



Interim Head Teacher's Message

We are delighted to now be settled in our lovely new buildings: Horizon School Lower for our Primary aged students and Horizon School Upper for our Secondary aged students. On Friday 17th November we held our **Grand Opening** and the new site was officially opened by the Mayor of Lowestoft. This event was attended by members of the Local Authority, Barnes Construction and Concertas, representatives from some of our local schools and former leaders and Managers of the current school and legacy schools.

We continue to develop the quality of education for the whole of our school: Upper, Lower and Dragonfly and the year has begun with an increased focus on reading and phonics led by one of our Senior Teachers, Lucienne West.

All students now have up to an hour of reading/phonics every day following 'Read, Write, Inc', Fresh Start or Readers for Life. This will support all students to develop their reading skills, enabling them to access all of the curriculum when they return or move to their permanent school.

We also deliver ASDAN vocational subjects to many of our Upper school students, and many of our students are also taking part in Outdoor Learning, which has proven to be very popular. We are currently focusing on further developing our PSHE curriculum.

Our website is currently undergoing a redesign which will be completed by the end of term. This should be much easier to navigate and find any information that you might need.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us to best support your children.

Ms Di Chester
Interim Head Teacher



A beautiful rainbow appeared over our new building captured perfectly by one of our staff members.

A budding photographer in the making!

MEET OUR NEW MANAGERS

Mike Everett has been a teacher for over 40 years. Most of his teaching has been in senior management positions, including 11 years as Head Teacher of a secondary school. He is "officially retired" but is still teaching part-time in a Sixth Form College. He began his career in a mining community in South Yorkshire during the miners' strike.

Apart from two years, when he worked in Africa, he has always worked in challenging state schools.



His proudest moment was to co-locate a special needs school for disabled students into the heart of a mainstream school.

Paul Hill is the Lead Nurse for Suffolk Children's Young People's Service in the Norfolk & Suffolk Foundation Trust. He is the Lead Nurse for the Dragonfly Unit in Lowestoft. Paul offers clinical leadership to the Suffolk wide children's community teams and has responsibility for workforce, safety, quality and SEND

within the Children's Services in Suffolk provided by NSFT. He has worked



for the NHS for 29 years and is passionate about human rights within children's mental health services. He has been a qualified mental health nurse for 23 years and has worked in a variety of different settings, including community-based services and in-patients. Paul has worked across adult services, older people's services and children and adolescent mental health services. He has previously been the clinical Manager for the St Aubyn Centre in Colchester, another adolescent inpatient unit. Outside of work, Paul has been a Parish Counsellor, the co-chair of a charity which offered after school provision and has supported a local cub scout group.

Winter Word Search

S K I I N G S N O W B O O T
S F I R E P L A C E I N G E O
L I E A R M U F F S C N Y T S
E W S B C O L T R A E S T A C
D I M L R O W S N O U G H E A
D N U I A U L O W P S H T O R
I T F Z E S A D E H A T A O F
N R B Z B A E R O W P L Y I I
G C O A T O T L Y D M W L C R
I T O R H A F R O T A S U I E
P O T D E C E M B E R I L C L
L A S N C R O V I N C L O L R
O A D H J K T C E S H O V E L
W J A N U A R Y O E S A H S T
M I T T E N S W E A T E R E L

BLIZZARD	FIREPLACE	PLOW
BOOTS	FROSTY	SCARF
COAT	HAT	SHOVEL
COCOA	ICE	SKIING
COLD	ICICLES	SLEDDING
DECEMBER	JANUARY	SNOW
EARMUFFS	MARCH	SWEATER
FEBRUARY	MITTENS	WINTER

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Colouring for all
the family!



MEET APOLLO – OUR NEW DWARF HAMSTER!

All students in the school were invited to suggest names. A ballot was held to choose his name.

Our little hamster lives in the Intervention room at the Lower School and most of the students have met him.



It's been a busy term for staff & students!

FOREST SCHOOL HALLOWEEN ACTIVITIES

Our Forest School students had a busy morning carving pumpkins!



CAREER FAIR

We were very excited to hold our very first Horizon School Careers' Fair on 4th December 2023.

We had some really exciting visitors attend from the Army, Navy and local colleges and employers.

For future careers' events, please contact:
Mrs Turk, Careers Lead
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Happy Smiles Club.
John G Plummer & Associates
Dental Surgeons

On 6th December we had a visit from the **HAPPY SMILES CLUB** (Part of Plummers Dental Surgery). They talked to our Upper school students about careers in dentistry and about oral hygiene with our Lower students.



THE GREAT SPOTACULAR

BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

WHAT

Wear something Spotty or Yellow

WE'RE RAISING MONEY FOR BBC CHILDREN IN NEED

WHEN & WHERE

Friday 17th November

CONTACT

HORIZON SCHOOL Lowestoft




We'll be wearing odd socks with the Anti-Bullying Alliance and their patrons, Andy and the Odd Socks, on Monday 13th November for Odd Socks Day. Will you?



Odd Socks Day

#AntiBullyingWeek
#OddSocksDay







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Children's holiday clubs

21st - 22nd December
at Colville House, Lowestoft



School Rd, Lowestoft NR33 9NB

Standard day: 8.30am-3.30pm £16
Extended day: 8.30am-4.30pm £20

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For children aged **4-12** years old



CHILDREN AGED 5-11

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Turn up and play


Mondays and Tuesdays
4.30-5.30pm
Inspire, Lowestoft

Free sports activities in a fun and relaxed atmosphere where children can develop their social and physical skills.

No need to book, just show up and play.



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BACK TO SCHOOL
Pupils return to school on
THURSDAY
4TH JANUARY
2024

The Staff & Managers
wish you all
a very
Merry Christmas!