

# CHILDWALL SCHOOL NEWS

Dear Parents/Carers

This is the final Newsletter of Autumn 2009.

By now, all Parents and Carers will be aware that we were **delighted** at the **GCSE** and 'A' Level **results** of 2009. Once again, we exceeded targets especially in the vital **5 A-C** including English and Mathematics category. This is a great tribute to staff and students at Childwall Sports College. I have

every expectation that the current Year 11 will also exceed targets set for all examinations including GCSE English and Mathematics. To this end I would advise parents that the Year 11 Parents' Evening takes place on **27th January 2010**. The Year 11 – 12 Options Evening takes place on **4th February 2010**. The Year 9 Parents' Evening took place on the **8th December**

**2009** with the Year 9 Humanities Achievement Evening taking place on **9th December 2009**.

In November 2009 **Ofsted** inspected our Personal, Social, Health and Economic Awareness Curriculum. Ofsted **commented extremely** favourably on a number of aspects of PSHEE including Health, Economic Awareness, Careers Education and Guidance

and our specialism of Physical Education and Sport. The report is available on the school's website.

On 15th December the school is holding its annual Christmas celebration with a performance of "Have you seen Rudolph?". The PTA Quiz was held on 3rd December with a very large and appreciative audience enjoying an excellent evening's entertainment.

At the end of the Autumn Term 2009 we bid farewell to the following staff:

- Mr. S. Cooper, Head of Sixth Form - who is retiring;
  - Mr. J. Lamb, Pupil Progress Leader - moving to a promoted post at Rainhill High School;
  - Ms. J. O'Neill, Head of Mathematics - moving to a promoted post at St. George Church of England High School;
  - Miss. F. Horrocks, Key Stage 3 Performing Arts Co-ordinator - moving to a promoted post as Head of Department in Blackpool;
- We wish all colleagues the very best of fortune in 2010.

### TRUST

On the 23rd November Governors met to consider Childwall's position within the Fiveways Trust. After many weeks of both formal and informal consultation Governors have agreed to:

- a) Withdraw from the Fiveways Trust
- b) Revert to Foundation Status

These actions take immediate effect as of the 23rd November 2009.

### END OF TERM

All parents are advised that the Autumn Term 2009 will end on **Friday, 18th December 2009** at 3.10 p.m. Please note that there will be no early closure of school. Year 11 will be involved in examinations.

School re-opens after the Christmas break on **Monday 4th January 2010 at 8.15 a.m.**

May I take this opportunity of wishing parents, pupils, staff and governors an excellent Christmas break.

Yours faithfully

D.W. Phillips  
Headteacher

### REFUGEE ACTION ORGANISATION

On Tuesday 24th of November, we had two speakers/volunteers from "Refugee Action Organisation" who came to speak to some of our Year 10 pupils understanding about the issues surrounding asylum seekers and refugees. The volunteers helped to raise awareness and knowledge about the topic, why people come to the UK, reasons why they leave their countries. There was power point

### HAVE YOU SEEN RUDOLPH?

As you may be aware, Tuesday 15th December is the world premiere of 'Have You Seen Rudolph?' starring pupils from years 10, 11 and 12 (as well as Rachael Mutch.) This is a Christmas-themed comedy with some musical interludes and is suitable for all ages.

If you would like to have an enjoyable evening watching live theatre, please buy your ticket from either the Drama or Business department. The evening's entertainment begins at 7p.m. and should end at approximately 8.30p.m. Ticket price £3.

Hope to see you there,  
M. Curtis



presentation and pupils took part in the discussions.

I was very impressed by Year 10 pupils. They asked very relevant questions. The idea is to teach them that knowing and understanding important issue in our society is very important to create understanding and tolerance in our communities.

Marcelle Greenberg  
(Bilingual Support)

### GENEROSITY AT CHILDWALL SPORTS COLLEGE

Students of all years at Childwall have been collecting for many weeks for the International 'Shoe Box Appeal'. Students have been collecting a variety of goods to



send to disadvantaged countries and have been exceptionally generous for this good cause. The project has been managed by Mrs Allward who is the member of staff responsible for 'Citizenship'.

D.W. Phillips



**POLITICIAN'S VISIT  
TO CHILDWALL  
SPORTS COLLEGE**

Recently David Laws MP who is the Lib Dem Spokesman on Education and Colin Eldridge Liverpool City Councillor and prospective Lib Dem MP visited Childwall Sports College. Students in Years 8 and 10 were delighted to have the opportunity to quiz both politicians on Lib Dem Policies. The wide ranging questions put to the politicians by the students included questions regarding Afghanistan; Lib Dem Policy on finance and MP's expenses! Students



were delighted to be given the opportunity to quiz the politicians and equally the politicians were highly impressed not only by the warm welcome given by students at Childwall Sports College but also their political understanding. Both politicians were delighted to complete Childwall's Visitors Book for 2009 and all at Childwall were delighted at the comments written by David Laws MP which were as follows..."many thanks! I really enjoyed meeting the pupils they were both friendly and impressive! Councillor Colin Eldridge commented in the schools visitors book "as always, absolutely wonderful!"

D. W. Phillips

**CELEBRATED POET  
AT CHILDWALL  
SPORTS COLLEGE**

Chenee Nicholls a student in year 8 was delighted to be recognised for her ability to write poetry. Chenee's work was entered for the Citywide 'Poetry of Place Awards' 2009 and was chosen as a finalist. Chenee under the guidance of her English Teacher Mrs Gambardella wrote about 'The River Mersey'. Chenee is a talented all round student and was delighted to be able to attend this ceremony held at St Georges Hall recently where her work was highly commended.

D.W.Phillips



**ACTIVE FAMILIES  
ACTIVITIES**

Free Family Activities

Starting 5th January 2010.

Free Aerobics & Step Tuesdays  
7.00 - 8.00 Gymnasium

Aerobics, Legs, Bums and Tums Saturday 11.00 - 12.00  
Gymnasium

Badminton Sunday 9.00 - 12.00  
Sports Hall Equipment Provided.

**NEW YEAR, NEW  
YOU!**

**ADULT GYM  
MEMBERSHIP**

£15.00 a month. No contact, no induction fee, no hidden costs.

Our gym contains a combination of cardiovascular equipment, resistance equipment, free weights, bar bells and core stability equipment.

Junior Membership - £10.00 14 - 17 years

**FEBRUARY HALF  
TERM HOLIDAY  
PROGRAMME**

Free activities include Football, Multi Sports, Dance, Cheerleading and Drama. 10.00 - 3.00pm. Early drop off and late pick up available from 8.00 - 5.30pm (£5 per child) Aged 5 years +. Bookings being taken from Monday 1st February 2010.

Natalie Wray

Community Sport Development Officer



**YEAR 9  
OPTIONS  
EVENING**

**Our Year 9 Options  
Evening is on  
Thursday 21st  
January 2010 6.30  
- 8.30 pm. Further  
information to  
follow**

**SPORTS STARS AT  
CHILDWALL SPORTS  
COLLEGE**

Recently two of Childwall's budding sport stars were identified by the school and by the Liverpool Schools Sport Partnership Group to receive awards at a glittering ceremony held at St Georges Hall. Amongst the students chosen for their sporting prowess was Leila Blackett, currently a Year 11 Student who was nominated specifically for the extensive work she has done in terms of 'volunteering'. Leila is an all round sport woman who has contributed to all sports teams at Childwall Sports College and is currently also perusing the Duke of Edinburgh Award.

Paris Kaye-Minto is one of the schools most accomplished basketball players. In addition to being an all rounder Paris excels at basketball and is a member of the schools championship winning team which has won the City title. In 2009 Paris although only in year 10 at the time, was a member of the schools Under 18 Basketball Team which reached the latter stages of the National Basketball Finals, Childwall Sports College was unfortunate to loose in the latter stages to a team from Newcastle-Upon-Tyne.

D.W.Phillips



**TERRIERS**

In November, Year 8 watched a performance of 'Terriers' as part of their 'Modern Play' unit in English. The play is a hard hitting representation of gang crime in Liverpool. 'Terriers' shows the consequences of getting involved with guns and gangs and the difficult decisions young people can face.



The pupils were a credit to the school throughout the performance and have really engaged with the subsequent activities within their English lessons. A selected group of Gifted and Talented pupils will also work with the play's writer, Maurice Bessman, in order to hone their scriptwriting skills.

Mrs Stephens

**ENTERPRISING  
STUDENTS AT  
CHILDWALL SPORTS  
COLLEGE**

Recently all the year 10 students studying Business were involved in a series of 'enterprise' activities led by Miss Maddock, Mr Mullarkey and Miss Baker. Students worked for extended periods of time on group activities which brought into play key issues relating to team work, commitment, enthusiasm, financial planning and outcomes.



Students were able to use their 'enterprise' portfolios developed on the day to enhance their course work for their Key stage 4 Business Studies and Enterprise examination work. Students had a thoroughly enjoyable day working in teams in the Learning Resource Centre, working to strict deadlines to ensure that their 'enterprise' activities were completed.

D.W. Phillips

**SPORTS STARS AT  
CHILDWALL SPORTS  
COLLEGE!!**

Amongst many of the highly successful youngsters in Childwall Sports College are Adam Coyne and Liam Daley Year 8. Adam is the 2009 winner of the school's "Design a Christmas Card Competition". This is an annual competition in which children in Key Stage 3 are invited to compete. Adam's winning Christmas card will be sent to governors, schools and friends of Childwall Sports College.



Liam Daley has been chosen to star in a Sony TV advert for the new Eye Pet game. Filming for the advert will involve Liam acting alongside Ricky Tomlinson.

D. W. Phillips

## BTEC LEVEL 3 NATIONAL DIPLOMA IN SPORT

15 Childwall Sports College students are studying this qualification full-time over 2 years which is delivered by Everton FC staff. The course consists of both theory and practical sessions. So far the students are progressing well with their academic studies and are also competing in the Merseyside College's Football League. The team are doing well at the moment, 4 wins already in their opening few league games.

Students will be undertaking their Level 1 Coaching in February half-term at Goodison Park and The Pits 3G astro-facility. Next year current students will be hoping to progress and final year students will be going on to Higher Education. Everton staff will be looking to recruit a new group of 1st year students for the next academic year (September 2010) and will be holding taster days during February half-term.



Students interested in the course should have an interest in Football and 5 GCSEs grade C or above including Maths and English. For more information please contact James Croxton or Andy Foster on 0151 530 5253.

James Croxton

## PC JENNY SAYS GOODBYE

I am sad to announce that I will be leaving Childwall School at the end of this term as I will be starting a new job at Wavertree Road Police Station in January 2010.

It's hard to believe I have been at Childwall School for two and half years and I can honestly say I have really enjoyed my time here and deciding to leave was a very difficult decision for me to make. Since July 2007 I have had the pleasure of meeting and working with some wonderful people but I have especially enjoyed working with all the pupils both in school and in the holidays.

Although I am moving on the School will continue to have a School Police Liaison Officer. PC Danny Kelly will be joining the Childwall School in January 2010 and I hope you will all make him feel as welcome as you did me.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank both staff and pupils past and present for all their help, support, tears and tantrums which have made my time here so memorable. I hope you all have a very happy and safe Christmas and I wish you all the very best for 2010.

PC Jenny.



## YEAR 8 GIRLS HOCKEY

The girls played in the Liverpool Schools Hockey League on a Thursday night at Liverpool University pitches. The team remains unbeaten after 5 matches, including St Eddies A & B, St Julies, Archbishop Blanch and Calderstones. The highlight of the league was the 2-0 win over Archbishop Blanch with goals from Hanushuka Hersilia and Morgan Oates, obviously this win would not have been possibly without the whole team, Aeysha Ali, Georgia McDonald, Sharon Watson, Amy Parr, Dominique Harper. Well done to all the girls.

J Wilde

## CHILDWALL SPORTS COLLEGE STUDENTS TO UNIVERSITY SCIENCE!

Recently four students at Childwall Sports College took part in the JMU Royal Society of Chemistry competition. Students thoroughly enjoyed the experience of team work with Ms. Cooper, the school's KS3 Science Co-ordinator.

D.W. Phillips

## LANTERN PROJECT AT CHILDWALL SPORTS COLLEGE!

Students in year 8 at Childwall Sports College spent a very enjoyable and profitable day on a 'Lantern Project' involving their teacher Ms. Nicola



Jones and a professional artist working with the school for the 'Liverpool Lantern Competition'. Students had a wonderful learning experience.

D.W. Phillips

## NEW NEIGHBOURHOOD HEALTH CENTRE IN CHILDWALL

The proposed site will lie on land currently occupied by Childwall Library and will also incorporate a small section of the grounds of Childwall School. Both sites are working closely with the PCT regarding the plans to incorporate existing library services into the new Neighbourhood Health Centre, which means the wider community will be able to access new and improved library and education facilities, in a modern, state of the art building.

During the proposed rebuild period library users will be able to use a number of local libraries within a mile or two of Childwall Library. The closest libraries are based in Picton Road, Wavertree and Allerton Road.

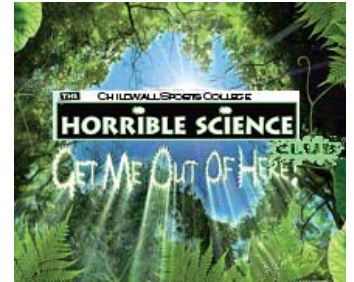
The new health facility will also provide Childwall School with 3 modern learning spaces and two offices for use by 6th form students and staff, making up a modern education centre with access to the new library facilities. The facility will also support the school's strong focus on health and well being and will provide an important link to the work of the PCT – opening up educational opportunities for students and health professionals.

If you have any questions or comments you can contact the school on 0151 722 1561 and speak to Debbie Armitage.

C. Densmore  
Business Manager

## HORRIBLE SCIENCE BUSH TUCKER TRIAL

During November at 'The Horrible Science Club', pupils went head-to-head in Childwall Sports



Colleges very own 'Bush tucker' trial. Pupils selected a Meat, Fish or vegetarian option and undertook the 7-Group challenge. They had to identify a number of foods available and attempt to



categorise them into the correct food groups blind folded. This was a hard fought contest with many



of the children demonstrating their knowledge of a balanced and healthy diet. The eventual winner was Sophie McDermott who correctly identified and categorized all the foods in the 7-Group challenge (Fish option).

S. Cullen



## SSA T I NCLUSION A WARD

Last July the school achieved the Inclusion Chartermark at the highest possible level of Transforming and Leading. We were advised that we were now eligible to submit a bid for a national award which would be presented at the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust annual conference;

In October we received the news that we had been chosen as the winners of the Inclusive Schools Award for 2009. On 26th November Mrs P Urquhart and Mr P W Lewis accepted the award at the NIA in Birmingham at the annual conference. The Award is engraved "For the school demonstrating outstanding practice in ensuring inclusive practice within an inclusive ethos" and is now proudly displayed in the entrance to the school in the trophy cabinet. This is a tremendous achievement for the school.

P W Lewis

## A F I R S T F O R C H I L D W A L L

On Tuesday 8th December a small group of year 7 pupils, Callum Walsh, Liam Gough, Morgan Oates and Nicola Jones along with 3 Year 8 pupils Daniel McCormick, Phoebe Riley and Mina Oldfield took part in the first Liverpool Schools Water Polo Senior Event at The Liverpool Aquatics Centre.

The competition began with a swimming gala which consisted of 4 boys' events and 4 mixed events. We entered a team into the mixed events in which they had to compete against some tough competition such as St Edwards, and Alsop. The first race was a 25m backstroke relay in which the team just lost out to St Edwards and therefore finished in 2nd place. The team then went on to compete in the 25m Breast-stroke relay. After the 4th length we were in 5th position, but an outstanding swim by Daniel McCormick on the last length caught us up to finish in a well deserved 3rd place. The success continued and the team swam an outstanding 25m Front crawl relay finishing in 1st place!!

After the swimming events the pupils then got capped up and were ready to start the water polo tournament. Our first game was against Parklands who had some pretty tough girls playing for them. However we managed to claim victory winning 3-2. We then went on to draw 3-3 against St Edwards. Our final match was against Alsop and the pupils were getting pretty tired after swimming up and down the pool continuously and unfortunately lost 1-0.

However when we were added up, it that we had made St Edwards!! We lead by a brilliant McCormick in second was scored 30 seconds later. on to score a third



put us comfortably in the lead. However, within 2 minutes a young girl from St Edwards scored an unbelievable hat-trick which meant we were drawing 3-3 with only a few minutes to go. Following on from this Liam Gough made 2 fantastic saves in goal to prevent St Edwards from taking the lead. Then in the last minute Daniel McCormick claimed a hat trick taking the final score 4-3 to CHILDWALL!!!!

This is a fantastic result for the pupils involved as this was the first time that many of them had even attempted to play water polo. The pupils were an absolute credit to the school in terms of effort, behaviour and attitude.

Miss Atkinson

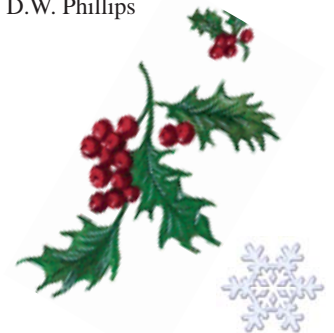
## C H I L D W A L L S P O R T S C O L L E G E - Y E A R 1 2 / 1 3 H I S T O R Y - T O W E R O F L O N D O N

Recently a group of 6th form students from Childwall Sports College visited London as part of their Advanced Level course in History. Students were taken by Ms. Lindsey Smith



of the History department. In the course of the visit students visited the Tower of London, House of Commons and other well known London places of interest. The students thoroughly enjoyed the visit and Childwall Sports College is eagerly looking forward to some excellent History results at 'Advanced Level'.

D.W. Phillips



## S I X T H F O R M N E W S

### E N R I C H M E N T

We have had a busy time with Enrichment activities. Students have been involved with British Sign Language on Mondays after school. We have had students doing First Aid with The Red Cross-each session was of three hours. Some students have also been learning the basics of Fencing.

### E V E R T O N K I T

BTEC P.E. year 12 and 13 students who are working with James Croxton, an Everton coach, visited Goodison Park on 23 November to witness the unveiling of the new Everton kit. Students were allowed to visit the ground and actually appeared on the Big Screen.

### W O R K P L A C E M E N T S

The SHD students have been on out on work placements-an integral part of the Society Health and Development Diploma. Year 12 have been working in Alder Hey Hospital; year 13 students have also been working on the wards

in Alder Hey as well as working on a Domestic Violence Unit. All students are making full use of this wonderful opportunity.

Thanks to everybody

J. Gambardella

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

Yours sincerely

D.W. Phillips  
Headteacher

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