



# NEWSLETTER JULY 21

Hi all and welcome to our summer newsletter.

We hope to provide you with a flavour of what has been happening across our school community.

This year has been like no other and I am inspired by the determination and endeavor demonstrated by our pupils and staff. We have navigated three lockdowns, cancelled exams and a shift towards remote learning.

Alongside this, we have had many highlights...the Duke of Edinburgh expedition, BLESMA workshops, base Celebration days and our first ever live performance to name a few.

We have also been working developmentally as a school community with a focus on the promotion of hope. Pupils have been introduced to hopeful vocabulary, have voted for their own 'hopeful heroes' whose stories will be woven into curriculum content and have begun to explore the notions of goals and pathways. Next year we aim to continue this work within our own community and the schools that we work with.

We have also been able to offer pupils access to counselling and art therapy and offered training and support to mainstream settings in the aftermath of the pandemic.

It has been a busy year to say the least, but one in which we have emerged stronger, more resilient and more together as a community. For that, I am a proud Head Teacher.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

Kind regards

Steve



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## SAFEGUARDING...

The ethos and values that we promote and encourage at the Pilgrim School provide our pupils with a safe and supportive base where they can express themselves in healthy and encouraging ways. We provide stability, safety and a healthy routine that supports our pupils with managing their own day to day struggles. The school holidays can often increase anxiety levels in our pupils as well as our parents / guardians as it produces the added pressure of financial issues, planning activities and trips and distracting children from their own emotional and psychological struggles.

### Signposting:

**If you are concerned for yourself or others there are services that are available to support!**

You don't need to be at rock bottom to ask for help



Samaritans:	116 123
Childline:	0800 111
Mind:	0300 123 3393
Young Minds:	Txt YM to 85258 (youth)
Shout:	Txt 85258 (any age)
Domestic abuse hotline:	0808 2000 247
SANeline:	0300 304 7000
Drink line:	0300 123 1110
Cruse Bereavement Care:	0808 808 1677
Age UK:	0800 169 6565

**It's good to talk!**  
@youthwhispering

## HOPEFUL HEROES...

During our final term, the pupils and staff have been voting for our hopeful heroes. As a hopeful school this aligns with our school ethos.

Pupils were asked to pick someone whose story and life have made a positive impact on them and the world around them. There were many nominees ranging from Ernest Shackleton, Elliot Page and Diana Princess of Wales. In tutor times the students discussed the nominees and their stories and how they have had a hopeful impact.

The vote took place across all bases on our celebration day – the winners were Captain Sir Tom Moore, David Attenborough and Marcus Rashford!

## STAFFING CHANGES...

### Teaching Staff:

- Lorraine Richards – Retiring Aug 21
- Carol Belton – Leaving Aug 21
- Harriet Tricker – Appointed as new English Teacher (NQT) – Jun 21
- Sharon Smith – Promoted to Assistant Head – Sep 21
- Jon Stevenson – Promoted to Assistant Head – Sep 21

### Non – Teaching Staff:

- Chloe Massingham – covering RSO (Chloe Bennett) maternity leave – Sep 21
- Lauren Stubbs – learning support (new role) – Sep 21
- Dan McBride – TA – Leaving Aug 21
- Megan Gee – TA – Leaving Sep 21
- Vicky Blevin – New TA – Starting Sep 21
- Isobel Holmes – New TA – Starting Sep 21
- Gen Rosenberg – Admin Asst – Starts Maternity Leave Sep 21
- Molly Obundu – New SEN Admin – Starting Sep 21

## SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAYS 2021/2022

### **Inset Days Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021**

**Term 1**

**Monday** 06th September 2021

**To**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021**

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### **Inset Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2021**

**Term 2**

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2021**

**To**

**Friday** 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021

Bank Holidays:-  
Monday 27<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

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### **Inset Day Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**Term 3**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

**To**

**Friday** 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022

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**Term 4**

**Monday** 21st February 2022

**To**

**Friday** 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022

Bank Holidays:-  
Friday 15th April & Monday 18th April 2022

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### **Inset Day Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Term 5**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**To**

**Friday** 27th May 2022

Bank Holidays:-  
Monday 2nd & Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2022

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**Term 6**

**Monday** 6th June 2022

**To**

**Friday** 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2022

## WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR BASES THIS TERM

# AMBER HILL NEWS....

Sharon who oversees the gardening projects has had this to say about the gardening club 'This term has been really busy for the Gardening Club. We have been busy planting up Hanging Baskets to sell to staff and also planted some to brighten up the base. We have also planted bee friendly wild flower seed as well as planting out our runner beans and peas which we also grew from seed. In the cold winter months we planted onions and garlic which we harvested a few weeks ago as well as harvesting our immense new potato crop. Our tomato plants have



grown so well and we expect a bumper crop of tomatoes and cucumbers too. We were sad to see our Year 11 Gardeners leave us, but they were presented with a certificate and planting pack (sponsored by Scott and Co seeds) to remember us by. Enormous thanks to staff who have continually supported the garden club this year purchasing spring pots, hanging baskets, onions, garlic and potatoes.'

Another achievement is that we had eight students complete their Bronze D of E award. They had to plan their own 16km hike over two days, carry a bag full of equipment, pitch up their own tents to sleep in for one night and on top of that they had to prepare and cook their own meals. The whole Amber Hill base came out and clapped their arrival back into base. We even got to share the achievement with some of the students' parents/carers who arrived to see their child collect their certificates. This is a huge achievement for a few of our students due to it being their first night away from home. Well done D of E!



Some more exciting news, is that our

Lego session that take place in Pilgrim Plus have been asked to take part in some filming for Lego's Rebuild the World campaign. This campaign is to celebrate children on the spectrum. We have also been asked to help create some training videos for Play included, to show other schools how to run Lego sessions for children on the spectrum. Our students enjoy these lessons because it helps build communication skills whilst removing the pressure. Our latest Lego build is a bookshop and florists at an expert level. They enjoyed working as a team to complete the difficult build with some organising the pieces and others taking it



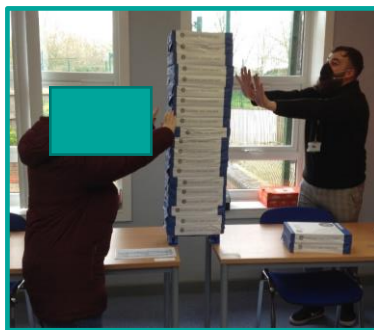
in turns to build the actual model. It has provided them with a boost of confidence and a sense of accomplishment. They should be very proud.

Even though we have had to say goodbye to our year 11s and to wish them luck on their next adventure, they had a very fun filled day to send them off with happy memories. Considering we could not hold a prom, we adapted in the Pilgrim way taking the entire Amber Hill base to Boston cinema and holding a game filled afternoon. Year 11 T-shirts where signed and encouraging proud words were said. Again we wish you all the best off luck in your next steps!

## BAUMBER NEWS...

In Lego therapy this month, we made Lego bridges. Matt's bridge proved to be very strong and held 93 books! Don't worry Deb we put them back in the Library where we got them! 😊

We challenge you to build a bridge that can hold more!



We hope to obtain some more complex Lego kits for our students to build. Baumber students will soon be starting to build a giant working roller coaster which will take quite some time and test the engineering skills of students at the same time as being very rewarding when complete. All support staff have been trained to deliver Lego therapy lessons across the bases, adding to a wealth of experience our fantastic support staff hold.



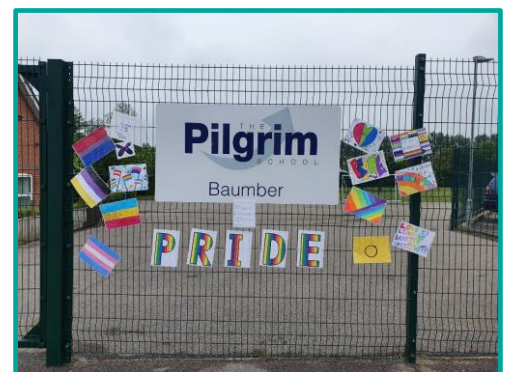
We celebrated Pride month at Baumber.

Our students made several different posters and various flags represent specific identities within the LGBT movement and we hung them on the school fence to show our support as a school.

"LOVE IS LOVE"

Staff were so impressed with this they tried to replicate it at other bases!

Watch this space! As Baumber is based in a beautiful setting with lots of outdoor space we hope to start a Gardening Club in September and engage those green fingered students to plant, prune and pick flowers, fruit and vegetables throughout the year. This will encourage physical activity and social skills in students as well as improving their mental health and wellbeing.



## HERE COMES SUMMER!!!



Well it's finally arrived! Now let the festivities begin! Kieran cannot wait to start flipping burgers and Eva may add a few Greek delicacies to the mix. It's all happening at the "Baumbercue!" The students will be queueing up to try it out. A fantastic opportunity for Baumber base to now join in the fun and enjoy some outdoor cooking. Who knows, it might inspire some of our students to try out D of E or other outward bound skills?

Now stick another shrimp on that Barbie for good measure Kieran!

## LINCOLN NEWS...

This term in Lincoln has been full on! The students and staff have been super busy!

We held a base open morning for parents to come and see the base and the work their children have been doing. Massive thanks must go to Jacky Denton and Taylor W for organising a wonderful event. In preparation for the open day, all the student got involved with some baking.

Lego fever took hold in Lincoln this term even if we did wave goodbye to the rollercoaster – it now has a lovely new home in Baumber!



Danielle took delivery of a train set and endless boxes of train tracks! The KS3s have thoroughly enjoyed building it outside and filming the train's journey through the garden. They got creative and made some tunnels for the train to travel through.

more about how to care for them.

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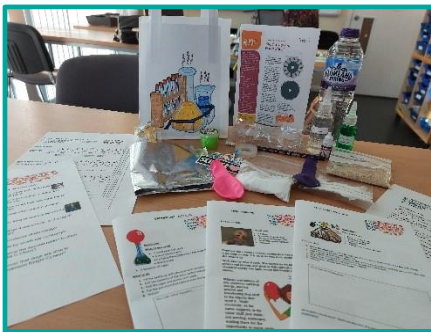
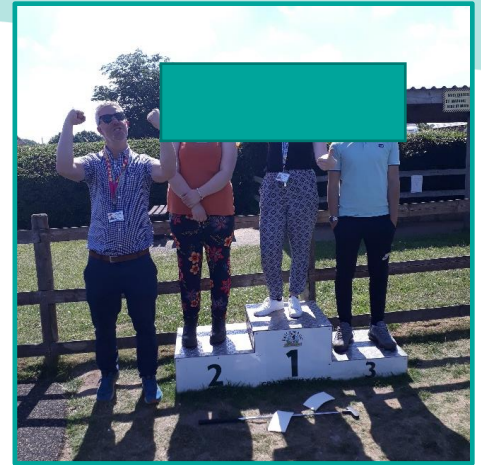
Some students have had the opportunity to go horse riding at Park Riding School in Lincoln. They have enjoyed meeting the horses, riding them, grooming them and learning



The entire Lincoln base went to Lincoln Bowl and had a game and film filled afternoon. Earlier in the week the Year 11's took Joe D, Helen D and Lauren S to Daisy Made in Lincoln for ice cream and crazy golf!

The Year 11s had their T-shirts signed and encouraging words from Steve L. There were tears and socially distanced goodbyes 😊

## HOME TAUGHT...



Hi everyone out there! What a great year it's been for students in the home – you have all embraced with enthusiasm supporting your teachers to keep on delivering their lessons to you when they haven't been able to visit face to face and many of you have and will continue to learn in this way in the future. Thank you for being so adaptable.

As well as learning on line, you have taken part in Pilgrim School's first virtual trip to the zoo to the Lincolnshire Wolds Wildlife park as well as taking part (with great enthusiasm from many of you) in our 2<sup>nd</sup> British Science week. Alongside students in our bases, lots of you took part in our buoyancy workshop as well as using the fabulous kits we put together so that you could also enjoy some Science experiments in the home. Some of you are still doing them! Amazing.



I am really looking forward to getting to know more of you, as well as working with your teachers, to help you to access as many aspects of Pilgrim School life as you can.

Have a brilliant Summer  
Sharon

## EVOLVE PERFORMANCE...

We were very fortunate this year to have the opportunity for Pilgrim's very first school concert! The amazing team from Lincolnshire One Venue's came in over a 10 week period to run the 'Evolve' project with students who have a passion for Art and Music. Throughout the process, the LOV staff worked alongside our pupils to create and plan a school concert and guide them through their Arts Award. The students demonstrated real maturity throughout the planning stages as well as their incredible artistic flare. The end result was a great school concert in which Eryka, Julian, Alessia and Flick astounded Pilgrim staff, family and friends with their talent and confidence! We want to thank LOV for this incredible opportunity but also congratulate the students on the huge success of the concert. A great experience for all here at Pilgrim!



## 5 Tips to a successful summer:

