to applications year-round

[Grants Available to Schools for National Vegetarian Week \(UK\)](#)

Fund: £200 - £2,000

Schools have the opportunity to apply for grants to help support National Vegetarian Week events and activities and to promote vegetarian food.

Any activities funded by these grants need to take place during National Vegetarian Week (14-20 May 2018) and must promote National Vegetarian Week as the primary purpose of the funded activity. The Society is accepting applications for both large and small grants this year. Small grants will be up to £200 and large grants to be up to £2,000.

Deadline: 22nd April 2018

[The Society's Roman Studies](#)

Fund: £50 - £500

This fund is keen to fund any project promoting the teaching of Roman studies or Latin. Grants are usually awarded for the purchase of Roman studies textbooks and other relevant resources. Unfortunately, they do not award funding for field trips.

Deadline: 1st July 2018

If you have any ideas we can use to tap into the above grants or any other grants, or you would just like some more information, please get in touch.

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Siobhan Dowd Trust

The Siobhan Trust runs a monthly prize draw awarding winning groups up to £500 to spend on reading books.

We currently have applications in for Caythorpe, Ambergate and The Priory School.

All we need from you is:

- Pupil Premium %
- Free School Meals %
- Activities undertaken by the school to encourage reading and literacy.

Edina Trust

Ambergate have joined Caythorpe, Isaac and John Fielding in receiving funding from the Edina Trust, which will go towards a new set of BeeBots.

Other ideas include:

- Hire a Science Planetarium
- Hire a Zoolab
- Purchase Data Loggers

Physics Trip Funding

John Fielding have been awarded £500 by the Institute of Physics. This will go towards the hire of a Jumbulance to transport their pupils to the Eureka Science Museum!



The Jumbulance is a high spec coach, which possess large changing facilities, a kitchen and wheelchair access to meet the needs of disabled passengers.

£253,000 funding awarded to support Lincolnshire Schools

As part of the partnership across Lincolnshire, LEARN are one of the teachings schools being awarded the fund to boost primary school to school support.

The Lincolnshire Teaching Schools Together partnership (LTT) has been awarded £253,000 to support pupils aged 9-11. The funding will be used to focus on support for maths under the Lincolnshire Attainment Maths Project (LAMP), so that pupils make the best possible progress through their primary years.



Sandon School & Ambergate Sports College, Boston Staniland Academy, Witham St Hughs Academy, Bourne Westfield Academy, and Lincoln Mount Street Academy are driving the collaboration and support with other schools as part of this Teaching Schools Together project.

Councillor Mrs Patricia Bradwell, Executive Councillor for Children's Services, said: "This welcome funding boost will help ensure support is targeted at the schools that need it most in Lincolnshire. It makes sense that we use the talent, skills and experience of our teaching schools and those that are leading the way in terms of performance to drive improvements in other, more vulnerable schools."

The support will come from established local leaders of education and specialist leaders of education, working directly with invited schools. This will ensure that the impact of the programme will have a lasting effect, sustaining the standards expected in the classroom.



Ambergate Sports College Awarded Top Food Hygiene Rating!

The Ambergate Sports College kitchen has been awarded a 5 star food hygiene rating in the latest inspections by South Kesteven District Council environmental health officers.

The SKDC's environmental health officer visited Ambergate on 18th January 2018, unannounced.



Ambergate's kitchen is a hive of activity Monday through to Friday every week during term time, preparing over 100 meals each day. Pupils and staff have two daily choices, either a hot meal or salad with bread roll or potatoes. For dessert there's a sweet option or fresh fruit or yogurt.

The kitchen is headed by Janet Shearer, with a team of 3 (Lynn Carratt, Amanda Parke and Sally Gregory) supporting her, she runs a tight ship.

Janet said, "They are a great team. We work well together which guarantees a smoothly run kitchen and happy kids. I am really pleased with the rating given by the EHO, it clearly reflects our hard work".



British Council International School Award success for GANF Schools

Both Sandon School and Ambergate Sports College have been awarded the intermediate level of the British Council's prestigious International School Award in recognition of its work to bring the world into the classroom.

The International School Award celebrates the achievements of schools that do exceptional work in international education. Fostering an international dimension in the curriculum is at the heart of the British Council's work with schools, so that young people gain the cultural understanding and skills they need for life work in today's world.

Grantham Additional Needs Fellowship consists of two special schools based in Grantham and caters for pupils between the ages of 3 and 19 with moderate to severe learning difficulties and complex needs. The pupils' needs are wide ranging; many are on the autistic spectrum, with others having ADHD and varying degrees of developmental delay, and some with Profound and Multiple Learning Difficulties.

Sandon School's international work included the study of Diwali, the introduction of a pen pal programme with a school in Germany, and taking part in 'International Day', when the pupils researched individual countries and cultures.

On hearing the news that Sandon School had achieved intermediate level of the award, Stela Plamenova, Headteacher, said: "We are very proud to have been awarded The International School Award because it provides the ideal framework for coordinating international activity and focusing on global themes. It gives our pupils an opportunity to be exposed to different cultures and prepare them for the future in our changing society. There is a high level of pupil and local community engagement with our yearly exchange visits to KBZO School in Germany, which is a great learning opportunity."

Ambergate's international work included engaging in British Values, the introduction of a pen pal programme with KBZO School in Germany, and taking part in 'International Day', when the pupils researched individual countries and cultures.

James Ellis, Headteacher, "I am so pleased that GANF Schools have been recognised for their international links. We feel that having these links with other organisations from different countries only enhances the provision that we can provide for all of our children. We are now looking forward to working towards the full award."

Stephen Hull, Senior Project Manager at the British Council, said: "Grantham Additional Needs Fellowship's international work has earned the schools well-deserved recognition in the form of the British Council International School Award - Intermediate Certificate.

The school's dedication to internationalism is enriching education for its pupils: the collaborative projects with partner schools abroad bring an essential global dimension to learning and encourage the development of skills children need to be global citizens of the future. Teachers at GANF have been linking up with colleagues overseas to share successful classroom practice and resources to make this all happen.

Embedding an international ethos across a school can lead to full International School Award accreditation and schools looking to join this supporting and engaging network should contact us at the British Council".

The award is now available worldwide in countries such as India, Sri Lanka, Egypt, Lebanon, Cyprus, and Pakistan. Around 5,500 International School Awards have been presented to successful schools in the UK since the scheme began in 1999. The International School Award encourages and supports schools to develop:

An international ethos embedded throughout the school

A whole school approach to international work

Collaborative curriculum-based work with partner schools

Year-round international activity

Involvement of the wider community



BTEC Engineering Success!

Woodlands Academy are pleased to announce that their challenge to restore a Reliant SS1 to MOT standard and sell it for a profit has been achieved!

Woodlands students have been restoring the car as part of their BTEC Engineering Qualification.

It proved to be the perfect car for this learning exercise, easy to work on and also economical when it came to purchasing the new parts required.

The car is seen here shortly after it passed its MOT, making it ready for sale.



A progress report was regularly posted on a Reliant website dedicated to their sports cars so it was no surprise that an eager buyer was found through the site.



Alan was looking for a car to complete the North Coast 500 which is a scenic 500 mile route around Scotland and when he saw what we had done with our SS1 he knew it was the perfect car for the journey. Rather bravely, Alan's first drive in the car was to return to his home in Scotland with it, a 360 mile epic first run! It took him 10 hours but he reported back to us that the car ran very well and was a credit to the students and staff that had worked on restoring it.

We now look forward to Alan posting some photos of the car in some stunning Scottish locations!

The Garth School gets the gift of life-saving equipment

Staff and pupils at the Garth School have received the gift of potentially life-saving kit. It comes after school administrator Claire Redford completed her Paediatric First Aid Training last year.

During the training, Claire said that the life-saving value of having a defibrillator in school was stressed. After a discussion in school, Claire approached South Holland District Councillor Sally Slade requesting help with raising funds to purchase a defibrillator.



Claire said: "Sally approached her fellow local district councillors who were only too willing to support the school with the purchase. They raised £512.97. Thanks to their help we were able to obtain a discounted defibrillator through the NHS Supply Chain. During First Aid training it has become clear that CPR alone can save a life but together with a defibrillator the chances of saving a life is far greater. Having a defibrillator in school is reassuring for staff and pupils. I would rather have a defibrillator that is never used than not have one at all."

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart through the chest wall to someone who is in cardiac arrest. This high energy shock is called defibrillation, and it's an essential life-saving step in the chain of survival.

There are a number of defibrillators now accessible in the district. In the case of coming across someone who has had a cardiac arrest, the British Heart Foundation says that it is vital to call 999 and start CPR.

The emergency service will advise if there is a defibrillator nearby.

[Photograph courtesy of Spalding Today]



Isaac Newton Primary pupils reach for the stars Rotary award

Children from Isaac Newton Primary School have received the Rotary Star Award for being 'good citizens.' Grantham Sunrise Rotary Club hosted a special assembly in school earlier this month to present the nominated children with a rotary star certificate and badge. As part of the initiative by Rotary that aims to support and encourage local young people, teachers at the school were asked to nominate children who have been exceptionally good citizens by helping and supporting others, the environment, their school and their community and who have demonstrated 'Service above Self', the international motto of Rotary.



The award winners were chosen for a variety of reasons including: always helping others in class and being kind, for always having lovely manners and reminding other children when to use their manners, settling well into school and becoming a valuable member of the team and for always having a lovely smile for everyone.

President elect Maggie Welton, who organised the project, said: "It is a wonderful project that brings out the very best in good citizenship between the young people."

President Lez Jones added: "We have heard some lovely stories and citations of heart-moving acts of kindness by the youngsters."

Each child had their act of good citizenship read out loud to their fellow classmates before they were presented with a Rotary Stars badge and certificate during the assembly. The project is now expanding to other local primary schools in the area.

Ambergate's £1.4 million expansion is in progress

During February half term, Ambergate Sport's College received a brand new school hall and staff room as part of their £1.4 million pound expansion project. Since we were granted the Condition Improvement Fund (CIF) to expand its classroom and dining facilities last year, work has been progressing well.



The two-storey block extension will include eight new classrooms, as well as a much needed dining hall and kitchen extension to cater for an increase in pupil numbers. Ambergate currently has 141 pupils and will be receiving new toilets, a new reception area, staff room and extensions to the kitchen and sports hall.

Headteacher James Ellis said: "We are oversubscribed as a school so the grant has enabled us to improve facilities whilst catering for an increase in pupil numbers in the future. We are currently in phase one of the project, which includes building the school hall and staff room, which arrived in one block. The eight new classrooms are being built offsite as part of phase two of the project." Pupils will soon be able to study a wider range of subjects following the expansion.

Mr Ellis added: "Not only will we be able to provide students with better quality classrooms but we will be able to introduce more subjects. The new extension will include a Design Technology Classroom and an Art room. We would never have been able to offer these subjects before."

The new building will be built to the left side of the school on the playground which will then be extended following the build. The old mobile classrooms on the field will eventually be removed. The whole project is set to be completed by June.



Woodlands students go to Wembley!

At Woodlands Academy as part of their Year 11 Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Awards they ran a camping residential combined with a visit to Wembley Football Stadium to watch England in a world cup qualifier.

The trip helped increase camp craft skills required for students to pass their expedition later in the year, as well as offering unique opportunities and increasing confidence and teamwork.

As part of a team the students set up their tents on arrival at the camp site before travelling into London to have a meal together. After the game we returned to the camp site and began to build a camp fire so we could eat some marshmallows and let some of the boys partake in group discussions before retiring to our beds.



In the morning the group had to pack away their tents and camping equipment before cooking breakfast and making tea on the stove. It was a big learning curve for a lot of the group which left them feeling a lot more confident ahead of their expeditions.

Well done to all those who took part.



Congratulations to Demi Weir and Richard Gamman from John Fielding School in Boston! They both won awards at a fantastic evening celebrating successes of Apprentices and Employers at the Apprenticeship Awards 2018.

The event was held at Boston College and Demi won for 'Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools' and Richard won a special award for his 'Individual Contribution to Apprenticeships', from his work at both The Garth School and John Fielding School.



Richard Gamman, Head of John Fielding School, said, "I was delighted to be invited along to the Boston College Apprenticeships Award Ceremony on Thursday 8th March because one of our Year 2 Apprentices, Demi Weir, had been nominated as Apprentice of the Year. I was absolutely thrilled when it was then announced that Demi had beaten off 14 other Apprentices from other disciplines, ranging from Building to Baking, to win the overall award of Apprentice of the Year!"

"Later in the evening, I was pleased to have the chance to collect an award on behalf of C.I.T. for 'Continued Support of Local Apprentices'. This gave me the chance to explain how much the organisation benefits from the energy, enthusiasm and commitment of Apprentices like Demi. I was able to tell the audience about how Demi comes into work with an unfailingly positive mind set, has astonishing rapport with our students and a natural gift for this line of work."

"The evening ended with a surprise when I was given the final award for 'Individual Contribution to Apprenticeships'. This was in recognition of work at The Garth School and John Fielding School, which both have had vibrant Apprenticeship programmes and a real commitment to developing our Apprentices to be the TAs, Teachers and School Leaders of the future."



C.I.T. Head Teachers back countywide reforms for special schools

Executive Head, Daran Bland, has backed plans to reform the way children with learning needs and disabilities are educated in Lincolnshire. Daran is the Executive Headteacher of The Priory and Garth Schools in Spalding, and John Fielding School in Boston. He described the new SEND vision for the county as “an exciting and ambitious opportunity for significant improvement in the sector”.

Under the plans unveiled by Lincolnshire County Council last month, Garth and Priory would be merged into one school, but still based at two sites in Pinchbeck Road and Neville Avenue respectively.

Daran said: “The proposed reforms for special needs provision across Lincolnshire are an exciting and ambitious opportunity for significant improvement in the sector. Many of the special schools in Lincolnshire are completely full, resulting in children not being able to access the specialist provision they need or having to travel long distances to get to a school”.

“The Garth and Priory Schools have provided excellent provision for children with very wide-ranging needs for many years and the proposals would see the two schools amalgamating into one ‘all needs’ school for children aged 2 to 19, whilst still using both of our current sites. Both schools have worked as a federation for over ten years and, in partnership with each other, have been successfully meeting ‘all needs’, including autism, throughout that time. Under the reforms, there would be a major capital investment program across both sites to modernise and expand the buildings we currently have. The proposal at John Fielding School is to build a brand new larger school which too is a hugely exciting opportunity”.

Mr Bland added, “We have held five consultation events with parents across the three schools that I lead and the overwhelming response to the proposals has been a positive one as they will only serve to improve on what we already do and further improve outcomes for children with special educational needs.”

Plans elsewhere in the county include the expansion and improvement of the vast majority of Lincolnshire’s other special schools, as well as innovative pilot schemes to develop greater collaboration between special and mainstream schools.

The final consultation meeting took place on Wednesday 7th March at Ambergate Sports College in Grantham.

James Ellis, Headteacher of Ambergate, also supports the project, “The SEND project that is currently being consulted on in Lincolnshire will significantly improve not only the capacity of special schools but also the quality of provision for pupils. The proposal for Grantham is that Ambergate and Sandon School amalgamate into one school over two sites. The two schools have for many years provided provision for pupils with all needs, including Autism, and will continue to do so under this proposal. The school is looking forward to this potentially very exciting venture and looks forward to continuing to provide outstanding provision for all pupils.”

Stela Plamenova, Headteacher of Sandon School added: “I’m very excited and impressed with the proposed SEND reforms in Lincolnshire. Like other schools in the county we have a long waiting list and children travelling up to 2 hours to access education. The proposed reforms will bring a major capital investment to our school which will enable us to modernise the current buildings and offer more pupil places.”

The county council wants to cut the length of school journeys for special needs children, increase the range of disabilities that special schools cater for and build stronger ties between specialist and mainstream schools. A county council report about the plans estimated that 70 per cent of children would be able to go to a school nearer their home, saving between £2 and £3million in transport costs.

Councillor Patricia Bradwell, the county council’s executive member for children’s services, said:

“We want all children to be able to access high-quality education and achieve their potential, as near to their family as possible. These proposals will address many of the challenges pupils with special educational needs and disabilities and their families face when trying to find the right education, in the right place.”



Daran Bland



Sandon School





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