



# KISIMUL SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

## SWINDERBY

During the lead up to the festive period the students enjoyed a number of traditional activities none more so than attending various pantomimes, the care environment organised a theatre group to carry out a production of Jack and the Beanstalk on site, this allowed the students who would have difficulty in accessing a traditional venue. All the students watched, interacted and stayed for the duration of the show in the comfort of a familiar environment.

This didn't prevent other students attending pantomimes in the wider community and attending shows in Lincoln and also Nottingham.

A small group of three students attended the Big Reunion concert in Nottingham, two of the students immediately sang and danced the night away to all the groups the third student appeared disinterested until Atomic Kitten came on and this transformed her, she immediately stood up focused on the group and started to sing along to the songs it was brilliant to see!

The season tickets for the Nottingham Panthers continue to be a huge success with the students accessing various games, this has lead a family to take their son to a match and couldn't believe how much he engaged in the whole experience.

## ACACIA HALL

Following the very busy and indulgent month of December the staff and young people at Acacia are now looking to how they can develop their fitness, although the weather has not been the best they have still made lots of effort in this; going out for walks around the local area, to the coast for a walk along the beaches, swimming at the local pools and our Swinderby site, bicycle rides around the village and to the local railway crossing to observe the trains passing have been very popular. This along with their healthy eating plans where they have chosen their meals, been out to Lincoln shopping for the items prior to cooking and enjoying eating them are the first stages to a fit and healthy New Year. There have been four birthday celebrations this month one of those being an 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, all the young people helped to celebrate these here on-site and a small group of youngsters also went out for a meal with the young man who was eighteen.

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## WOODSTOCK

Unfortunately going out and about has been severely hampered by the number of rainy days. Mainly being the season for indoor activities, however, we have just taken every opportunity we can to go out and found plenty to do indoors when we can't.

Bowling and cinema are the main stalwarts at this time of year and the weekly trip to Snakes and Ladders continues to be a highlight. One group of young people has also started trampolining once a week which, as well as being a great way to exercise, is proving to be really good fun and we have hired a small local pool so that another group can enjoy a swim each week.

When one Sunday proved to be rain free, a trip to Selsey was organised to take advantage of the weather. A nice brisk walk by the seaside and a fish and chip supper was what everyone needed to blow away the cobwebs.

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## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre last November was, once again a complete success! Thanks must go to all the staff, children, young people and adults at Kisimul who made the fayre such a special day. We would also like to thank all the visitors and parents who made the journey to Swinderby for the day. Everyone thought Santa was exceptional this year with Mrs Santa to help him, Andre's band played some fantastic music by the BBQ to keep everyone entertained, and of course all the food, BBQ and jacket potatoes (new this year) were of a very high quality! The tombola was complete chaos (but good chaos!) with everyone wanting to participate thanks to the continued support from Kath Hardy and her team of helpers. A new addition was from the gardening club with their chutneys and jams made from their own produce, hopefully, we will have lots more for the Summer Fayre! All the stalls did very well and the helpers made sure everybody – staff, parents, visitors, children, young people and adults – all had a fantastic day!

The total amount raised at the fayre was a whopping £3,181.01 and this will be used for treats and equipment for all the children, young people and adults at Kisimul.

## SUMMER FAYRE

The Summer Fayre this year will be held at the Acacia Hall site on Sunday 13 July from 2pm-4pm.

We hope you will all be able to attend and enjoy all the food, music, stalls and events that will take place. See you at the Fayre!

## suiLLEAn house Tigh NAVEEN

All residents spent December getting into the festive spirit, with the house being decorated, Christmas songs being sung and everyone baking Christmas goodies. The house had a big Christmas party just before people went off to visit their families and all of the residents seemed to have a great time, as well as the staff team too!

## AN CALADH

We have had an extremely busy December at both An Caladh House and Tigh Allene. The residents have thoroughly enjoyed the festive period and it has been excellent to witness a real togetherness between the two houses. It is usually very hectic too for everyone throughout December and this year has proved no different



## TIGH BRUADAIR

Our residents at Tigh Bruadair saw an impressive fire work display on New Year's Eve as the local football club held the display. Tigh Bruadair then celebrated with a house party and buffet where all residents took part and enjoyed the night's celebrations.

## AN DARACH

All regular activities are appearing to be very much enjoyed, with some great trips taking place such as Donna Nook to see the seals, The Deep, the theatre and various restaurants for dinner. All in all a very busy month with lots of fun and excitement.

## BREAGHA house

The residents continue to settle into their home, and are now more confident in making decisions and choices, it's great to see them really flourishing, taking ownership of their home and appearing so relaxed and happy in their environment.

## Blythe house

All of the residents were back at Blythe for New Year and we had a party on New Year's Eve to celebrate. Most of the residents were however too tired to stay up and see in the New Year.

The residents have now got back into their regular timetable of activities and continue to enjoy these despite the windy and rainy weather.

## TIGH GRIANAN

We have all enjoyed Christmas and New Year and attended parties at the clubs we go to on Mondays and Tuesdays. The Residents also enjoyed going to London on Christmas day to look at the lights. All Residents gave their families personalised calendars, their parents really like them.

As we start to get back to normal following the Christmas and New Year period 3 Residents have returned back to college last week.