



Can you believe it's the end of term already? This term has flown by!

We really hope you enjoyed all of our Christmas celebrations and thank you to those who attended.

On behalf of myself and all of the team, thank you for all of your support this term. We are already looking forward to seeing the children on the 4<sup>th</sup> January.

Merry Christmas to you all.

**Mrs Steward - Principal**

### **Christmas activities**

We are extremely proud of the children in Early Years who successfully performed their Christmas concerts to their families. I am sure you will agree, they were amazing. Well done Early Years!



What a fantastic return to our Christmas Service at Grimsby Minster. The choir, Atlas and year 4 excelled in their individual performances and children from across the school recited the Nativity story.

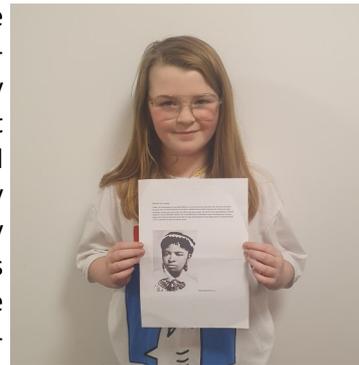
The whole school came together in song to celebrate this special time of year.

Reverend Chris was overwhelmed by the amount of families and friends that joined us and commented 'The Minster has never seen so many.'



### **Hidden history**

This term, some of our pupils entered a History competition that was held for all OAT secondary and primary schools. Pupils had to write about a significant person in



history who they thought should be taught about at school. We are so proud to announce that Bella Papworth in Year 5, was a regional winner and she has won a £25 Amazon voucher. Bella wrote about Rebecca Lee Crumpler who was the first African American physician, nurse and author. Fantastic news. Well done Bella!

### **Prefects**

We are proud to announce that the Academy now have 14 Prefects across Years 5 and 6! We had over 30 applications!

A number of pupils were shortlisted for the position and were interviewed by Mrs Walton. The successful candidates will have a thorough induction and will take on their role in the Spring term. Well done to all pupils who applied.



### **Fundraising**

We had an amazing **Christmas Jumper Day** and raised money for Save the Children. Pupils learned about the fantastic work the charity does to help support children and families around the world. This year we raised £71.69. Thank you for your donations.

### **Children in need**

This year we raised £319.22.



### **Raffle**



Thank you to all the staff and local companies that have donated to our raffle. Thanks to Wilkos, The Uniform Hut, DSV, Hazel and George Lane, The Entertainer, Rushby's sweet shop, Humber Heart charity team, EP UKI. We have raised £551.

### **Donations**

We would like to sincerely thank the NSPCC, the Toys for Joy Carers Project at Centre 4 and staff for their generosity with supporting our families in need. We have been thrilled to issue free tickets to the Panto and other events in our area. Danni and Amy from the NSPCC will continue to work with OSPA in the new Year. So many of our parents and children are receiving the help they need. We are so lucky to have them!



### **Recycle**

This term the Year 4 pupils have been working extremely hard on their **#WeWillRecycle** project. They have collected unwanted clothes, that would have ended up in landfills, and upcycled them into fantastic Christmas jumpers. They modelled these jumpers in a Fashion Show to all of their parents and carers. Well done Year 4; we are so proud of you!



### **Attendance**

**Attendance Target 96%**



**Attendance for this term is 93%**

Unfortunately, we didn't manage to reach our target this term, this is due to a large number of children being absent with sickness bugs, bad colds and chesty coughs.

Please remember that early morning aches often pass, so don't keep your child at home "just in case" when he or she could be learning in class. If you are not sure, you could talk to a member of the school staff or your GP.

Let's see if we can all start the Spring Term healthy and ready to learn.

## OSPA Art Exhibition

All pupils in the academy, from Nursery to Year 6, have had their fantastic art displayed at a successful exhibition in school.

The pupils created pieces that incorporated their own photographs as well as channelling their artistic abilities using a range of media.

Images Art supported the academy in hosting the exhibition of the artwork to celebrate the wonderful pieces that they created for their family to purchase. The money from the sale of the art is also going towards supporting a number of causes, including supporting a local food bank and raising money for school funds.

Images Art also generously donated a Christmas tree to the academy.

We would like to thank Images Art and all the parents/carers for their support with the exhibition.

Well done to all the children for their amazing artwork!



## Upcoming events



## Lifting Limits



Our whole school approach to challenging gender stereotypes has continued this term. Above are some examples of the work in Year 2 and Year 5. In Year 2 we listened to the story of 'Zog and the Flying Doctor'. We then answered the question 'Can a boy or girl do any job they want?' Our responses are recorded above.

In Year 5 children recorded what influences gender stereotypes in day to day lives.

All classes have been exploring different lessons and had some great discussions. We look forward to continuing with our Lifting Limits lessons in January. In the New Year we will be sending home our next home learning activity so keep your eyes peeled for this coming soon.



## 2022-2023 term dates

- 16.12.22 Children finish at 2.30pm for Christmas
- 04.01.23 Children return after the Christmas break
- 10.02.23 Children finish for half term
- 20.02.23 Children return after half term
- 31.03.23 Children finish at 2.30pm for Easter
- 17.04.23 Children return after the Easter break
- 01.05.23 May day bank holiday
- 08.05.23 Extra May bank holiday
- 26.05.23 Children finish for half term
- 05.06.23 Children return after half term
- 25.07.23 Children finish for Summer break