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Election Special

Yellow and Blue What will it mean for you?



Mr Cameron and Mr Clegg—having a joke at our expense?

By Our Mock Election Campaign Team

It's all over, the country has voted and the result—a coalition government between the Conservatives (who ended up with the most seats but not an overall majority) and the Liberal Democrats. This agreement by the two parties should see them voting together on major issues to get bills through parliament.

The two leaders, David Cameron and Nick Clegg are now the Prime Minister and Deputy Prime Minister and the

cabinet has now been formed with four Liberal Democrat MPs taking minor roles. The new Secretary of State for Education is Michael Gove and the department has been rebranded from the DCSF back to Education.

So what will this mean for schools—probably less money as the new government has said that they will identify £6 billion in cuts straight away and have only said that they will not cut the NHS. They have also said they will legislate so that all schools found to be “outstanding” by Ofsted could

get away from local council control and become academies. These “free” schools may be based on the Swedish free schools and US charter schools systems.

All three parties wanted a “pupil premium” and this looks likely to happen in some form. This means that schools would get extra money for each pupil they take on that comes from a “poorer” background.

The day after the General Election lots of students came into school saying “they’re going to make us come into school on a Saturday”. Mr

Gove wants to give schools the freedom to opt for longer hours during the day and on a Saturday, for example like KIPP schools in the USA which are open from 7:30 until 5:00 and on Saturdays. This longer opening will not be compulsory—individual schools will have to choose to do this.

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Candidates come to Childwall



Luciana with Connor and Adam

By Graeme Pitt and Connor Rowan

Here at Childwall we held a mock election at the same time as the General Election with students running as candidates and representing a party.. As part of that process two of the main candidates competing for the Wavertree seat came into school to meet our representatives.

Colin Eldridge, the Liberal Democrat PPC visited school to talk with Graeme Pitt and Lucasz Falandsyz about their campaign, he also brought plenty of promotional material for them.

They talked about what they were doing in the campaign and argued policies, which ones to concentrate on and how to get the message across. Policies discussed included : abolishing University tuition fees; Pupil Premium; votes at 16;

changing the minimum wage strategy; raising the tax threshold to £10,000 and Electoral Reform.

Tactics were talked about including how to mobilise the vote, how you needed to identify supporters, canvassing, making a list of who will vote and getting them to vote on the day.

We also asked Colin what made him want to go into politics, he told us that he wanted to make a difference to people and that his Mum had had some help from the local Liberal Democrat Councillor, who he later went to help. He thought that the people of Wavertree needed someone from his party to champion Liverpool at national level.

Colin had known Nick Clegg, Leader of the Liberal Democrats for 13 years and said that he was “more honest than most politicians”.

We also asked him how do you get voters to trust politicians—he said that some people will always mistrust you and the party’s manifesto— whichever party you stand for . All that you could do was to be honest and truthful to yourself.

Luciana Berger, the Labour PPC also came into school to meet with Connor Rowan and Adam Hitchmough, our student representatives. They talked about which policies to concentrate on and how she got into politics- Luciana’s uncle was a politician and she became very active in the NUS (National Union of Students), she has also campaigned for the NHS within Westminster and Whitehall and most recently ran a not-for- profit campaign-

ing and education organisation working for peace in the Middle East.

She told us the positive things Labour had done since they’d come into power in 1997, for example how in 1997 the spending per person was only £2000 and now it was £4000. Other things that Labour had introduced were: Sure Start Centres; EMA and Child/ Working Tax Credits. If they got into power they hoped to work on cutting the deficit over four years while maintaining spending on Health and Education.

We asked her how to rebut claims from the Liberal Democrats and Green Party that they would abolish University tuition fees and she

told us that the Labour Party thought that 50% of school leavers should go to University and that if they got into power they would create 20,000 new places at University in the next Academic year.

We also asked her about the prospect of a Hung Parliament and she told us that the country needed decisive government and that if people voted yellow they would get blue.

Luciana also brought some promotional material for us - balloons and stickers and told us she had no ambition to become Prime Minister!

We would like to thank both candidates for meeting us and helping us focus on our campaigns.



Colin with Graeme and Lukasz

Clegg's Question Time



Deputy Prime Minister's Question Time

By Aaron Booth

On Tuesday 4th May our students representing parties in our mock election went to hear Nick Clegg, Leader of the Liberal Democrats speak at a rally in the Frontline Centre, Wavertree..

Our group was expected and so we were amongst the first to get into the hall, thanks to Ms Caren's negotiating skills and my crutches, the stu-

dents managing to get front row seats.

One of the highlights of the day was our group being interviewed by a Daily Telegraph reporter who told us that a good question to ask was : If there is a hung parliament are you going to go into coalition with the Conservatives?" Unfortunately we never got to ask that question.

The debate started with an eerie

piano piece awkwardly played over the hum of the audience as we waited for Nick Clegg to appear. Then on came Colin Eldridge, Liberal Democrat candidate for Wavertree who gave a brief welcome to the crowd and introduced the main event. Nick Clegg arrived sporting a brilliant red tie, a change to his usual yellow attire.

His opening speech was interrupted by an

impromptu round of applause started by the Lib Dem candidate.

Nick Clegg's main policies seem to be campaigning against the rich and supporting the lower class. He talked about fairness and the same old policies that are letting us down and that the Lib Dems were campaigning for: fairer tax system i.e. no tax if you earn under £10,000; Education is everything, money for schools from cuts, smaller class sizes; have a new approach to the economy, sort out the banks and force them to lend money; sack MPs who are proved to be corrupt and let the people have a say in repealing laws.

Mr Clegg also answered questions from the audience on tax, cancer treatment and tuition fees.

All of our students had their hands up to ask questions but he chose to ask me what my question was— which was about the Digital Economy Bill and how it would make it much easier for people to be prosecuted for downloading and how it had been ramrodded through Parliament. He replied that it was clear that these stitch up laws are forced through without proper scrutiny.

It was also great to see us on the news that afternoon, even if it was only for a moment. Two of our 6th form who were also there got interviewed by Sarah Lyall from the New York Times!

Our student candidate, Aron Julius, got introduced to Nick Clegg, shook his hand and had his picture taken with him.

Mock Election at Childwall



Voting takes place



Counting the votes

By Yuseph Jandari

We held a Mock Election here at Childwall on Thursday May 6th to coincide with the General Election. Students acted as representatives for parties and campaigned to get pupils and teachers votes. During their campaign students created posters with election slogans, made badges, argued for various platforms, spoke at assemblies and met with Prospective Parliamentary Candidates.

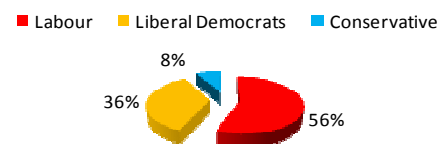
On election day votes were cast in the LRC and the canteen with the votes being counted in the afternoon.

Results were as follows:

Labour 257; Liberal Democrats 99, Green Party 43; UKIP 23 and Conservative 22. Labour represented by Connor Rowan therefore won our Mock Election with a huge

majority and 57% of the vote. This mirrored the Wavertree results in the General Election where the Labour candidate, Luciana Berger won with 53.1% of the vote.

Wavertree Results



Childwall Sport

Year 7 Cricket

By Mr Stephens

I would like to give praise to the Year seven cricket team for their fight, spirit and graciousness in their defeat to SFX by five wickets. All players showed impeccable behaviour whilst on the field of play and whilst they were waiting to bat.

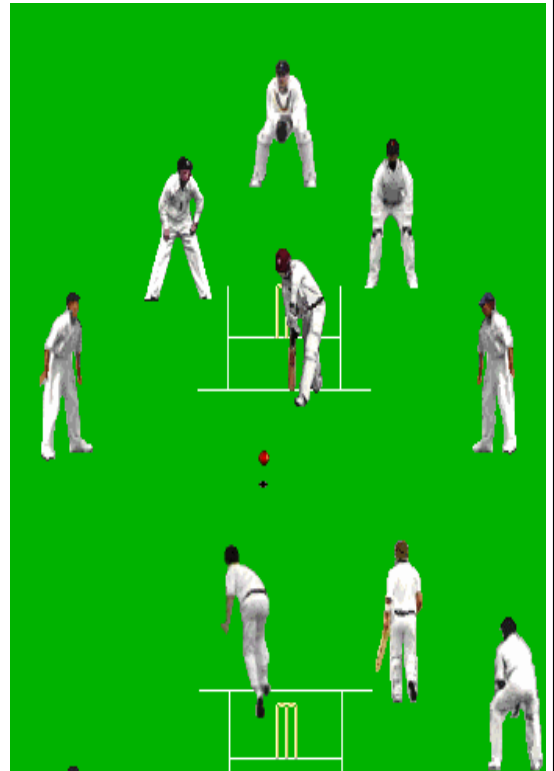
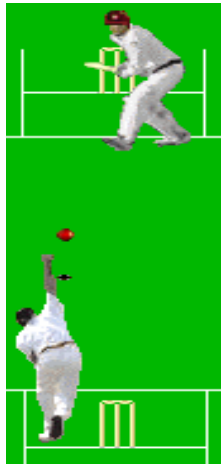
Adam Hollerhead, Sean Boyle, Joel Borokini, Joe Hollands, Bailey Connor, Robert Ellis-Burns, Sean Harvey, Mathew Woosey, George Carr, Tre Gielinck, Adam Kenough

The game itself started off badly for the lads with Robert Ellis-Burns

going for a golden duck. But the lads managed to steady the innings through Joel Borokini and Sean Boyle with us managing to post 35, not the best but a good effort against a good SFX bowling attack.

Fielding wise the team performed brilliantly again with some excellent bowling from Adam Hollerhead, Sean Boyle and Joe Hollands. As well as some good catching in the field by Mathew Woosey at slip to put pressure on the opposition in a very good bowling spell. Unfortunately an excellent four from our visitors took

the game away from us with 3 overs remaining. Special mention to Joel who was man of the match for us with him topping his bowling display with a fine caught and bowled wicket.



CHILDWALL SPORTS CENTRE JUNE HALF TERM HOLIDAY PROGRAMME

Tuesday 1st June	Wednesday 2nd June	Thursday 3rd June	Friday 9 th April
FOOTBALL	MULTI SPORTS Basketball, Kwik Cricket, Rounders, Dodgeball, Hockey, Games and Relays etc.	TRAMPOLINING	CHEERLEADING
TRAMPOLINING	FOOTBALL	DANCE	MULTI SPORTS Basketball, Kwik Cricket, Rounders, Dodgeball, Hockey, Games and Relays etc.
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