



NEWSLETTER

JULY '23

HEADTEACHER'S ADDRESS...

Dear Parent / Carer,

The end of an academic year always prompts some reflection for us as a school community and we have a lot to celebrate.

Pupils have received wide ranging opportunities to engage with the community via trips within the local and wider areas and a number of visitors to bases. Particular highlights have been the D of E expedition, a past pupil coming to talk to us about her career post Pilgrim and our prom and Celebration Day for our year 11 leavers.

We also provide outstanding learning opportunities in the classroom and at home. Pupils can articulate what they are learning and are showing good recall skills across the curriculum. We are regularly setting aspirational targets from pupils' starting points and we look forward to our year 11 pupils seeing the fruition of their hard work on results day on 24th August. We know though that results alone do not define who you are; education is a journey and all at Pilgrim are at very different points along their way. We are proud of you all!

We are also busy thinking ahead to next year... we know that we are in a strong place to be able to provide high quality education and pastoral care but that does not mean we should stand still. Our priority areas will be to further develop language and oracy skills, to continue to provide the flex for pupils to attend as much as they are able to given their health needs, and to expand our links with the communities we serve.

The Pilgrim School is a special place to work. We are a school of Hope, for ourselves, for our pupils and families and for our communities. Research tells us



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that having hope will lead to improved mental health and wellbeing, improved educational outcomes and more compassionate communities. We seek to 'lend' our hope to those who cannot think hopefully themselves and this informs all that we do. The impact of that can be seen throughout this newsletter.

Thank you to all who have supported the school in any way this year, be it by supporting your child on a trip, communicating with us when things are tough or simply sharing your pride at your child's progress in the school – you and your children are the reason we are here!

It remains for me to wish you a happy and safe summer and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school in September.

Regards,

Steve Barnes.

GOVERNORS' UPDATE...

In recent days I have taken my new puppy, Timmy, to his first Puppy Socialisation class. His name, Timmy, reflects his personality, timid.

So, I had no idea how he was going to react to being off the lead with other puppies and their owners in a field he wasn't familiar with. I knew I needed to stay calm and caring to give him the confidence to give it a go. I had to carry him to the field as he refused to walk there but with lots of patience and encouragement (treats!) I was able to get him into the field ok. The leader of the group was calm, caring and patient with Timmy (and with me!). I took off Timmy's lead and joined the rest of the adults walking around the perimeter of the field with all the puppies off the lead. So many different sizes of puppies and personalities! Where was Timmy in all this? He was simply sitting in the same position by the entrance (looking more and more like a baby lamb!) – not too nervous or anxious but quietly taking it all in. On my second circuit of the field, I observed other puppies showing an interest in Timmy but with no real engagement from them other than a quick sniff. As I walked past him this time, he decided to follow me and started to walk round the paddock; he stayed close but gradually seemed to enjoy being there, joining in a bit of the sniffing towards the end of the session. Next time we go he will have a better understanding of what will happen so hopefully will join in straight away. But the crucial thing was to listen to Timmy and not have unrealistic expectations of what he was going to achieve.

Not just in school, but whenever we face new situations, it can feel overwhelming for everyone involved – (not just the newbie!), but with calm and caring support, we can take tiny steps and gain confidence to become more involved socially. And then in turn we can become the calm and caring supporter encouraging new people to be themselves.

Our students will move on to new environments; not knowing anyone, not knowing what to expect. But with care and support they can step forwards at their own pace.

I love the Red Arrows Display Team! They are such a talented, confident group of pilots having trained and worked so hard as individuals, but the essence of their displays is all about teamwork and keeping one another safe. And when you reflect on the amount of background staff essential to this team (the maintenance crew members, the administrative staff and the pilots' families too) then they are as important as the pilots themselves for the team display to appear effortless!

Everywhere at The Pilgrim School there are individuals working hard in their own situations BUT together they are all contributing to the overall care and hope filled essence and ethos of our school. We need each other. It doesn't matter whether we are students, parents, carers, staff, or governors; learning in the home situation or in a base situation; – together we are the amazing Pilgrim School. It is a genuine privilege to be a governor – and gives me 'goosebumps' to be so proud to be involved.

Barbara Temple

Chair of Governors

SAFEGUARDING INFORMATION...

Top Tips for Summer Holidays

Routine:

One of the hardest tasks about a return to school following the summer holidays is getting back into routine. Although it is not expected of you to maintain the same routine as you would when attending school, it is beneficial to keep a good sleep pattern, continue to get up, showered and dressed during the day, and even get outside for some much-needed fresh air.



Set some goals:

Set yourself some goals for the summer, this could be bigger goals such as learning a new skill, joining a club, finding a place to have some work experience, or making a new friend; or it could be to simply sit out in the garden for 30 minutes every day, have a family movie night once a week, or complete self-care tasks every day. Whatever it might be it all plays a big part in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Making Opportunities:

One of my biggest goals for this summer is to make memories, try new things, and spend time with friends and family. Try to make the most of the summer break, this doesn't have to be expensive - going for a walk in the woods or a bike ride at the beach, having a kick around with a ball in the field or even playing a board game at home. Why not try teaching your kids to cook - a very important life skill to learn. Whatever it may be make time to laugh, smile, have fun, and let go of the everyday stresses and strains.



Social Media:

I think we can all agree that social media is very addictive and not always very helpful in lifting our mood. Try not to get into the habit of using this anymore than normal, set some time aside as an internet / phone / social media free time, or if this is too unrealistic why not have some family gaming time? or make some family TikToks (I can hear the kids cringing now). This way you can explore your child's interests and they may even be able to teach you a thing or two, it will certainly get them laughing, even if it is at your expense!

Managing your worries:

It is a difficult time for many people, I know we are all sick of hearing about the cost of inflation and seeing our shopping bills going up. Many people are in the same boat. Don't be afraid to ask for help, it does not

mean you are a bad parent, it means you are a great parent as you are doing everything you can to support and provide for your family. During the summer kids seem to want to eat more. There are food banks all over Lincolnshire that can help and support families, simply type 'food bank near me' into Google or go to your local children's centre and they will be able to point you in the right direction. You can also contact 'Turn 2 us' online who support with grants, and benefit calculators. Alternatively, please seek support from Citizens Advice.



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

Signposting:

If things do get too much and you feel you have nowhere to turn, please remember there are people who can help.

E-SAFETY...

Hi,

Another busy few months – but thankfully in a positive way!

All staff should by now have completed an annual Cyber Security training course via the Every platform. Hopefully it was informative, without upping the fear factor. It also means that all our pupils can seek positive advice from any member of staff if they have any online safety worries.

By the end of this term, the majority of student H Drives will be switched to Read Only (unless studying optional ICT). Next year, all work will be saved on the students' dedicated Sharepoint site, so can be accessed and worked on anywhere.

Online Safety Groups have been set up in all bases and have had their inaugural meetings. With the new KCSIE guidelines, Online Safety has now become a major element of safeguarding. It makes sense to combine these with the Pupil Forum to increase participation of students and staff.

The main common points are:

Students are aware of safety/privacy restrictions on apps but choose not to use them as they “take the fun” out of it, and want people to see their posts or “what’s the point?” They also have less fear around privacy as they’ve “never known any different”.

There is now an Online Safety board in every base, with up to date links via QR codes to current threats, and news and views from CEOP/NCA, NSPCC and Childline. Students are being encouraged to register with Childline; it is anonymous and they can post on forums, receive regular updates on threats/scams etc.

Whilst acknowledging that not every Parentmail is appropriate for discussion, we would like to encourage you to discuss the Online Safety output with your children. A student-friendly poster version of each Online Safety Parentmail will also be added to the board when updates are sent out.

We are also discussing the best way get the same messages over with home educated students.

Have a great Summer everyone!

Jon Stevenson

HOPE CURRICULUM...

***'We have already taken many steps.
Now it is time to take a leap'.***

(Malala Yousafzai, December 10th, 2014)



Malala is another of The Pilgrim School's 'Hopeful Heroes'. She has been chosen because she teaches us about the principles of Hope through her story. She has a goal, to make education a right for girls all over the world. She finds different pathways to meet this goal, by finding many different ways to speak, write and campaign for girl's rights. She has also shown agency, by being determined not to be silenced even after being targeted by the Taliban for her beliefs.



However, Malala did not become 'Hopeful' without the support of her Father (Ziauddin Yousafzai). He was, and is, her **cheerleader**. She said:

'I am lucky that I have an amazing feminist father and I say that he was a feminist before he even knew the word feminist, he was not just preaching about the equality of women. He was actually doing it. He ensured that I get my education, that I get treated the same way as my brothers get treated. And there were so many other young girls insightfully who wanted to speak out and who were speaking out initially. But their brothers and their fathers stop them from speaking out. And what's different in my story is that my father did not stop me. It's as simple as that' (Malala, Desert Island Discs, 14th February 2021).

A key element of the Hope curriculum is that we all need cheerleaders and supporters to lend us Hope when we need it and to guide us towards being able to have goals, pathways and agency. Hope isn't wishful thinking. It is in fact quite the opposite. It is an active state of mind which can be developed when we are supported by those who can lend us Hope whilst we develop ours.

Returning to the quotation at the start of this piece, Malala says 'we have already taken many steps'. Steps come before leaps. Steps are the small beginnings of pathways to a goal. Malala reminds us that with the support of others, we can have Hope.

SCHOOL TERMS & HOLIDAYS 2023/2024

Term 1

Inset Days Monday 4th & Tuesday 5th September

Wednesday 06 September 2023 to Friday 20 October 2023

Term 2

Inset Day Monday 30th October 2023

Tuesday 31 October 2023 to Wednesday 20 December 2023

Bank Holidays:

Monday 25 & Tuesday 26 December 2023

Monday 1 January 2024

Term 3

Inset Day Tuesday 2nd January 2024

Wednesday 3 January 2024 to Friday 9 February 2024

Term 4

Monday 19 February 2024 to Thursday 28 March 2024

Bank Holidays:

Friday 29 March & Monday 1 April 2024

Term 5

Inset Day Monday 15th April 2024

Tuesday 16 April 2024 to Friday 24 May 2024

Bank Holidays:

Monday 6 & Monday 27 May 2024

Term 6

Monday 3 June 2024 to Friday 19 July 2024

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN OUR BASES THIS TERM

AMBER HILL NEWS....

Thank you everyone for all your help and support during exam season. This includes all staff and students – thank you for bearing with us with room changes and being quiet ☺ while the Year 11s complete their exams.

When you return in September, you will notice some subtle changes. All rooms at Amber Hill (including room 8) will be used for all lessons and there will be some different staff – some returning from maternity leave and some moving from other bases, as well as some staff having new roles. Please take a look in the staffing news section for more details.

As usual we have been very busy in Amber Hill. Here are some reports about all the activities we have been up to. Have an amazing Summer holiday everyone, have fun, stay safe. - Sharon

Amber Hill leavers trip

The Amber Hill Year 11's chose a trip to Skegness for their end of year trip. They all voted their choice of activities and chose to do an escape room and play in the arcades. In the escape room they faced magical puzzles in the classroom of a witchcraft school, they had to find their way out of the locked classroom within an hour. Everyone enjoyed the arcades, competing against each other trying to win prizes and tickets. The group enjoyed seaside fish and chips for lunch and a lovely walk along the beach.



Hope board

We have had a revamp of the hope board, making it more sensory friendly. We have the hope words and their meanings nice and big so it's easy to see. We also added our hopeful heroes and some of their memorable messages. The tree of hope in the middle represents our school as a family, we hope to add some students and staff thumb prints to the tree to make it more personalised.

Writing children stories

Amber Hill Key Stage 3 English pupils have been working incredibly hard this term, writing their own children's stories. On 13th July, 4 of the class went to Stickney Church of England Primary School to read their amazing creations to class 2. The class was split into two groups with one group listening to 'Mr Ant and Villain Beetle', 'Ghosty and the Broken Leg' and 'Dapper the Dog'. The other group listened to two beautifully illustrated stories; 'The Car That Learned to Drive' and 'The Day I Lost My Passport'.

Whilst the pupils were not ready to read their own stories, they saw how much the children loved their creations and showed incredible courage to answer the many questions that the children had relating to everything they had listened to. The children and the staff loved having our pupils there and invited us to have a look around the school, visit the guinea pigs and spend some time with them at playtime. The school was so impressed with our pupils that they have invited us to return for any other similar activities in the future.

Open Morning

We have had a lovely Open Morning here at Amber Hill. The students gave tours around the base to their parents. Sue Morrison (School Governor) came for a lovely visit too. There were cakes and biscuits with cups of tea/coffee. The parents and students enjoyed some lovely conversations together. Sadly, due to the weather we couldn't go out and play our garden games, but we still had a lovely morning.

BAUMBER NEWS...

Hi everyone,

Looks like we've made it to the end...! It's been an interesting year, with a fantastic group of students.

There's been almost too many activities to fit into an end of year newsletter, but if you go back over previous editions, you'll be able to see them all. One of our highlights has to be hosting the first D of E at Baumber. There really are some fantastic walks around here – see Otto for details. I never thought I'd work in a school with a "therapy tortoise" either....

GCSE exams went very smoothly, thank you to staff and students, so here's to results day, another first at Baumber.

Have a great Summer everyone, stay safe, thanks for everything and see you in September! Jon.

Baumber Garden



We got off to a terrific start this year – in our vegetable patch we planted kale, chilli, cabbage, rocket, cauliflower and tomatoes. We were astounded by the growth of the weeds; they took over and all that survived after weeding were the tomatoes. They are now growing strong, and we are looking forward to tasting them hopefully on our return in September.

Meanwhile in the front garden we planted lots of wildflower seeds and bulbs, the local rabbits have enjoyed the benefits of these more than

us - leaving us with just a few bulbs that grew, however, the apple tree which has been planted has established well and looks good. Looking ahead for the new school year we aim to make more use of the greenhouse, lay some paving slabs inside it and grow more vegetables, getting the plants stronger and protecting them with some strong netting once they are outside.



WOW: Lush



Over the past term Baumber students have taken part in lots of different activities in WOW, including lots of walks, gardening and rock painting. A particular highlight was having Hannah from Lush come and run a bath bomb making workshop. It was a great afternoon and the students really enjoyed learning how to create their own bath bombs, using different techniques and colours. Hannah also showed the students how to do hand massages using special Lush hand bars and she explained how doing this can reduce anxiety and stress. The 'dough' soap was also well received and smelled amazing, as well as being fun to play with! We are very grateful to Hannah for the workshop, and we hope to have her back again. The freebies were also a highlight and both staff and students appreciated how amazing the classroom smelled after!

Chamber Farm Woods

A favourite walk of the term was definitely to Chamber Farm Woods, which is about 10 minutes from Baumber. Before the walk, students enjoyed exploring the butterfly garden near the woods and seeing what wildlife we could spot. The medieval woodland was beautiful to walk through and boasts ancient lime trees and wildflowers. Part of the walk was spent trying to find the perfect walking stick and one student even took theirs home, who we now all affectionately refer to as 'Brian'.



Fantasy Island



The Y11 reward trip this year was a day out at Fantasy Island, near Skegness. With warm weather and no queues, the Y11s and staff made the most of this by going on one of the largest rides first, even persuading a slightly terrified Lynne to join! 'The Odyssey' ride was up next, which had even more loops and upside-down moments. Understandably, some staff members were less keen to go on this one so let the students show us how it's done! After lunch was the Log Flume, dodgems and the Twister, maybe not the best choice after eating but everyone had a great time. Overall, it was a fantastic day and a great way to celebrate the Y11's achievements and hard work.

LINCOLN NEWS...

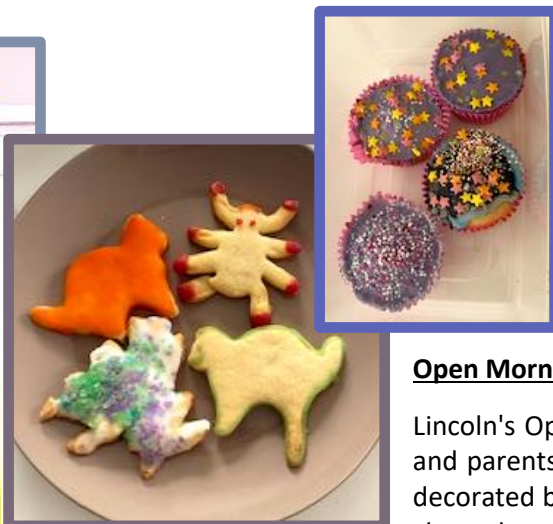
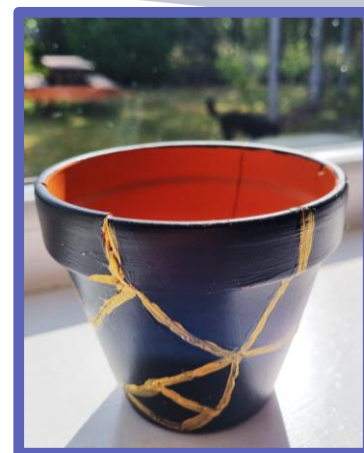
A big thank you to everyone who has made this term a success. Although the busy exam period came to a close, there has been plenty to enjoy and keep us busy. We have celebrated the achievements of our Yr. 11's through Prom and various School trips/ activities and wished them all the best for the future. Staff have worked towards embedding new initiatives such as Bedrock. I have observed some excellent teacher practice across all bases and witnessed some creative WOW activities relating to Hope. Lush have paid a visit to our Lincoln WOW sessions.

Careers week was a big success at Lincoln (and all bases) and the pupils enjoyed our first Spirituality Day. I hope you enjoy some of the pictures incorporating these events and also our Lincoln open morning. Thank you to the families of Lincoln pupils who took part in our parents' evening trial. With our school systems updating next academic term this should work even better. So, all in all a busy and successful term. All that's left to say is we wish you all a pleasant and enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing everyone again in the new term after a well-deserved break. - Steve L



WOW

During WOW we have been looking at the hope word 'kintsugi'. We decorated pots, broke them and put them back together but highlighted the cracks with gold paint. We needed some patience but we did it and they look great. This pot has pride of place in the student area to remind them of what Kintsugi is. P.S. Can you spot Otto in the garden?



Open Morning

Lincoln's Open Morning was well attended by a governor and parents/guardians and they enjoyed cakes made and decorated by students. They looked at students' work and chatted to staff. Parents stayed the whole open morning and some enjoyed a board game with staff and students.

HOME TAUGHT...

This term we have said a fond farewell to our year 11s. We have been so proud of all their motivation and perseverance through the exam season and embraced the support offered from our dedicated home team. Well done all of you. I wish you good luck for the next stage of your journey.

As the better weather had joined us in this term, many of you have been taking advantage of this and have been enjoying some lessons outdoors. This has included some Forest School style lessons as well as more formal Science lessons where your tutors have been inventive, making a homemade quadrat to investigate the ecology in one of their fields. Some of you have also joined us on the annual Lincolnshire Show trip where a great day was had by all. I hope the great weather continues through the Summer Holidays and you have a fabulous time recharging ready for September. Enjoy yourselves. - Sharon



BIOLOGY CHALLENGE...

This year we had 12 pupils complete the nationwide Biology Challenge which is run by the Royal Society of Biology. Everyone who took part received a certificate of participation. A special mention to three of our students who received a Commended Certificate. Congratulations!





All pupils can go on the Royal Society of Biology <https://www.rsb.org.uk/students> where you can get news, career advice, training and participate in competitions. All pupils can also join the membership on Royal Society of Biology for free! Please log onto BioNet which is for schools or college students (14-19) who are interested in biology.

To do this simply follow this link <https://my.rsb.org.uk/login.php?register=1> and use your school email address. Or go to the Royal society of biology website and search BioNet to join. Enjoy!

More Science news hot off the press:

We have recently been successful in a bid for our students to receive a workshop delivered by the Royal Institution – the same institution who run the famous Christmas Lectures. This will involve a science show, teacher professional development and a community show. More news to follow early 2024!

OTTO...

Otto has reached the end of his first year as School Dog and is looking forward to a summer of playing and sleeping. From a tiny puppy in September to now, he has been so warmly welcomed by all in the school – thank you.

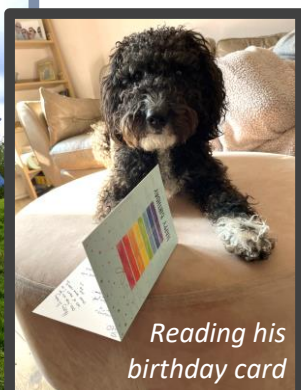
At the request of our Year 11 leavers, we have created an Instagram account so they can follow Otto's journey. Pupils will not be able to send messages but will be able to keep track of what he is up to and upload their own pictures of him in school. He can be found via the username thedaintygentleman (as chosen by pupils).



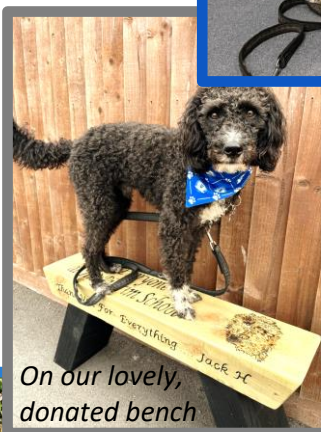
Celebrating Pride



On the Viking Way



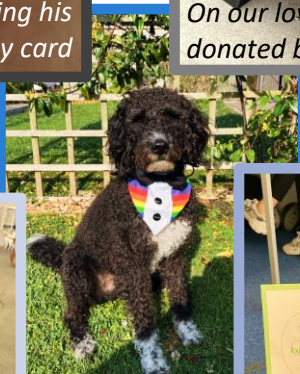
Reading his birthday card



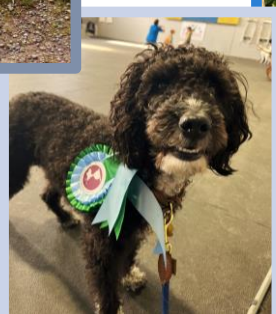
On our lovely, donated bench



Taken by a pupil: with his favourite destroyed ball



Prom Ready



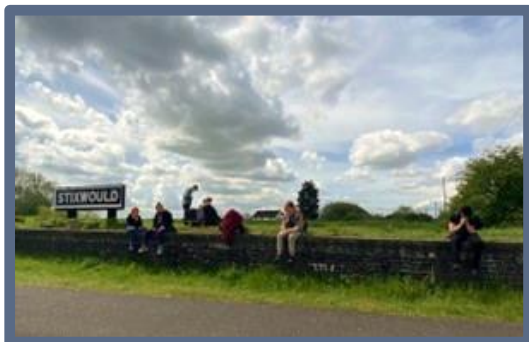
Officially a silver level KC Good Citizen



After walking/running the whole DofE route

DofE...

This has been a year of change and development for DofE at the Pilgrim School, we have taken the decision where possible to integrate DofE into your students Pilgrim life. Through this decision we currently have more students signed up to and working towards their DofE Bronze than ever before, whilst adding another 3 students to our ever-growing list of successful Bronze participants which now totals 18 Bronze DofE Awards presented.



The Bronze DofE Award is split into 4 sections, including Volunteering, Physical and Skill. The participant has to complete a minimum of 1 hr a week of each section for 3-6months. The fourth section is Expedition over 2days/1night.

The other record broken this year was our most participants on a Bronze Level Expedition with 18 participants showing a level of determination to overcome their own individual battles as well as juggling the team dynamic and potential first night away from family, sore feet, sore legs, missing their games consoles... but wow did they do it and absolutely smashed it. The mountain of planning and paperwork was incredibly worth it. Every year the expedition gives the bases a level of atmosphere that carries us nicely through our exam season and beyond.



FIRST AID...

A few years back as a school we made the decision to add first aid to the list of qualifications our students gain, furthering this we decided to train them to the same level as our staff. Since then we have trained 27 students in Level 3 award in Emergency First Aid at Work, 10 of which were this year's cohort. We train our students alongside our staff to improve the empowerment felt by them and exaggerate that we really do train them to the same level.

They all engaged amazingly and took the bluntness and physicality of the course incredibly well. The structure of the course includes practical and knowledge-based assessments. I always include some real world/ less cheesy examples which can be quite hard hitting (as first aid can be sometimes) which they all took well and at times shared their knowledge and experiences.

During our course, I run a 1 minute compressions only CPR on the Resusci Annes which gives a live score which they all passed, most scored 90%+ and 2 of our students even managed 100%.

BRIEFINGS & TRIPS...

This academic year has been a very busy one with various briefings and trips for the students as follows:

October 2022

- Ancaster Leisure (paintballing and laser tag)
- Road Safety Workshop

November 2022

- Spiritual Visit (Lincoln Mosque)
- Awards Night

December 2022

- Safer Internet Workshop
- Kinema Christmas Movie

January 2023

- Sexual Health – Healthy Relationships
- Lincolnshire Sexual Health Clinic to Amber Hill base
- Lincolnshire Strong Voices
- Youth Engagement with Lincolnshire Police

February 2023

- BLESMA – Project Resilience
- Knife Crime and County Lines Workshop

March 2023

- City Trip to Bradford

May 2023

- Computer Misuse Act
- Drugs and Alcohol Workshop

June 2023

- Lincolnshire Show

July 2023

- Careers Week

The Lincolnshire Show trip was very successful with a number of students from both school bases and home taught enjoying a day to learn more about Lincolnshire. The show provides numerous stalls and events that students can access to experience various opportunities. The feedback from students and staff was positive and we will run another trip to Lincolnshire Show next year.

The Careers Week was very successful and outside businesses and agencies provided some very useful talks and discussions about their line of work. I want to thank the following providers for giving up their time to talk to our students:

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|---------------------------------|---|------------------------------------|
| ○ 14 Squadron, RAF Waddington | - | Careers in the Royal Air Force |
| ○ Simply Business | - | Careers in IT and Cyber Security |
| ○ Vippies | - | Careers in Animal Care |
| ○ DWP | - | Local job market and social media |
| ○ United Lincolnshire Hospitals | - | Careers in nursing and health care |
| ○ Lincoln College | - | Apprenticeships |
| ○ Boston College | - | Apprenticeships |

I am in contact with Dyson Farming and Ladies in Pigs (butchers) and hoping that they may be able to provide talks on careers in the farming and butchery industries in the near future.

We already have a great line up for next year with some extra briefings as well as more of the above, which will include gambling harm prevention, anti-social behaviour, hate crimes and domestic abuse.

I am in the process of organising a trip to PGL Caythorpe in October 2023 and more information will be available after the summer break.

In the meantime, I hope you all have a wonderful Summer break and look forward to more of the same next academic year.

Neil Blackwell

CAREERS WEEK...

July 3rd - July 7th

We have had a fantastic start to the launch of our new Careers programme. This has included using Tuesday morning tutorials for discussing a different career each week. We are using the website mypathcareersuk.com/job-of-the-week which presents a different job each week in a short upbeat video (two minutes) and gives the essential information of what the job entails, progression, salary, skills, qualifications looked for. It is an excellent website for students to explore with peers, family and friends and has a video bank of over 120 jobs at different levels across the range of sectors. I do recommend parents and teachers working with students in the home or at a base give this website a go to promote thinking and discussion around post 16.

Neil organised a superb line-up of visitors to the bases to talk about careers. These talks could also be accessed online for students in the home. The line-up included Sergeant Gemma Yarwood from RAF Waddington talking about military careers, Laura Blackwell talking about careers in IT and cyber security. Careers Service representatives visited bases to give a very thought-provoking insight into the labour market, social media and jobs for the future. A United Lincolnshire Hospital Trust visitor provided a very wide and interesting introduction to the 350 different types of jobs found in nursing, health and social care. This is predicted to be one of the growth sectors for the future with jobs for everyone at each level. Lincoln and Boston Colleges provided careers specialists to talk specifically about apprenticeships. Many of our students are really interested by this pathway and it was great to see and hear them asking questions and engaging with the visitors. We have a presentation on agriculture and farming still to come but intend to continue to invite visitors throughout the year to talk about their experiences and careers. A highlight of the week was a visit from Jaime Claughton, an ex-Pilgrim pupil who now works for Vippies, a business that provides health and wellbeing programmes with therapy dogs. Jaime came with her employer and a gang of therapy dogs to talk about her post Pilgrim experience, her typical day now and her love of the job.

Throughout the week teaching staff have delivered an impressive array of lessons showing how their subject links to different careers. Next time students say "why do we need to do?" we have the answer at our fingertips and a bank of information and illustrative tasks to draw on. This makes learning so pertinent, relevant and real (resources can be found teams/whole school/careers/subjects).

Update – Other Careers matters

The school is working towards attaining the Gatsby 8 Benchmark Framework for Careers

We have obtained the first two benchmarks of having careers policies and a programme in place that is judged to be robust, relevant and up to date.

Pupils benefit greatly from the personal and pastoral support they are given to seek post 16 opportunities.

We are expanding our careers programme to include more work-related tutorials, workshops, talks, visitors and visits so pupils experience the world of work. We are meeting our commitment to The New Baker Clause which came into existence in January 2023 to provide for all Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 pupils meaningful encounters with employers and post 16 providers.

We are seeking evaluations and feedback of our careers provision from Governors, employers, parents, carers, staff and pupils to continually develop and expand.

Careers information and links for staff, parents and students can be found on the school website.

Yvonne Prendergast (Head of Applied Learning)

PAST PUPIL NEWS...

As part of careers week in July, we were lucky enough to have J return to school to talk to us about her career in animal care. J works for Vippies and spends her day grooming, exercising and caring for multiple dogs. She made us a short video about her various roles and shared her experiences from leaving Pilgrim to adulthood.

J talked about her initial anxiety about working in an adult environment and how she managed this as well as some of the support she received along the way. She has completed online learning and training and continues to develop her professional skills and expertise.

Her story will provide hope and inspiration to many of our current pupils and we hope to invite her back to Awards Evening in November. J spoke warmly of her time at Pilgrim and as a staff team we are so proud to have played a small part in her journey.



LINCOLNSHIRE SHOW...

All three bases attended the Lincolnshire Show on Thursday 22nd June. It was a very hot and sunny day so the slushies and ice cream available were very needed.

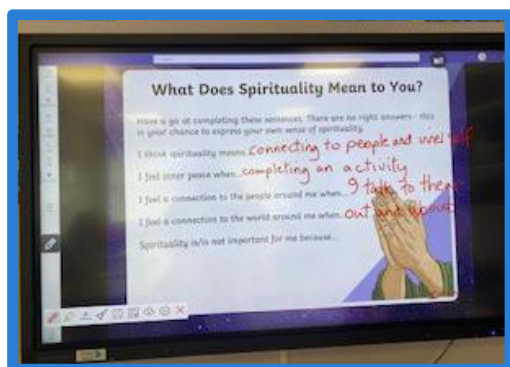


We started the morning by finding the Lincolnshire County Council's marquee where our very own Chelsey Bamford was nominated for "Lincolnshire Music Leader 2023". Chelsey had started a choir during lockdown to help with people's well-being and one of her choir members had nominated her for her passion and drive for music, her positive energy and her hard work in her music lessons at Pilgrim School. It was so lovely to see Chelsey not only being nominated but winning and accepting her reward. Congratulations Chelsey!

For the rest of the day, we walked around the many stalls, visited many animals – made some candles, tasted some delicious strawberries and watched some amazing talented people with their displays. BBC Radio

Lincolnshire was there and had a silent Disco going – staff and students joined in busting some moves with onlookers wondering what they were doing!!! We stopped to look at the Dr Who TARDIS and dared to pass the Dalek. A truly great day out which we all enjoyed.

SPIRITUALITY DAY...



Staff and students across the school took part in Pilgrim's Spirituality Day on the 11 of July. Students were given opportunities to reflect on spirituality and what it means when someone describes themselves as 'spiritual'. They watched a film where six very different people

described how they connect with something beyond themselves and explained how finding something they love to do has helped them find



contentment in their lives. Lively discussion followed, with students able to voice their own beliefs and personal reflections on spirituality. Students then took part in music, art and physical activities to give further opportunities to explore connectedness and hopefulness.



FOOTBALL GAME...

Exciting match ends 6-3 in dramatic fashion



Students, parents and teachers were all treated to a thrilling football match at Heckington pavilion playing fields that saw Baumber be victorious with a 6-3 win against Amber Hill and Lincoln. This high-scoring game showcased the immense talent and skill of both teams. From the very first whistle, it was clear that goals were going to be aplenty. The attacking prowess displayed by both sides was simply outstanding. Spectators made up

of students, staff, parents, past pupils and Otto of course, joined to observe the exciting game. Many had made posters and chants to cheer on their peers and the staff which created a wonderful atmosphere.



Both teams started well with Baumber opening up the scoring with a nice bit of passing play and a calm finish into the bottom corner to take the lead. But the lead was short lived as Amber Hill and Lincoln managed to score within two minutes after conceding making the game 1-1. During the first half the game was to end, with action happening at both ends of the pitch and both goalkeepers were being put through their paces and making some fantastic saves. Two well practiced corner routines by Baumber in quick succession saw them take a 3-1 advantage going into halftime.

During halftime, both teams went into the dressing rooms for a halftime team talk (a well needed breather for the staff). The spectators got to use the pavilion facilities for drinks and snacks as well as The Pilgrim School's own tuck shop run by students at Amber Hill.

Both teams came out ready to put on a great second half performance and they did not disappoint. Amber Hill and Lincoln starting on the front foot by scoring one minute into the second half



and making the score 3-2, but not long afterwards Baumber managed to pull back ahead with a wonderful bit of team play and a nicely taken goal; they had given themselves another two-goal cushion. Baumber then went 5-2 up with a lovely bit of individual brilliance by dribbling past three players and then smashing the ball top bins. Amber Hill and Lincoln quickly replied by scoring another well played team goal and making the score 5-3. Toward the last minutes of the game Baumber received a penalty because of a late challenge in the box, which was calmly slotted underneath the keeper's arms to make the score end 6-3 to Baumber.

What a thrilling football match that was! The exhilarating 6-3 score line is a testament to the excitement and unpredictability that football can bring. It serves as a reminder that football is more than just a sport; it's an experience that unites people from all walks of life in celebration of passion, skill, and sheer entertainment.

CELEBRATION DAY...

On Friday 23rd June 2023 the School held our annual Whole School Celebration Day at our Amber Hill base located in Boston. It is a day full of fun where we get to Celebrate the Year 11s' last day with us. We hired a bouncy castle assault course and Party Delights ice cream van, we had a scavenger hunt, field games, signing of the Y11 shirts, a BBQ and then our Head Teacher Steve Barnes gave out the certificates for our Y11s. We are all so proud of them and saw them leave with a huge round of applause and quite a few tears.

PROM...

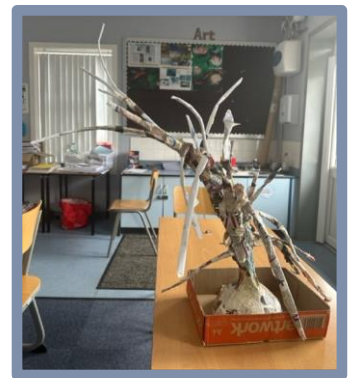
On Thursday 29th June 2023 we held a School Prom for our Year 10s and 11s at the Boston Rugby Cub. We had a photo booth, a DJ, hot buffet, dancing and lots of giggles! Prom is a way to celebrate the Year 11s' last day here with us at The Pilgrim School and we hold this every year. The feedback that we received on the night from both Pupils and Staff was amazing so we look forward to doing it again next year.

DISCOVERY DAY...

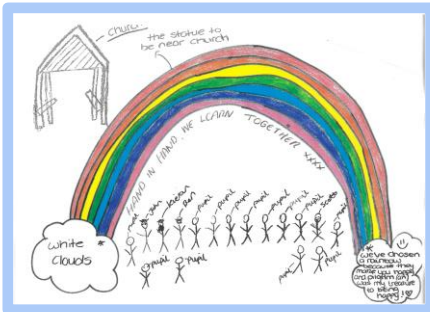


This year was the first year as a school we have run a discovery day across all three bases on the same day. The theme for discovery day this year was to create a sculpture representing our culture.

The challenge for each base was for pupils to create a sculpture that represents the culture of their respective base and Pilgrim School as a whole and we had some fantastic ideas. Some pupils were even able to create



mini sculptures where as others were able to come up with really creative designs which can be seen from the pictures. It was amazing to see the pupils come up with unique ideas on what the school means to them and should be rewarded with a Crest Discovery Award early next academic year.



UPCOMING EVENTS...

On the school website under key information, you will find a link titled upcoming events and term dates. on this web page you will see a visual timetable of events that are happening in each base over the month.

This will be displayed for pupils to see in base so that we know of any planned changes in advance and will be updated online for access at home so that every knows what is coming up. Screenshot of the page included below:

The screenshot shows the Pilgrim School website. The navigation bar includes: HOME, ABOUT US, KEY INFORMATION, SCHOOL LIFE, PUPILS AND FAMILIES, CONTACT US, and LINKS. The 'KEY INFORMATION' section is active, displaying 'Term Dates' and 'Upcoming Events'. The 'Term Dates' section states that term dates for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 academic years can be found [here](#). The 'Upcoming Events' section provides information about events across three bases and the whole school, with contact details at enquiries@pilgrim.lincs.sch.uk. A sidebar on the right lists: FINANCE, GDPR, OFSTED, and TERM DATES & UPCOMING EVENTS (which is highlighted). Below the text is a table of upcoming events.

DATE	AMBER HILL	BAUMBER	LINCOLN
June 2023	AMBER HILL EVENTS IN JUNE	BAUMBER EVENTS IN JUNE	LINCOLN EVENTS IN JUNE
July 2023	AMBER HILL EVENTS IN JULY	BAUMBER EVENTS IN JULY	LINCOLN EVENTS IN JULY

MEET THE CREATIVE SUBJECTS TEAM...

Jackie - Art

Hi, my name is Jackie Gourley and I teach GCSE Fine Art across all three bases at Pilgrim. I studied at Ulster University and I obtained a BA Hons in Fine and Applied Arts and then I went on to do a PGCE at Bangor University in Wales. I have been teaching art for the past 19 years in various roles and settings, including Mainstream, Head of Art and Extended Leadership Team in SEN.

I am passionate about the art and I truly believe that students who study the subject acquire skills that they can apply to all aspects of their lives, such as creativity, confidence, problem solving and dedication just to name a few.

A lot of students who study this subject excel and go on to pursue it at University. It is a real pleasure to be part of their creative journey.

Tim - IT

I have studied and taught in a range of subject disciplines and to different Key Stages ranging from KS3 -KS5. I have worked as a teacher within a dept and as Head of Art & Design. Areas studied at College and University included Fine Art Sculpture, Screen Printing, Sound Sculpture, Installation, Digital/Traditional Photography, Graphic Design etc.

My teaching practice has included to date, teaching and delivery of subject content for GCSE, A level and BTEC courses - Art, Graphic Design, Graphic Products, Digital Photography, ICT/IT.

Chelsey - Music

So, this year has been my second year at Pilgrim. I'm over the moon to say that we have now successfully introduced a full and exciting Music curriculum for the Key Stage 3 students. This year has seen the students create imaginative compositions for topics such as Rap and Hip-Hop, Horror Music and Film Music. In the near future, we are hoping to

introduce graded examinations and have been fortunate enough to receive a grant from Trinity to buy more instruments and resources for the students to enjoy. I'm excited to see Music and the creative subjects blossom over the coming year!

Guy – BTEC Music

Hi, I am Guy, I have been working at The Pilgrim School for over 10 years and I teach BTEC Music. Prior to joining the school, I was a Musician in the Royal Air Force for 26 years. This involved playing and singing in various groups and bands all over the world. I still work privately as a Musician and Singer alongside my role at the school. My vast experience lends itself well to supporting the pupils who want to study the Music Industry.

ART EXHIBITION...

I am pleased to confirm that year 11 GCSE Art pupils will be exhibiting their artwork in the Tea Room at Fydell House, South St, Boston PE21 6HT. The exhibition will run from 11 July 2023 to 29 September 2023. You can view the exhibition on the days and times listed below-:

Tuesday + Thursday 10:30am-4:00pm

Wednesday + Friday 10:30am-3:00pm

There will be light refreshments served on the Wednesday.

No prior booking required, just turn up on the above days and times.

Thank you for your support.

Jackie Gourley, Art teacher



THE PILGRIM SCHOOL – WHERE EVERYONE READS...

SUMMER CHALLENGE!!

This Summer pupils are invited to join the Reading Challenge and let their English Teacher know about their Summer Reading.

There are two prizes awarded at each Base group for the most impressive responses from students. These may be awarded for the number of novels they have read or even a discussion with their Teacher about how much they have enjoyed reading a particular book over the Summer break.

Happy Reading!

STAFFING CHANGES...

This term we have had the following changes to our staff:

NEW STARTER:

- Ella Basker – TA Apprentice, Lincoln Base, started April 2023

STAFF LEAVING:

- Becky Fielden, Head of English - Leaving July 2023
- Chantel Walsh - Pastoral Specialist - Left June 2023
- Debbie Sadler - Pastoral Specialist (Home) - Left June 2023
- Zoe Starkie - Pastoral Specialist (Home) - Leaving July 2023
- Rachel Mee- ES teacher (home) - left June 2023

APPOINTMENTS (Internal):

- Sarah Mulligan, Head of English - September 2023
- Molly Obundu, PA to Headteacher (part-time) - July 2023
- Lauren Bellingham, SEN Administrator (part-time) - July 2023

OTHER:

- Harriet Tricker, English Teacher - Returns from Maternity Leave in July 2023

VACANCIES:

- Teaching Staff in the Home - Relief Contract
- Pastoral Staff in the Home - Relief Contract

SENDCO...

Hi all,

I just wanted to give a little reminder of who I am and where to contact me. My name is Elena Wilson and I am the SENDCo at The Pilgrim School. I have been working here since September 2018 and have been the SENDCo since January 2023. A SENDCo (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Coordinator) aids the teaching and learning of pupils with special educational needs and/or disabilities within their primary or secondary school. I work alongside your child's Pastoral Support and Welfare Specialist, Academic Link and Teachers as well as their mainstream school and other outside agencies to support your child and ensure they are receiving the correct support. I ensure that pupils Educational, Health and Care plans are being met, interventions are put in place to provide additional support and that children with unmet special educational needs are identified. I am always happy to have a conversation if you have any concerns or queries.

The best way to contact me is via email (elena.wilson@pilgrim.lincs.sch.uk) but you can also call one of the bases who will be able to get you in touch with me.

I look forward to continuing to work with you all in the future.

I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday!

Elena Wilson

