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### **Blue Badge Recipients**

Blue Badges were awarded this week to the following children:

Reception: Emily for outstanding PE

James R for amazing independent writing Rupert for a super symmetrical butterfly

Year 1: Whole class for an amazing attitude to their phonics screening

Year 2: Emily for her superb phonic skills

Isabelle for her amazing knowledge about the Suffragette Movement

Year 3: Harry and Ruby for superb descriptive writing

Year 4: Harry B for superb manners particularly during the Church Schools Festival

Hattie for showing kindness towards others

Year 6: Fathima and Nancy for their confident presentation at the Girls School

debating competition; very proud of you girls

Niamh for brilliant behaviour and an eagerness to learn

Well done to all of you. We are proud of the work that you produce and the effort that you put into all areas of school life.

It is a pleasure to give out the blue badges to the children each week, celebrating their successes both in and out of the classroom. It has been great to see the children wearing their badges with pride this week.

## **Health and Safety**

I am aware that several parents have been using the staff car park as a cut through when accessing breakfast and after school club. Please refrain from doing this as cars are in and out of this area at these times and we do not want an accident to happen.

### Traffic lights and construction work

We have been informed by Western Power that there will be major upgrading of the electricity network in the area. The main works will begin on Monday 25/06/18 and will last approximately 18 weeks, with some preparatory works being completed the week before. Temporary traffic lights along Tom Lane will be in action for part of this time. Western Power have stated that 'Throughout the project every effort will be made to schedule deliveries around the Schools' pick up and drop off times, but unfortunately there will be an increase in daily traffic throughout. With this in mind I would like to urge any parents parking along Tom Lane and Drove Lane to park respectively and not to block the highway.'

# 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

On Thursday it was our schools 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Thank you very much to the PTFA for organising a fantastic afternoon. The children had a great time.

### **Swimming Gala**

This afternoon Year 3 and 4 are competing in our swimming gala. Good luck to all involved. Next week will be the turn of Year 5 and 6.

### **Cricket Tournament**

Good luck to the Year 5 children who are representing the school at the Sleaford schools cricket tournament today.

### **Football Tournament**

Good luck to the Year 2 children taking part in a football tournament today.

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### Let's have a debate!

On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> June, Year 6 students - Nancy, Annaliese and Fathima- went to the girls' school in Sleaford for a debating competition, in celebration of 100 years since winning the female vote. Many topics were discussed by themselves and representatives from other primary schools. The speeches were judged by a panel of important people.

Nancy spoke about the gender pay gap in the UK, while Annaliese commented on homelessness and cures for diseases,; Fathima talked about the importance of the NHS and how the NHS lacks funds. After the five different primary schools each presented their three girls, the judges decided on a winner for that category. The secondary category then went afterwards and once the different pupils had shared their opinions on today's society, the results were announced to a waiting crowd.

Second and third place winners of each categories got a book all about the successes of women, signed by non-other than our Prime Minister. The winners of each category were given the honour of having a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament and to meet a very special lady. The identity of this important person is un-known, but will soon be revealed after the winners come back from their exciting day.

Nancy was the winner of the Primary category, and will be visiting London on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

By Annaliese and Nancy

We are all extremely proud of how the girl's conducted themselves at this event which most adults would have found difficult. The teacher's, including those from other schools, watching the event commented on all our pupils and felt we could have taken all three top places. This goes to show what confident, mature and articulate pupils we have at Rauceby.

Here is Nancy's speech...



Even though it has been 100 years since women were allowed to vote and be able to do many things that men can do, for example, go to war – it is known that women don't get equal pay in comparison to men. This is called the 'qender pay gap'.

To bring to life, if a man and a woman both did the same job for a calendar year, the man would get paid for all of it and the woman would work for free from the 30<sup>th</sup> of November onwards. This really explains how unfair the situation is.

Today ¾ of British companies pay their male staff more than they pay their females. The reasons for this problem are many and complex. But, let me ask you all, should women really get paid less when they make 47% of the over-all work force? What possible explanation could there be for this to be acceptable?

There are supposedly more men called John running companies than there are women in total running companies! So, in this given situation...

*If I were Prime Minister, I would do the following:* 

- 1) Continue to make companies report on gender pay gap, which has recently happened for the first time. On top of that, I would also want a plan from these companies with a gap to show how they would tackle a problem.
- 2) I would fine the companies that do not return these reports on time whether they have a gap or not!
- 3) I would want to see companies that understand that women sometimes need to take time out of work to start, or to look after families, and they should not be over-looked for key jobs when they return to work.
- 4) Companies should openly share their plans and get employees involved in making them a reality.
- 5) We should encourage more girls to consider qualifications and jobs that are typically done by men e.g. engineering. This would involve the right training being provided and encouraged.

Data so far shows that without action, the gender pay gap won't close until at least 2048. This is unacceptable and as Prime Minister, I would ensure we close this gap sooner.

We are here today, in part, to celebrate 100 years since winning the female votes. The Suffragettes fought and succeeded in getting votes for women, we must now ensure that we fight and succeed in closing the gender pay gap. We must continue their work and get women paid for December- think how much more fun Christmas could be.

Thank you.

### **Father's Day Family Service**

Father's Day service at Rauceby Church at 11am, Father's Day craft to make, followed by coffee and cake.

### Year 3 and 4 Flight Team

A group of Year 3 and 4 children had a fantastic time taking part in a 'Flight' competition. This involved many fun activities using equipment that flies, including balls, Frisbees etc. They performed extremely well and played in true Rauceby spirit!





### **Year 4 Church Schools Festival**

On Tuesday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June we went to St Deny's church in Sleaford for the Year Four Church School Festival. We took part in a variety of workshops. One of them was about the charity Embrace. The charity's old name was Bible Lands because it was based in the Middle East. The Syrian refugee camps had barely anything but surprisingly had a satellite dish to communicate by radio with family and friends back in Syria. The other workshops were maths, art, Puppets and Global Christianity.

We thoroughly enjoyed our day and learnt many interesting facts.

By Olly and George



### **Year 6 Church Schools Festival**

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018, the Year 6 class went to visit the Lincoln Cathedral. When we arrived we were shown around and got told about the history of the Cathedral; we found out that the Cathedral is nearly 1000 years old. After being shown around we went to the place where the choir sings, called the pews. Our next activity was in the nave of the cathedral. We learnt to do some chiselling; we tried to break off pieces of stone from a massive chunk. It was very difficult. When we finished chiselling the stone, we made our own sculptures using soap and dentist tools. Following lunch we took part in a service and sang together with lots of other schools.

It was fantastic to try new challenges and sing with children from other schools.





By Aidan and Joe



### **Year 6 Residential**

Last week Year 6 spent the week away in Malham, North Yorkshire. They returned tired and exhausted but had a wonderful time.

Please check out the Year 6 blog on our website for more information and pictures.

### **Upcoming Events**

Mon 18-Fri 22 June - School Science and RAF 100 week (for further details,

please see letter sent home today)

Tues 19 June - Year 5 taster days at Carre's and KSHS
Wed 20 June - Gardening Club to Lincolnshire Show
Thurs 21 June - Gardening Club to Lincolnshire Show

Fri 22 June - KS2 Swimming Gala (Year 5/6)

Mon 25 June - Collaborative Choir performance in Sleaford

Wed 27 June - New Intake Evening at Carre's Thurs 28 June - New Intake Evening at KSHS

Fri 29 June - New Intake day for Sleaford schools

Fri 29 June - Year 1 Class Assembly
Fri 29 June - Class swap afternoon
Mon 2 July - Year 3 and 4 Rauceby Walk
Wed 4 July - Reception Class Invitation
Wed 4 July - Year 5 Class Invitation
Fri/Sat 6/7 July - Forest School Evening

Wed 11 July - Sports Day and Summer Fayre