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Newsletter

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Message from the Headteacher

At the end of a long term it is pleasing to have a Newsletter full of successful visits and activities that have taken place this term, which have enhanced students' learning. My thanks go to all the staff and parents who have worked hard to support our students and these events.

We look forward to the New Year when we hope building work will commence on the North Hykeham Cadet Centre.

My best wishes to you and your family for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Helen Renard, Headteacher

North Kesteven District Council Democracy Day

This is an annual event run by the NKDC Councillors and Officers to highlight the importance of local democracy and to give the students an insight into some of the difficult decisions local councils have to make. This year the event was attended by North Kesteven School and ourselves.

Students were split into groups, each led by 2 councillors, and their task was to submit a budget for the new financial year to present to the Executive Board. After a morning of deliberations and learning what needed to be considered, the teams each presented their budget plans to the Executive Panel.

Students behaved impeccably and were complimented on their appearance and involvement.

A final vote was taken at the end of the day with the Executive Panel's proposals being upheld.



Children in Need

On 21 November the Student Council organised a day of activities to raise money for Children in Need. Students came to school in fancy dress with a neon theme. At lunchtime the Student Council took on Teachers from the PE & Technology Department in a general knowledge quiz. A total of £758 was raised. Our thanks go to those who supported this good cause.



Art Competition Winner

Congratulations to Georgina Donnelly in Year 9 who won the 'Drawn to Life' Art Competition to design her own hero/character using the Nintendo DS/Wii software.

The company running the competition came into school with Georgina's design on a billboard and presented her with prizes and a cheque for £750 for the School Art Department.

Well Done Georgina!



Come and start something new in 2010

We have a wide range of courses available, with places on the following courses starting in the New Year:

Computing

ECDL (European Computer Driving Licence)
Microsoft Publisher
Introduction to Digital Photography

Floristry

Spring Flower Arrangements
Scents of Spring (held at Fulbeck Hall)
Creative Techniques Floral – C&G 7111 Level 1



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Carol Service - December 2009

Once again the students presented excellent performances at our annual Carol Service.

Guests were welcomed by our Brass Ensemble playing Carols in the Entrance Hall. The traditional service started as always with Once in Royal David's City, followed by a welcome from the new Headteacher, Mrs Renard.

We were pleased to welcome back many past members of staff including Mr Stuart MacFarlane, the previous Headmaster, who led the prayers and blessing.

A retiring collection of £195 was taken in aid of the Nomad Trust. After the service guests partook in mince pies and coffee whilst listening to a string quartet.

Day Centre Christmas Party

Once again we hosted our Christmas Party for residents of the North Hykeham Day Centre.

Guests arrived during the morning and were welcomed into the Main Hall, which had been decorated with festive trimmings. A three course meal was served by the Student Council.

After lunch, the residents were treated to a game of Bingo and then had the opportunity to dance the afternoon away to the sounds of Christmas music.

International News

Seven students accompanied by Mr Hunt and Miss Earnshaw visited our partner school in Kunming following their students visiting us in September. Once again the two schools competed in a Mathematical Challenge and RPS just narrowly won. The students enjoyed their trip and have made the following comments:

"I will strive to learn from China and spread kindness throughout England – I have had an amazing time and learnt to appreciate my school life."

"I've learnt so much about a culture so far removed from our own."

"I have had the experience of a lifetime, I have never laughed so much in this amount of time and the group of us have become very good friends. The insights and friendship from China are invaluable and I highly doubt I will ever visit somewhere with so many wonderful people again. My last year at Robert Pattinson School will be my most memorable and my most wonderful."

We have started our new Comenius project for the next two years with our partner schools: One in Germany and one in France. Mr Hunt went to an initial teacher meeting in France in November. The next visit will involve students and teachers going to Germany in March 2010.

Staff Changes

This term the Science Department say farewell to Miss R Franklin and Mr C Heath. We wish them both well in their new teaching positions.

We offer a warm welcome to Mrs A Gillespie who will join the Science Department in January.

Welcome back to Miss Payne who will be returning from her 6 month secondment at our partner school in Kunming, China. We thank Mrs Gaskill who has done a wonderful job in Miss Payne's absence.

Primary Connections

As 2009 draws to a close our Primary links continue to develop and strengthen, with the Expressive Arts Faculty teaching Art and Music at Redwood and Ling Moor Primary schools on a weekly basis.

Our Year 12 students are also leading Drama workshops on Friday afternoons during Redwood School's Golden Hour.

In October Witham St Hughs and Redwood Primary schools visited Robert Pattinson School for Art and Science workshops.

As a result of this liaison and the hard work of all staff we are pleased to report that we currently have 234 first choice applications for Y7 Sept 2010.



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Holistic and Beauty Therapies

Natural Skincare
Reflexology
Aromatherapy

Languages

Holiday Spanish

Teaching

Supporting Teaching and Learning in Schools
(Teaching Assistants) C&G Levels 2 & 3
Preparing to Teach in the Lifelong Learning Sector

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