

Childwall School News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope all Parents/Carers enjoyed an excellent Easter break. By now all Parents/Carers will be aware that the decision was taken by the Governing Body of Childwall Sports College to move to Trust Status as of 1st April 2008. This means that in conjunction with Broadgreen High School, the Liverpool Primary Care Trust (PCT), Liverpool Hope University, John Moores University and Scottish Power Learning, we have formed the first Trust in Liverpool. The aims of our Trust are around the following themes:

- Health
- Continuous Professional Development (CPD)
- 14-19 Curriculum
- Community and Extended Services
- Internationalism
- New Technologies
- Inclusion
- Building Schools for the Future resources
- Regeneration

The outcomes of our Trust will be around the following themes:

- Happy and Healthy students
- Safeguarding students
- 'Excellence and Equity'
- Leadership and Collaboration
- Staying on to be successful

The official launch of the Fiveways Trust took place on 2nd April 2008. Students from both Childwall and Broadgreen took part in the opening ceremony. We are absolutely delighted at achieving Trust Status and there will be a number of high profile activities involving members of the Trust during the course of the summer term. Further information about the Trust is available on our website: www.childwallsc.co.uk

In terms of Year 11, time is exceptionally short before the Year 11 Progress File Ceremony which takes place on 13th May 2008 when our Guest of Honour

is Derek Mountfield, the ex-Everton footballer. The Year 11 Prom takes place on 14th May 2008. These are obviously critical times for all our Year 11 students and I would urge all Parents/Carers to ensure that all students, particularly Year 11, are revising thoroughly for the public examinations 2008. Parents/Carers will be aware that in 2007 we achieved our best ever GCSE results and my expectation is that the current Year 11 will do even better than their predecessors.

A large group of Year 9 students has started GCSE Dance in April. We expect that this group of students will complete their GCSE in Year 10 and be examined at that time. I wish these students all good fortune in the after school classes for GCSE Dance. Year 9 Dance classes take place on a Wednesday Evening in the School's Dance Studio.

A group of students from all Year Groups took part in the 'Teen Idol' heats early in April and we are delighted to have five semi-finalists. Hopefully we will produce the eventual winner.

Year 7 students have worked with the well known Poet, Levi Tafari, in April on a number of exciting literary activities. I am sure that Year 7 will have thoroughly enjoyed these experiences.

In the week beginning 7th April students in Key Stages 4 and 5 completed GCSE, AS and A2 Art examinations. Again our good wishes go to students in these important examinations. On 1st May 2008 the Art and Technology Departments will be having a viewing of all their GCSE, AS and A2 work starting at 6.30 p.m. The arrangements are being made by



Mrs. Earle, Head of the Creative Arts Faculty and Mrs. Gleeson, Head of Technology. I do hope Parents/Carers but particularly those with students studying Art and Technology, are able to join us on this day.

In March 2008 our senior Drama students staged two outstanding performances of 'Under Milk Wood' by Dylan Thomas. These were amongst some of the very best performances put on by our students. My thanks go to the Drama Department and in particular Mr. M. Curtis, Head of Drama.

We were delighted to be informed by the Local Authority that our Year 7 numbers for September 2008 continue to be oversubscribed. Indeed we are significantly oversubscribed. The two Year 6 Inductions Days will take place on 18th and 19th June 2008.

All Parents/Carers are advised that school will be closed on Friday, 18th April 2008 for the purposes of Staff Training. The final Training Day of the year takes place on 2nd June 2008.

Parents/Carers will be aware that Childwall Sports College is involved in the Building Schools for the Future (BSF) Programme and we will be completing our Business Plan by May 2008 to ensure that we are able to bid successfully for significant amount of monies to continue to upgrade and develop further the Childwall site. In this context we are in discussions with colleagues such as the Primary Care Trust (PCT) with a view to working on a series



April 2008
of health related programmes and indeed developments at our site.

Parents/Carers will be aware that school is closed on Monday, 5th May 2008 due to the Bank Holiday. The Year 9 National Curriculum Tests begin therefore on Tuesday, 6th May 2008 and these will be completed by Friday, 9th May 2008. I do hope Parents/Carers of all students in Year 9 will ensure that their children are preparing for these vitally important examinations in English, Maths and Science.

Parents/Carers will be aware that this half-term ends on Friday, 23rd May and during these period we will obviously be heavily into public examinations especially for students in Years 11,12 and 13.

As always our intention at Childwall Sports College is to maximise the potential within each and every child at our school and to this end I would urge all Parents/Carers to ensure that their children are in full attendance and that all work is completed for all subjects on time and to the best possible quality. Childwall Sports College goes from strength to strength especially in the context of the Trust developments and our aspirations for every child show our determination that every student achieves at the highest possible levels. Your support is much appreciated. As always if you wish to discuss your child's education you should contact the appropriate Pupil Progress Leaders. These are as follows:

Year 7: Miss Cassidy/Miss Alecock; Year 8: Mr. Mullarkey/Mr. O'Leary; Year 9: Miss Tomlinson/Dr. Youssef; Year 10: Mr. Phoenix/Mrs. Thomas; Year 11: Mr. Lamb/Mrs. Thomas; Years 12/13: Mr. Cooper/ Mrs. Gleeson.

Best wishes,

D.W. Phillips, Headteacher.

Trainee Teachers

Our Trainee Teachers from Edge Hill College, Chester College, John Moores University and Liverpool Hope University have arrived (all twenty of them!). They are embarking upon their final teaching block practice with us. We are delighted that they are here at Childwall Sports College and we are confident that they will have an enjoyable and successful experience. We look forward to working with them.



Liverpool Hope University underwent an OFSTED Inspection at the beginning of April 2008, focusing upon the provision of the PGCE programme.

Childwall Sports College was selected as one of the partnership schools as part of this process. Two HMI's, Mr Gerry Jones and Mr Paul Chambers visited the school on Wednesday 2nd April 2008. A range of documentation was scrutinised and interviews with key members of staff took place.

The HMI's were extremely impressed with the Partnership between Childwall Sports College and Liverpool Hope University and this Higher Education Institute was awarded an 'outstanding' grade.

Profuse thanks to the Head of Humanities, Head of Science and the Head of ICT.

Miss M. L. Morgan

World Book Day

World book day is a celebration of books and reading. This year world book day was on Thursday the 6th of March. Pupils in Miss McNally's form class participated in a world book competition organised by Mr Lewis. The pupils wrote a poem



using illustrations on Liverpool 2008 Capital of Culture. Prizes were awarded and the successful prize winners are pictured below. Well done to Form 74.

Nutrients Down the Mersey – Are we over-fertilising the Irish Sea?

Thirty Five of our year 10 pupils will carry out a major piece of scientific research between April and June. They will have the opportunity to look at a real world problem with Scientists from the Proudman Oceanographic Laboratory, using their fantastic Liverpool Coastal Observatory facility. Pupils will be visiting a research vessel, The Prince Madog, later this month.



Research Vessel Prince Madog: Livbay5

Dr Jonathan Sharples: Experts 005



Teen Idol

The first round of the Teen Idol Competition took place recently in Parklands and 5 out of our 8 students have been successful in gaining a place in the semi finals in May. They are:

Ellen Nkonjera
Amy Buckley
Carl Gordon
Alan Millington
Sean Harrison



Congratulations to all of them

Tickets for the semi final will be on sale soon. Spectators and supporters will be welcome.

R. Brown



Show Racism the Red Card

Racism is treating someone differently or unfairly simply because they belong to a different race or culture. Racism takes many different forms. These may include – personal attacks of any kind including violence, written or verbal threats or insults and damage to property.

Pupils in Form 74 participated in an anti-racist competition. The pupils designed anti-racist posters using the theme "Show racism the red card". The winners are pictured below with their Form Tutor Ms McNally and Textiles teacher Ms Coogan.



Congratulations to Form 74.

As a result of all the outstanding work carried out by our school, we have been invited to attend 'Show Racism the red Card event' at Anfield Football Club. It is an event organised by the charity itself. Footballers John Barnes, Michael Thomas and Howard Gayle will be there. Pupils will be able to hear top footballers speak out against racism and will be able to ask them questions.

Newspaper Club

After working hard last term for Newsday our Newspaper Club is back! We meet in the LRC every Thursday, lunchtime and after



school. Our aim is to produce an edition of the Childwall Chronicle every half term. To see the latest edition visit the LRC page of the school website. All budding journalists and photographers welcome.

Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition

The school has been selected to be the only non university exhibitor at this prestigious London event. Eight of our Year 10 pupils will be showcasing work carried out in Science and ICT for five days in late June. This will involve them demonstrating concepts that they have researched to members of the public and VIP guests. Childwall is the first school from Liverpool to be invited to attend since the foundation of the society in 1660!



CELEBRATING 350 YEARS

Comenius: EuRoboCup

We are co-ordinating a two year, fifty thousand Euro project focused on RoboDance with other schools in Europe and Calday Grange Grammar on the Wirral. This year, forty five Childwall pupils have been involved in different Robotic activities and eight of them have been selected to become ambassadors for the school in the European competition. As part of the project we were visited last month by our partner schools from Hungary and Finland.



Visitors from Finland: Visitors from Finland 3



RoboDance Team: RoboDance Training 008

*M. McAteer

Readathon

Thanks to everyone who took part in our successful Readathon. We raised £267 for the children's charities, CLIC Sargent and The Roald Dahl Foundation, who help children with Cancer, Leukaemia and other blood disorders, Epilepsy or acquired brain injury.

Street Art in the Technology Department

Year 10 Design and graphics have been working with Jordan, who is a professional street artist to produce works of art based on sports. This is part of their portfolio BTEC work.

Here are some photos of the finished work for the Sports Hall and some pupils in action .



STREET ART in ACTION
Mrs J Davies Technology

Emma and Rachel Kidd, Year 8 supporting Sport Relief: March 2008



Radio Competition

Year 11 students, R. Bennett, E. Povall, L. Flaskett, S. Johnston, H. Rutledge,

C. Ryan and Faye Marsh were winners of a competition on Alcohol Abuse. Five of them went down to the ARIEL TRUST in Hanover Street to record their winning script. They all portrayed their characters exceptionally well and didn't need many takes to wrap it up. The recording will be broadcast on Radio Knowsley later in the year.



J. Parker.
Health Education Co-ordinator.

Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh Expedition: April 2008



The well known Poet, Eleanor Rees, visited Childwall Sports College during World Book Day:

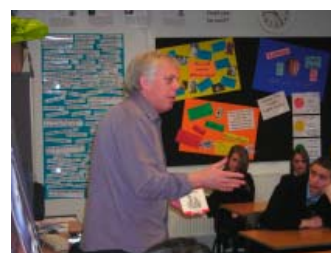


6th March 2008

'Flat Stanley' at Childwall Sports College with Year 7: March 2008



Mal Peat 'Liverpool Reads' Author visits Childwall Sports College



Year 7 Students met the famous Poet, Levi Tafari in April 2008



Launch of the Fiveways Trust: April 2008



Anti-Racism

During the last week of term before Easter, there were many different activities going on to raise awareness about RACISM

Year 7 and 8 completed Graphics Art work based on the sentence "Give Racism the Red Card". Year 8 also produced Mood-boards on anti-racism created from images researched on the computer in ICT. While Year 9 learnt about Black Music – The Blues and 9A1 filmed a video in Drama.



M. Greenberg

Newsday Fever Hits Childwall Sports College: Newspaper competition: March 2008



Congratulations to Miss McNally and her Year 7 students for some excellent work on the theme of 'Anti-racism': April 2008



Year 5 Health

Lawrence Rd have just finished a 4 week Health Programme at Childwall Sports College to raise awareness over Healthy eating and the importance of exercise. The pupils enjoyed the experience immensely. Thanks to all staff who have made this possible.



Year 11 British Airways Language Certificate Winners 2008 with Rebecca Tan, BA Flight Attendant (former Childwall student)



Book Club

Year 7 Interform Book Quiz

This term we are running an interform book quiz with Year 7 group tutors. There are 3 rounds; one each week with Quiz questions on Roald Dahl and general fiction. All answers can be found on the



internet and in the books in the LRC. The final round is a chance to show off your artistic skills and a design a front cover for your favourite book. The winning form will be announced at the end of term when a shield, certificates and prizes will be awarded. Good luck to all the Year 7 forms.

Richard Dalziel, Year 10: Winner of the Merseyside Police Assault Course Competition:



Many congratulations to Richard: March 2008



J. Parker. Health Education Co-ordinator.

'Under Milk Wood' by Dylan Thomas staged at Childwall Sports College



by Senior Drama Students: March 2008

If parents have any queries regarding their children's education they should contact the school immediately.

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Community Sport Development Officer

April Report

Community Clubs

There are 8 new Community Clubs running at Childwall Sports College. These clubs are: Multi Sports; Trampolining 4-8yrs; Trampolining 8+; Football; Multi Sports; Mini Kickers; Mini Kickers 2; Dance and Cheerleading. The original Mini Kickers programme is the most successful club with a regular attendance of 25, reaching 40 for



some sessions. Trampolining has proved very popular, there are now two sessions on a tuesday night due to the overwhelming turn out on the first night attracting between 25 – 35 children each week. The football; Cheerleading and Dance clubs which just started have between 6 and 15 children each week.

A further 11 Community Clubs are due to start between the dates of the 31st March and the 10th April. These clubs are: three more trampolining groups for various ages including adults; Wrestling; Rugby; Girls Football; 5 -a- side Football; Table Sports; Table Sports 8+; Boxercise; & Boxercise 8+.



The adverts for these clubs are currently being sent out to all of the local schools and parents whose children attended holiday activities during the February and Easter breaks.

The clubs are being delivered by Liverpool SCSSP coaches and Childwall Sports Centre Staff. The club numbers will be monitored and it is hoped that they will continue to grow.

Mend Project

The Mend Project, a community based multi disciplinary treatment and prevention programme for obese and overweight children and their families is currently being planned to start at the beginning of May. The programme will run for ten weeks from the week beginning the 5th May twice weekly for 10 to 12 participants until the end of term.

I have completed the MEND programme managers training which provides me with access to the OMMS programme, which is used to identify and track participants, and complete all the course administration. The exercise leader, Steve Gilbert will undergo training within the next week with YST and the SC Alliance will provide nutrition leaders to support the programme. It is envisaged that the programme will run on a Tuesday and Thursday from 2.10 – 4.15, with one hour devoted to nutrition and a further to exercise.

Five potential candidates have already been identified for the programme through MEND recruitment. These candidates will be contacted along with children identified through the partnership. Letters will be sent out the week beginning the 31st March 08.

Marketing & Advertisement

5000 flyers have been purchased from Print.com to market the facilities. These flyers have been sent to existing fitness suite, community club and holiday attendees. The remaining flyers are currently being packed to send to schools within the LSCSSP.

Community clubs are currently marketed on site during the holidays to parents and by sending flyers to our partner schools. Children who sign up to holiday activities automatically receive details through the post.

Tenancies

The fitness suite currently has seven tenancies. In order to improve these tenancies letters have been sent out to local clubs advertising the facilities available for hire. The Sports Hall currently has 10 tenancies, these are being reviewed now, and some clubs have already booked in for the next year. Tenancies are now being taken for the summer for both outdoors and use of the sports hall. The Sport Centre will host the North West Morris Dancing Festival during the summer.

Easter Holidays

Thirteen holiday camps were planned and marketed across the Liverpool South Central School Sport Partnership for the Easter break between the 17th and 28th March. Ten of the planned camps



successfully ran. These camps were: Football x 2; Dance; Cheerleading; Multi Sports x 2; Trampolining; Tri Sports; Junior Football Organisers Award; and Junior Netball Organisers Award. Two camps were cancelled due to low numbers: Cheerleading/Dance 12+ and 5-a-side 14+, and trampolining was cancelled on the day due to the Leve1 2 coach being unavailable.



Despite poor weather during the two weeks positively 155 different children attended the two weeks. The daily figures improved in the second week of activities. The lowest daily figure was 37 and the highest 81. Children ranged in age from 4 – 13 years



for the camps, and 15 – 18 for the Junior Football Organisers and Junior Netball Organisers Awards. Daily figures are illustrated in the table below.

Facilities & Equipment

The facilities have undergone re-branding and are now collectively known as Childwall Sports Centre. Signs have been placed outside each of the sports facilities and at the front of the school to advertise the Sports Centre. Three more signs are in discussions for the front of the school to advertise holiday activities, community clubs and the sports facilities.

Snooker tables; table football tables; games; and Boxing Equipment have been purchased in order to start up new clubs. Notice boards, leaflets and leaflet rackets have been purchased to market the Sports Centre and its activities. A new SHOKK maintenance contract has been approved, new cross trainers and dumbbells have been purchased to replace the old ones, and the fitness suite is currently awaiting SHOKK contractors to fix the treadmills, rowers and cycle bikes.

The fitness suite office has been completely gutted and organised to provide a useable work environment. Fitness Suite membership is still £10 for six weeks, however when all the sports centre leaflets run out it will be changed to £10 – 15 per month. New membership procedures have been adopted and new cards purchased. Staff have been told to clamp down on the correct kit and membership. New signing in procedures now in place.



Coach Education

Four Leadership courses have successfully run since January. During February Half Term 12 pupils from within the LSCSSP, aged 15-18 successfully completed the Sports Leaders UK Dance Leadership Award. A further 28 pupils, aged between 14 and 18 completed the Junior Football and Junior Netball Organisers Awards during the Easter Holidays on the 27th and 28th March. The JFO candidates will support the mini kickers football clubs and

a mini kickers football festival to be held on Friday 30th May during the May Half Term. A Badminton Leadership course is currently being planned for the next holidays for the partnership.

Two National Governing Body Awards: Badminton Level 1 (June) and Basketball Level 1 (May Half Term) have been planned and marketed across Liverpool. A further two more NGB awards: Netball and Rounders are awaiting the appointment of

tutors from their relevant NGB's. From July 08, the Sports Centre will work in partnership with Liverpool John Moores University to plan a coach education programme for the following academic year for university students, pupils within the LSCSSP and the wider community. The courses will be held at both JMU and Childwall, providing pupils within the LSCSSP with the opportunity to visit the university and the university students Childwall.

STAFF

Five new members of staff have been taken on, on a permanent basis. Two to work in the fitness suite, deliver community clubs and holiday activities, one to complete admin and staff the gym, and three to deliver trampolining. Two Liverpool SCSSP coaches have also been delivering community and holiday activities.

New Staff

Lizzie Higgins	Gym, Admin and Holiday Activities
Rebecca Hatton	Fitness Suite, Clubs and Holiday Activities Dance, Cheerleading, Boxercise)
Bessie O'Brien	Fitness Suite, Cheerleading, Dance, Trampolining and Holiday activities
Rachel	Trampolining club and Holiday Trampolining.
Stacy Hitchmough	Trampolining club
Justin	Trampolining club.
Gary Pindar	Multi Sports, Sat Football, Mini Kickers 1 & 2
Jay Clarke	Multi Sports, Sat Football, Mini Kickers 1 & 2

Existing staff

Lorna OBrien	Fitness Suite
Sian Cooke	Fitness Suite and Holiday Activities
Kayli McShane	Fitness Suite, Holiday Activities and Community Clubs.

Temporary Staff:

Kirsty	Casual Holiday Activities
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Other clubs:

Tony Collins	Wrestling club
Sefton RFU	Rugby club
Mark Eyre	Girls Football



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Liverpool South Central School Sport Partnership