

10 December 2024

Dear Parent and Student

Congratulations go to:

- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Bronze Merit Award**:

Sidney Brown 7C	William Brown 7C	Eliza Elsom 7C
Emily Cooper 7S	Leo Millership 8C	Belle Hales 8S
Maryam Karkar 8S	Emilia Murray 8S	Euphemia Pyott-McLean 8S
Coby Jones-Brown 8T	Genevieve Weaver 8T	

- The following Middle and Upper School pupils who have achieved **25 Merits**:

India Elsom 9C	Esme Murray 9S	Alan Hockham 9T
Ruby Hunter 9T	Esther Proctor-Tinning 10C	Zoe Ailsby 10S
Ashir Ali 10S	Thomas Hewitt 10S	Luke Perrin 10T
Samuel Doore 11S	Freddie Chapman 13S	

- The following Lower School pupils who have achieved their **Silver Merit Award**:

Sara Awwad 7C	Thomas Willey 7C	Herbie Lowes 7T
Joey Richardson 7T	Harry Smith 7T	Bella Bailey 8C
Francesca Clarkson 8C	Millie Simpson 8C	Ellie Burrell 8T
Robert Knowles 8T	Ava Newby 8T	Myla Pick 8T
Jessica Whitehouse 8T		

- The following Middle School pupils who have achieved **40 Merits**:

Elsa Onaji 9S	Evie Rogers 9S	Grace Allis 9T
Dominic White 10S		

- The following pupils who have attained their **Subject Leader's Commendation**:

Business Studies	Sarah-Jayne Carpenter 10S	
Combined Science	Ariana Lister 10C	
Extra-Curricular Activity	Bethany Page 10C	
English and English Literature	Rihanne Mawer 10C	
Mathematics	Alessia Nicassio 7T	Charles Skitmore 7T
	Tazmin Kidd 11C	Rachael Alan 13C
	Freddie Chapman 13S	Jacob Mycroft 13C
	Joshua Ray 13T	
Physical Education	Herbie Lowes 7T	Harry Smith 7T
	Jacob Smith 7T	Frankie Bee 8S
Spanish	Sarah-Jayne Carpenter 10S	



Thursday 12 December

Please ensure that your child has enough credit on their ParentPay 'School Lunch Fund' should they wish to join in with the festivities!

There will be no break sales, and if your child is not having a Christmas Dinner, it will be pack up only on this day.

- To the Sixth Form netball and football teams travelled to Lincoln Minster, battling hard but unable to come away with a win.
- To the 45 students who participated in the District Cross Country Championships in Louth last week, with a special mention to Bebe Welch 7S, Oliver Gorman 7T, Hannah Smith 9S, Zach Lowes 9T, Kirsten Richardson 10C and Natalia Willson 10T who finished within the top 16, earning places on the district squad heading off to the Coastal and Wolds at the County Cross Country Championships in January.

Year 11 and 13 have this week received their **Mock Exam Timetables** for the January mock exams. Please encourage your child to revise thoroughly, to make the most of this very important preparation, for their Summer GCSE and GCE exams. Year 10 mock exams will follow at the start of February, timetables will be distributed in the near future.

Thank you to all of our students and families who have supported, and contributed, donations to **Christmas Hampers** for visitors to the Day Centre in Alford. The hampers have been designed, decorated and filled with a bespoke range of gifts by our students. They were delivered today, and I am sure will help share the joy of Christmas with our community.

Our **Christmas Carol and Celebration Concert** is on **Wednesday 11 December** at 7.00 pm. Tickets will be on sale on the door, or in advance, from the school office. All proceeds will go to our chosen charity [Marie Curie](#).

A reminder that **Christmas Dinner** will be served on **Thursday 12 December**, please ensure that your child has enough credit on their ParentPay 'School Lunch Fund' should they wish to join in with the festivities. A Christmas menu is attached for your perusal. Please note that there will be no break sales, and if your child is not having a Christmas Dinner, it will be pack up only on this day .

The **Duke of Edinburgh Bronze** meeting (open to Year 9 students) is on **Thursday 12 December** from **6.00 pm – 6.45 pm** and the **Silver** (open to Year 10 students) / **Gold** (open to students who have completed their Silver Award) meeting from **7.15 pm – 8.15 pm**.

Our **Christmas Fayre** is on **Friday 13 December** from 3.50 pm to 5.30 pm.

Christmas Jumper & Sock Day is on **Thursday 19 December**, students do NOT have to wear blazers, shirts/blouses and ties.

The Lincolnshire Community Health Service **Year 9 MenACWY & Td/IPV vaccination programme** is scheduled to take place on **31 January 2025**. Please refer to the attached letter for more information, where you can click a link to give consent for your child.

East Lindsey Children's Centre would like to draw your attention to their programme of Christmas activities in the area, copy attached.

*Christmas Hampers
for Alford Day Centre*



The **Stay Safe Partnership**, Lincolnshire County Council would like to draw your attention to **Parent Advice on Child Sexual Abuse, Exploitation and Harmful Sexual Behaviours**. The [Lucy Faithfull Foundation](#) has produced some fantastic, bitesize, information clips and resources for parents around protecting children and young people from harmful sexual behaviour both online and offline. Child sexual abuse affects more than a million children under the age of 16 in the UK. The production of Child Sexual Abuse Material or nude images is mostly being produced and shared by those aged 13-15 years of age. As a parent it is important that we are able to talk to our children about the reasons, risks and consequences behind image sharing. Parents can learn from short films telling them what they need to know about child sexual abuse and how to prevent it, including spotting the signs and online safety.

Using clear and simple language it explains the issues and gives straightforward advice, signposts to other websites and directs to various helplines. The training also gives advice on completing a 'family safety plan' looking at staying safe as a family.

[What's the problem? A guide for parents of children and young people who have got into trouble online](#)

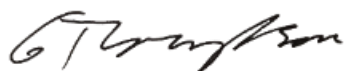
There are also other websites that provide support for parents and young people around this topic such as:

[Home - Shore](#) *Remember if your child has shared a nude image of themselves, which has then been shared further you can use the service Report Remove to report the image and have it removed from the internet.*

[Report Remove | Childline](#)

And, finally well done to students who have braved the weather and walked/run around the school field for the '**1000 Lap Challenge Sponsored Run**', raising funds for the PE department. Funds raised can be receipted at the school reception.

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Mr G Thompson
Headteacher

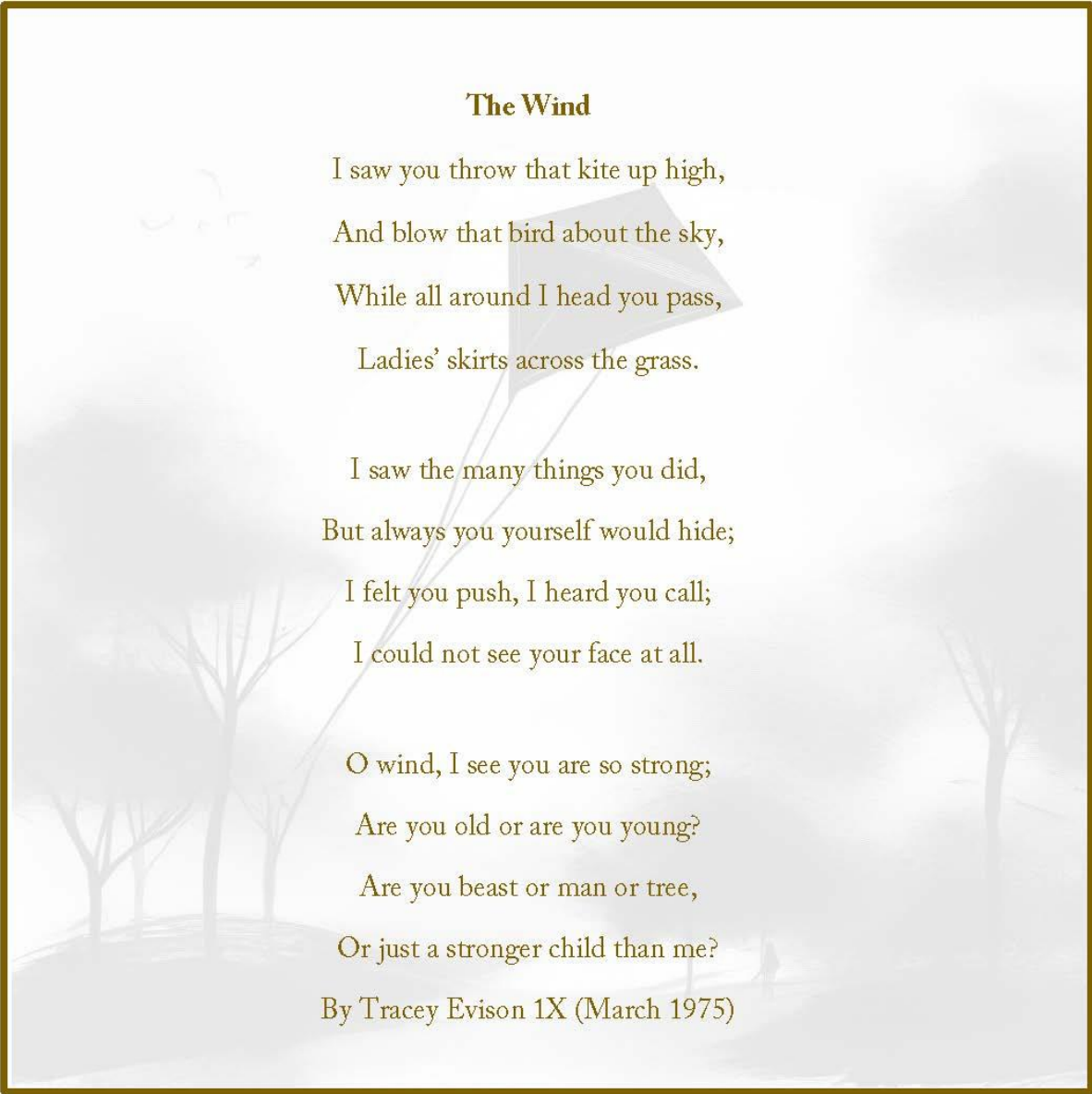


1000 Lap Challenge Sponsor Walk/Run

From the Archives'

After what can be described as a 'wild and windy' weekend, we recalled of a piece of poetry that was included in the 1975 edition of The Alfordian. The writer captured a wild, windy day perfectly with her work; the name of the author may be familiar to some of you ...

The Wind



I saw you throw that kite up high,
And blow that bird about the sky,
While all around I head you pass,
Ladies' skirts across the grass.

I saw the many things you did,
But always you yourself would hide;
I felt you push, I heard you call;
I could not see your face at all.

O wind, I see you are so strong;
Are you old or are you young?
Are you beast or man or tree,
Or just a stronger child than me?
By Tracey Evison 1X (March 1975)

