

BAYSGARTH NEWS

We would like to start off this newsletter by saying a huge thank you and farewell to Mrs Barbara Billinger who retired at the end of the spring term after a working life devoted to teaching. Mrs Billinger will come in during the summer term to teach a small number of Art lessons so we look forward to seeing her around the school. Also farewells and thank you for all their contributions to the school go to Mrs Major and Mr Davey who left us in April. We would like to welcome Ms Smith and Ms Pilley who have joined the English Faculty as Key Stage 4/5 and Key Stage 3 Team Leaders respectively, and to Mr Redfern who has joined the school as Head of our Inclusion Faculty.

Rock Challenge is an annual event which Baysgarth has entered a massive 13 times. It is an 8 minute performance which tells a story through music, dance and drama. It is an amazing experience for all involved, an opportunity to become part of a great team and meet many new people. This year's Rock Challenge 'Take Me Out' was based on a Western theme and was successful in achieving 3 awards; Best Lighting, Best Set Design and also a student leadership award. It is such a fantastic day and brilliant experience and special mention must go to two members of staff: Mrs Valentine and Mr Scruton. Rock Challenge could never happen without their help year after year. They kept the group going when things weren't looking so great and put countless hours into the performance, Thank you so much to the whole team and a big well done to everyone!

Once again Baysgarth School was the venue for the inter-school cheerleading competition which was held on Monday 23rd March. A great atmosphere provided the backdrop for some excellent routines and chants to be performed along with a demonstration from the Lincoln Jets professional Cheer Team. Many thanks to all who helped make the occasion a success and to the 6 members of the "Baysgarth Boomerangs" Cheerleading Squad who represented the school.



Work continues with the Baysgarth School Sports Partnership: the most recent event is the Sports Hall Athletics involving over 200 primary school pupils. Barton St Peter's were overall winners and will go on to the Humberside competition. Thanks must go to the staff who coordinated the event, ably assisted by some 40 Baysgarth sports volunteers from all years. PE staff and some of our GCSE PE students, have also taken sessions in badminton and multi-skills with Bowmandale pupils at the leisure centre. Our ever improving partnership with the leisure centre will enable us to offer a wider range of activities to pupils, including swimming,

fitness and use of the gym. Other new activities to be introduced are judo, golf and sailing.

Freddy Josh led the Y8 rugby team to victory in the Scunthorpe and District Schools Rugby competition last term. This was a great team achievement but special mention must be made of Tom Bowes and Ben Herrick who scored numerous tries to secure the victory. Our Y8 Football team reached the Cup Semi Final and were narrowly beaten away at South Axholme. 2-1 up with minutes to go they conceded a late equaliser and then again with the match heading for penalties they conceded another to lose 3-2. Ben Herrick, the team's top scorer scored the goal of the game from the half way line; Liam Blomeley scored the other goal.

Baysgarth also has its fair share of budding "Oliviers" and on Friday 20th March we were proud to hear that 15 members of our school went to North Ferriby, to take part in the All England Theatre Festival as part of the South Bank Players Junior group youth entry. Although the group did not make it through to the next round, we were delighted with the performances of all the youngsters, especially Luke Bennett in Y8 who scooped the Best Actor Award for his outstanding performance.

We received our National Healthy School Award on April 2nd, which builds upon that already received from North Lincolnshire Council. This reflects the tremendous work taking place in lessons across the curriculum, our extra-curricular activities and dining arrangements. Thanks go to all the staff and pupils involved in helping the school receive recognition of such key aspects of our work in this way. Examples of the work carried out are:

- New Health Education programme: Choices Clinic – advice for health, relationships, smoking cessation, student advisor
- Voted the most improved meals of all North Lincolnshire secondary schools: Licence to Cook - 50% of food lessons are practical cooking; revamped canteens and new menus
- 2 hours PE for all; and increased range of activities in lessons and extra-curricular opportunities; leadership and coaching awards for pupils; hub school for Baysgarth School Sport Partnership
- Peer Mentors for all groups: sports mentors winning the Diana Award; programmes to promote confidence and self-esteem; new Vertical Tutoring system to further promote a caring community; one of the lowest incidences of bullying in all North Lincs secondary schools.

Reminder of Term Dates

1 June	School Re-opens
17 July	School Closes for Summer
3 Sept	School Re-opens

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