

### The Apple

The weekly news from Isaac Newton School, Grantham

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#### Dear Parents/Carer

It has been another fabulous week here at Isaac Newton – just like pretty much any other week has been over the past 5 years.

We began the week with a wonderful concert by the youth orchestra which Mrs Bongiovanni runs for older children. The pupils in Years 2 to 6 were mesmerised and it really showed what is possible with dedication to practice.

On Tuesday we had a brilliant time at the school Fete. We managed to raise £433 which will go towards additional resources for the school. A huge thank you to Mrs Toole who always organises the event. I'd also like to say that revenge will be mine in terms of those members of the school community that enjoyed the sponge a teacher stall. However this will be a little trickier than usual as Mr Heathcote arrives after the summer break.



The winners at the fete were as follows:

Kiera - weight of cake
Mrs Miller – Sweets in jar
Layton – children's welly throw
Sophia's dad - adult welly throw
Lily – Guessing teachers as babies

On Wednesday the school rounders team obliterated the teaching staff for a second consecutive year. I will be advising the staff to get into training early next year as we clearly have a lot of work to do to get to a competitive level – well done to all of the children that played.

We held our leavers assembly last night. This is always an emotional event as it is the end of an era for both children and Parents/Carers. We are exceptionally proud of the children in this Year 6. They have been great fun and have put their all in to everything during their time here at school. We wish them well for the future and know that they can go on to achieve great things!



We also received great news this week with regard to PE. We achieved the School Games Gold Mark yet again. Whilst we are now used to getting this award we should never underestimate the hard work that goes in to making sure that we have the range of activities and extra-curricular clubs that can make it happen. A massive well done to all involved.

Our final piece of good news for the week is that both of our school football won their leagues. This is an outstanding achievement which reflects the quality of team work demonstrated by all of those pupils who have represented both the A and B teams this year.



Finally, what can I say? This is my 173<sup>rd</sup> newsletter since my arrival here at Isaac Newton. Not once have I struggled to fill the newsletter - this is thanks of all of the staff's hard work in ensuring that each and every week is a fantastic learning experience for the children.

When I arrived the school was in a difficult position as a result of the OFSTED report in November 2013. However from my very first day here I knew that, with the quality of staff already present and the wonderful nature of the pupils, I had been fortunate enough to become the Headteacher of a very special school! For once, I was not wrong. Each and every day has been truly exciting and the hard work of the whole school community has allowed the school to go from strength to strength. I am exceptionally proud to have been part of the journey and grateful to the amazing team that I inherited and those new members of the school community who have joined us along the way.

I wish you all well for the future and know that the school is in safe hands, both in terms of the staff that are here and Mr Heathcote who will take up his role upon the children's return.

I hope that you all enjoy the summer break and that the children relax and come back ready for another exciting year. I can't wait to see the next stage of the school's journey and will be watching closely!

#### Paul Hill Headteacher



#### EAR RINGS

Can all Parents/Carers please remember that if pupils are going to have their ears pierced then the best time is at the beginning of the summer holiday. This ensures that they are able to remove their ear rings for PE when they return in September. Pupils are not allowed to participate in PE if they are unable to remove ear rings. Also, please remember that pupils should **only have one stud ear ring in each ear** if they are wearing them for school.

# Dates For Your Diary: 20<sup>th</sup> July Last day before Summer Holiday 5<sup>th</sup> Sept Children return to school

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