

Childwall School News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope all Parents/Carers and students have enjoyed an excellent Christmas holiday. I extend a very warm welcome back to school to all students and staff. Mrs. V. Burns, Teacher of English, has returned to school following maternity leave and we welcome her back to Childwall Sports College.

The Spring Term 2009 will be exceptionally busy as always with a number of important Parents Evenings taking place. These are as follows:

22nd January 2009: Year 9 Options Evening

29th January 2009: Year 11 Parents Evening

10th February 2009: Year 8 Parents Evening

12th February 2009: Year 11→12 Options Evening

25th February 2009: Years 12/13 Parents Evening

I do hope all Parents/Carers are able to attend these very important meetings when the progress being made by your son/daughter will be discussed in detail.

As always if Parents/Carers wish to speak to the school regarding their son's/daughter's progress do not hesitate to contact in the first instance the appropriate Pupil Progress Leader. For your information they are as follows:

Year 7: Mr. J. Lamb/Miss D. Jones

Year 8: Miss J. Cassidy/Miss C. Alecock

Year 9: Mr. C. Mullarkey/Mr. M. O'Leary

Year 10: Dr. L. Youssef/Mr. D. Rietdyk

Year 11: Mr. D. Phoenix/Mrs. B. Thomas

Years 12/13: Mr. S. Cooper/Mrs. L.M. Gleeson

Best wishes for a successful 2009.

D.W. Phillips, Headteacher.

Knitting Club

Ms Worrall has started a knitting club in G16 in the Learning Support Centre on Wednesdays and Fridays. Some students have volunteered to knit squares and sew them together to make blankets for little babies in other cold countries. We don't only knit blankets we also knit tiny hats,



socks and mittens. We are going to send them to an orphanage in a country that is cold in winter so that the small children there can be warm. We would gratefully accept donations of spare knitting needles and wool. Newbies are also welcome.

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There is also the Lunch Club which Mrs Urquhart runs every day in the Learning Support Centre. There are many activities to take part in including chess games and the use of computers. All are welcome as long as they are occupied with something and there is a very friendly atmosphere.

8B4 English Boldly Go Trekking!

On the afternoon of Tuesday, 16th December, 8B4 went on a pony trek at Croxeth Park. Everyone was very excited as, for most of the pupils, this was the first time they had been riding. The ponies were all delightful and the staff were very kind and helpful. The park was at its wintry best. Although the pupils were a little nervous at first they soon gained in confidence and even trotted on a number of occasions, although it was hard work for the staff as we had to run alongside the ponies! Well we are a sports college after all! The pupils have all written thank-you letters to Viv and the rest of the girls at the riding centre. Copies



of these will appear as part of a display that the group is working on with Miss Score. Watch the boards outside F13. Many thanks to Mr and Miss Donnelly who also assisted on the trip.

Passion and Tragedy at Liverpool University

On Wednesday, 17th December, after a full day at school, 38 pupils and staff from the English Faculty attended workshops and a performance of 'Romeo and Juliet' at the Liverpool University Guild. It was a long evening which started with a 'meet and greet' in the theatre at 4.00pm, followed by various workshops and a full performance of Shakespeare's famous play which did not finish until 10.30 pm! All the pupils are to be highly commended for throwing themselves into the event with such enthusiasm, cooperation and energy. Everyone's behaviour was exemplary; the organisers of the event were full of praise for our pupils and said how much they enjoyed having them. Well done.



There were workshops on: the text, directing, performing and dance. The university provided a super buffet (Mr Stackpoole was right; the food is excellent at the university...though I was a tad upset not to get a muffin!) The play, performed by the student amateur dramatic group, was first class; the pupils said it was better than watching the film versions; it really brought out the contrast between the humour and romance of the first two acts, and the tragedy and tension of the rest of the play. A full display of photographs and pupil comments will be appearing shortly on the upstairs English corridor. Miss Score would like to extend particular thanks to Mr Stackpoole who co-organised the trip, and to the English staff who accompanied the pupils, Miss Clack, Miss Brown and our student, Miss Kilroe.

PC Jenny has Moved Rooms

Come and visit my new office in G37 – around the corner from reception.

Crime prevention Advice:

“Many of you would have got new mobile phones, ipod etc for Christmas and although you may be tempted to bring them



into school, my advice to you is DON'T! School policy states that expensive items should not be brought into school. However, if you choose to ignore this advice, here are some helpful tips;

- If you must - use an old model mobile phone instead of a brand new one.
- Expensive items should NEVER be left unattended in the changing rooms – ask your PE teacher to look after them – better still DON'T bring expensive items in on the days you're doing PE.
- If your mobile phone is lost or stolen – report it to the school/ PC Jenny and contact your network provider.
- Ask PC Jenny about 'marking' your mobile phone etc.

Remember: The School is NOT insured for any items which are lost or stolen – SO DON'T BRING THEM IN!

For more crime prevention advice or to speak to me about anything just pop into see me at break or lunchtimes in my NEW office G37”.

PC Jenny

School Holidays

School will be closed to all students on Friday, 13th February due to there being a training day. The half-term holiday takes place between 16th and 20th February with school re-opening to all students on 23rd February. I do expect all students sitting public examinations, especially Years 11 and 13, to be revising thoroughly over the February half-term holiday. Parents are advised that the Spring Term will end on 3rd April 2009. This will be a full teaching day and students will be dismissed at the usual time, i.e. 3.10 p.m.

Santa Dash

Students in Years 7 and 8 at Childwall Sports College raised money for a Children's Cancer Project, Clie Sargent. The Santa Dash around the school's extensive playing fields took place in December 2008 and was arranged by Heads of Year, Mr. Lamb Head of Year 7 and Miss Cassidy Head of Year 8. The school experienced the wonderful sight of seeing all 500 students in Years 7 and 8 running for charity with many dressed in Santa costumes with Miss Cassidy and Mr. Lamb particularly looking exceptionally festive in full Father Christmas outfits. The youngsters in Years 7 and 8 are to be highly commended for their support of this important charity which does excellent work to support young people suffering from a various forms of Cancer. Hundreds of pounds were raised on the day of the 'Santa Dash' with money still to come in from parents and others in the new year.



“As always our students have done us proud at Childwall Sports College. My special thanks go to Mr. Lamb and Miss Cassidy for making the arrangement for our students to have a memorable occasion which raised significant amounts of money for a charity which is close to our hearts particularly at Christmas time. As always I am extremely proud of our young people and staff.”
Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Christmas Concert

The Christmas Concert on 11th December was enjoyed by a large audience and my thanks go to all staff who contributed to an outstanding evening's entertainment and a reminder to others of the importance of Christmas. During the Christmas Concert we awarded our Music prizes for 2008 and the winners were:

Instrumentalist of the Year: Ben Webster, Group 91

Vocalist of the Year: Kathryn Warrilow, Group 93

Progress Prize: Scott Merritt, Group 112

Special Prize for Outstanding Contribution: Laura Clarke, Group 112

PE Department Newsletter

Girls Dance

On Saturday, a selection of year 7 girls, represented the school at a Christmas dance festival in Parklands school. These girls were a credit to the school as their efforts and behaviour was outstanding. They danced their hearts out and put on an excellent performance. If you see them around school could you congratulate them on their efforts. Emily Lang, Courtney Simpson, April McDaid, Siobhan Liplon, Melissa Groves, Morgan Sefton, Nikita Ferguson, Lauren Gibson, Ashley Hayes (Yr 8).

(Miss M. McHugh)

Boys Rugby

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Our year 8 rugby team played West Derby on Thursday 11th December at Sefton Rugby Club. This was the teams first outing at 15 a side, 20 mins a half, with full rules. The boys battled really hard and the scoreline in the end flattered West Derby.

Childwall were hampered from the outset with only 14 players available to play. Nathan Inabiere, who has been in outstanding form for both the under 13 and 14 teams this year got injured in the first minute but played out the remainder of the game. With four other players picking up knocks, the game gradually slipped away from the boys.

Man of the match for Childwall was Louis Abernethy, who was outstanding at his first venture at hooker. This is the boys first defeat of the season and they will hopefully learn and improve from this in the future.

(Mr P. Breen)

Fun Run

On Wednesday 10th December a group of Year 10 boys took part in a sponsored fun run for Human Rights Day.

They, along with Mr. Porter were dropped off at a very icy Otterspool yesterday, where they began their 4 and a half mile run. The rest of us made our way to the Maritime Museum by bus. We had only been at the Museum for about 5 minutes when the first of the boys arrived having completed a very quick run!

Not only did all the boys complete the full 4 and half miles, but their attitude and effort was outstanding.

Jake Conroy, Ahmed Ally, Luke Holden, Thando Mngxali, Paris Kaye-Minto, Ashley Kalugin-Ugo, Sam Parry, Andrew Mills, Nzima Akpan

If you teach any of these boys or see them around school could you please congratulate them on their achievements!! Remember they did this for charity!

(Miss E. Atkinson)

Boys Basketball

Last term, our U14, U15 & U19 Basketball teams took part in the first round of National Cup fixtures against teams around the region – reaching as far out as Bolton, Chester & Manchester. All three teams played fantastically and their behaviour and sportsmanship during games was outstanding.

Unfortunately, due to overall point differences, our U14 & U15 teams did not make it through to the next round. However, their team spirit has remained intact and they are an absolute credit to the school.

Congratulations to the U19 team who have made it through to the next round – with a clean record of 5 wins, 0 losses. We all wish them good luck on their venture!

(Miss S. Hitchmough)

Books for Schools

We have signed up for Books for Schools, a collection scheme from The Times and The Sunday Times. From January Books for Schools tokens will appear every day in The Times and The Sunday Times. We can exchange these tokens for free books. There will be 12 tokens printed every week and some books are available for only 10 tokens so we hope to be able to add to our library. Please collect as many tokens as you can and send them in to the school LRC where our collection box will be until the end of this term.

Thanks for your help

V. Caren, LRC

Merit Ceremonies

On the final day of the Autumn Term 2008 we celebrated the achievements of our youngsters in a series of Merit Ceremonies which took place between 18th/19th December. I was delighted to be able to distribute Merit Certificates to large numbers of students who enjoyed 100% attendance during the Autumn Term 2008. Many students also received certificates for their efforts and ability in a range of curriculum subjects.

We held a most successful Gifted & Talented evening for all those students within our Gifted & Talented cohort. The event took place on 8th December and our guest of honour was Tony Garbeletto. Coach to Everton Tigers Basketball Club.

Years 7/8

As a Specialist Sports College we are committed to ensuring that all our students enjoy a healthy lifestyle. We were delighted to be visited by the Local Authority's Health Bus and all Year 7 students had the opportunity to undertake some of the activities on 8th/9th December.

Some of our younger dancers took part in a Dance competition at a local school and again I was delighted at the quality of the work and my thanks go to Miss McHugh for making the arrangements.

On 17th December all Years 7/8 students took part in a 'Santa Dash' to raise money for a local Cancer Charity. My thanks go to Mr. Lamb and Miss Cassidy for making the arrangements for an excellent event.

Our students in Years 7/8 continue to collect data on the weather and during the recent cold spell I am sure they will have had some fascinating figures. All the information is available on our website: www.childwallsc.co.uk Miss McNally, Key Stage 3 Humanities Co-ordinator, is co-ordinating this excellent work.

The Year 8 Parents Evening takes place on 10th February and the arrangements are being made by Miss Cassidy and Miss Alecock. I would urge all Year 8 Parents/Carers to attend this vitally important consultation meeting with staff at Childwall Sports College.

Year 9

The Year 9 Options Evening takes place on 22nd January and in the build-up to the important decisions regarding options for Year 9 all departments and faculties at Childwall will have been speaking to our Year 9 students about existing and new courses. It is exceptionally important that our Year 9 students make the right choices with the appropriate advice to ensure success in September 2009 when they begin their new courses in Year 10.

Year 10

Parents/Carers will know that we have a wide range of sporting and extra-curricular activities at

Gifted & Talented

Childwall and I was delighted that our Key Stage 4 Girls Soccer Squad reached the County Final. Unfortunately we lost the final but our girls did exceptionally well to reach the final in what is a highly competitive competition.

We were delighted to welcome an Artist in residence to work with a number of our Year 10 students in December. The quality of the work completed by the students is always high and I am sure that the results of our GCSE Art students will continue to be exceptionally high especially as a result of the input of colleagues joining us from the Art world.

Lauren Bowles, Tyra Suleman, Holly Wissett and Kathryn White, all in Year 10 at Childwall Sports College, were delighted to be invited to a residential at St. Peter's College, Oxford University in January. This was a great tribute to the ability and commitment of our youngsters.

Year 11

Year 11 students completed their trial examinations in the final week of the Autumn Term 2008 and we were all extremely encouraged at the quality of the work and this augurs extremely well for the continued success of our GCSE results. Parents/Carers will know that our GCSE results have constantly improved especially since becoming a Specialist Sports College in 2003. I intend that the current Year 11 continue this excellent trend.

The Year 11-12 Options Evening takes place on 12th February. The arrangements are being made jointly by Mrs. Gilford and Mr. Cooper and again it is important that all Year 11 Parents/Carers and students attend in order that information regarding courses in Year 12 for September 2009 is shared with Parents/Carers.

Parents/Carers will know that the Year 11 Parents Evening takes place on 29th January 2009. During the course of the Spring Term 2009 there will be a number of vitally important deadline dates for completion of coursework. Year Parents/Carers and students have all this information and I would urge Parents/Carers to ensure that all coursework deadlines are met.

Years 12/13

Our Sixth Form Soccer Squad goes from strength to strength. The Squad is currently top of their local league and my thanks go to Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Langley, Mr. Tyrer

for making the arrangements for a highly successful Soccer Squad in our Years 12/13. Parents/Carers will know that we have one of the biggest Sixth Forms in the city with some 320 students providing the widest possible range of curriculum opportunities.

The Standardised School Year

By now Parents/Carers will know that five Local Authorities including Liverpool are consulting on their Standardised School Year. The intention is to introduce the Standardised School Year from 2010-2011. The principles for the Standardised Term Dates include the following:

- All terms to start on a Monday wherever feasible
- October half-term always to be the last full week in October
- February half-term will always be the third week in February
- The Easter break will be moved and replaced by a fixed holiday at the beginning of April and will be known as the Spring Break. This will always be the first two full weeks in April and will not move with the Easter holiday.

This matter has been referred to all our students at Childwall Sports College in assemblies etc. I would urge Parents/Carers to send any comments to Jane Woods, Human Resources Manager, 2nd Floor, Millennium House, 60 Victoria Street, Liverpool, L1 6JF or by email to:

seat@liverpool.gov.uk

Attendance

I would urge all Parents/Carers to ensure that their son/daughter attends Childwall Sports College on every single day. 100% attendance is required of every student to ensure maximum success and that potential is maximised at our school. Would Parents/Carers please ensure that no appointments for, e.g. dentist, are made during term time.

Childwall/Holt Re-union

A former pupil of Childwall Comprehensive School is arranging a re-union for those who attended the school between 1979 and 1986. The event will take place on 4th July 2009. Further details are available from christineperkins@manx.net

Capital of Culture Winner at Childwall Sports College

Lewis Peters, a Year 9 student at Childwall Sports College, recently submitted a design to the Liverpool Capital of Culture Company for a 'design a mug' competition to celebrate the city's winning of the Capital of Culture award. Staff at Childwall Sports College were delighted to be informed that Lewis was announced the winner of this



competition and the design that he has produced has been made into mugs sold right across Liverpool especially in stores such as Home Bargains. Lewis is a talented Art student at Childwall Sports College and was supported in his design by one of the school's Humanities Teachers, Miss McNally who is in charge of Key Stage 3 Humanities at the Sports College.

"Lewis has produced a brilliant design for our Capital of Culture mugs. This will certainly be an item that everybody should treasure. I am thrilled at Lewis' talent and success."

Lego League

Maija and I had the pleasure of taking our newest Robotics team to South Sefton CLC for the North West First Lego League finals on December the 12th. Pupils had to design and build a robot after school to complete a number of tasks based around the Climate Connections theme. They had to give an oral presentation and were judged on their team work and technical ability. I was delighted when they received the Spirit of Excellence award for their efforts.



"My congratulations go to our Year 8 ICT students and particularly to Mr. McAteer and Miss Salongas. Many congratulations."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.
Mr McAteer

The February Half Term Holiday Programme, Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February 2009, will be launched on Monday 5th January 2009. Bookings will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

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£15.00 per month.

Natalie Wray

Community Sport Development Officer, South Central Liverpool School Sport Partnership

Childwall Sports College, Fiveways, Queens Drive, Liverpool, L15 6XZ

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Christmas Celebration at Childwall Sports College

Childwall Sports College recently celebrated Christmas with its annual high quality set of performances from students from all Year Groups and from all disciplines. The large and appreciative audience was delighted to find an eclectic mix of Christmas Carols, drama, dance, music, choirs, soloists, duets, woodwind with all the school's talents being shown to great effect under the leadership of the Music Department with the Drama and Dance Departments playing a significant role in a



superb evening's entertainment. The Business Studies Department arranged ticket sales and refreshments as part of the Business Studies exam qualification for Key Stage 4. "We had a wonderful Christmas celebration and I was especially delighted that so many of our younger students were able to perform to such a high quality. We have recently had a highly successful Gifted & Talented Evening at Childwall Sports College and the Christmas Concert emphasises the huge pool of talent which we have at the school."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

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

Yours sincerely

D.W. Phillips
Headteacher

Musical Achievement at Childwall Sports College

Recently Childwall Sports College held its annual Christmas Concert which was an outstanding success with students in all Year Groups participating in choir, band, orchestra, dance. In addition there were readings from staff and students as well as drama productions by the school's Drama Department. One of the features of the Christmas Concert is the distribution of Music Awards for the year and we were delighted that the following four students received these prestigious awards for 2008:

Instrumentalist of the Year: Ben Webster, Group 91, Vocalist of the Year: Kathryn Warrilow, Group 93, Progress Prize: Scott Merritt, Group 112, Special Prize for Outstanding Contribution: Laura Clarke, Group 112



"We have a huge array of artistic talent at Childwall Sports College and I was delighted to be able to award the music prizes for 2008 to Laura, Ben, Kathryn and Scott. The Christmas Concert was an outstanding success and showcased the talent available at Childwall Sports College."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Everton F.C.

In terms of our status as a Trust School as part of the Fiveways Trust, we have a long-standing and fruitful relationship with Everton Football Club. We were delighted to be offered complimentary tickets to the Everton match versus Hull on 10th January and on 14th March we are thrilled that our Year 10 Boys Soccer Squad will be playing against Broadgreen during the half-time break of the Everton .v. Stoke City match. I am sure all Parents/Carers will wish to attend not only to see the Everton match but to see the skill and ability of our Year 10 Soccer Squad. Mr. Bird, Head of P.E. is making the arrangements.

Charity Appeals

If you were lucky enough to get a new mobile phone for Christmas please bring your old handset into school for our Royal Society for the Blind appeal. The phones are exchanged for funds which will enable the Liverpool Blind School in Wavertree to buy guide dogs for the children.

I am collecting used stamps for a charity which is hoping to save the albatross from being killing in fishing nets at sea. Please send any stamps into school and I will send them to the charity for you.

I am also recycling old Christmas cards at TK Max for the Woodland Trust so if you would like me to take your cards as well send them into school for me please.

LL Bannister.

Society, Health and Development

The Society, Health and Development Advanced Diploma group had an informative visit to the NSPCC Hargreaves Centre on Great Homer Street. We had a tour and series of talks on the services they provide.

The Hargreaves Centre was paid for by John Hargreaves, the Managing Director of Matalan. He is from Great Homer Street and started his clothing empire from a stall on the market, many years ago. He donated the £6 million to build the centre, to give something back to the local area. We all had a marvellous day thanks to Linda Tinney Head of the Domestic Violence Team, who organised the schedule.

P. March

Childwall Sports College to Oxford University!

A group of Year 10 students from Childwall Sports College have been selected to undertake a residential at St. Peter's College, Oxford University. Students Holly Wissett, Tyra Suleman, Lauren Bowles and Kathryn White were chosen from a group of some 220 Year 10 students at Childwall Sports College to represent Childwall during the residential at Oxford University. The students were delighted to be offered the opportunity to visit and indeed study at St. Peter's College, Oxford. The students excitedly left Liverpool Lime Street to arrive at Oxford Train Station and to be taken to the St. Peter's Halls of Residence where lunch was provided on day 1. The students were given an introduction to St. Peter's College by the Dean which was followed by a visit to the National History Museum. The students, who are all interested in Science, were invited to a talk on Bio-diversity. Students were then taken to an evening meal at St.



Peter's College followed by a visit to the Creation Theatre, Oxford and enjoyed a first night at Oxford University. On the second day the students visited the Chemistry Department and were involved in a practical Chemistry lesson where they were making 'Indigo'. The afternoon was spent in lectures at St. Peter's College with staff encouraging Childwall students to put St. Peter's College, Oxford at the top of their University applications following Sixth Form study.

"Holly, Tyra, Lauren and Kathryn had a wonderful time at St. Peter's College. I am grateful to the University for making the arrangements for our young women to experience life at Oxford University. This was a great experience and I am looking forward to reading their applications to study Science at St. Peter's College, Oxford in due course."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.