

Childwall School Newsletter

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Excellent Examination Results for Childwall Sports College

Dear Parents/Colleagues

I am writing to you at the beginning of the **Summer Term 2010**. Parents will be aware that due to the volcanic activity taking place in Iceland many schools in Liverpool had to curtail their teaching for the first days of the **Summer Term 2010**. I am pleased though to inform all parents that at Childwall Sports College we continued to teach and the students continued to learn during this difficult period. My thanks go to staff and students for their support during this difficult period.

Year 10

Parents will be aware that Year 10 Work Experience takes place **21st June to 2nd July**. It is vitally important that all Year 10 Students attend every day on which they are employed on work experience. I send Year 10 Students all good fortune on work experience.

School Examinations

Parents will be aware that School Examinations for Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 commence on the week

beginning **17th May 2010**. I do hope all students in all year groups are revising thoroughly for these important examinations.

Student Attendance

Could I urge all parents and carers to ensure that their children are in full attendance on all occasion to maximise students' potential and to engage fully in the life of the School. Could I ask all parents also to ensure that any appointments e.g. G.P, dentist etc are made outside school hours.

Year 11

Year 11 have received some excellent news of external examination results from Modular Tests at the beginning of the **Summer Term 2010**. This augurs extremely well for the success of our current Year 11 Students. Parents will be aware that the GCSE Results will be available in School on **Thursday 24th August** and Sixth Form Results will be available on **19th August**.

The internal GCSE Dance Moderation took place in April and we received some excellent feedback from the Assessor.

Full Year 11 Reports were posted to all parents during the Easter Break and would have indicated clearly where every student needs to work to ensure maximum success in the important Summer Examinations.

Fiveways Health & Learning Centre

Parents will be aware that Childwall Sports College is working very closely with the Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Library Service in the development of a Fiveways Centre. This is to be built during the course of **2010/11** and for completion for the **Summer of 2011**. The Centre will provide first rate facilities for the School, local G.P's and the Library Service. The Fiveways Centre is integral to the Schools Building School's for the Future (BSF) Development which will see millions of pounds invested in the development of the Childwall Sports College Site.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

Many of our Students are completing the Duke of Edinburgh Award at Bronze, Silver and Gold.

To this end a number of students undertook the walk during the first weekend of the **Summer Term 2010**. Students were led by Mr Cheetham, Mr Breen, Ms Saxon and Ms Hitchmough. Our first group of Gold Award Winners is imminent and we are delighted with the success of all our Students.

Staff INSET

The final Staff INSET Day of the term takes place on the **14th June 2010**. School will therefore be closed on the **14th June** for the purpose of Staff Training.

Childwall Sports College held a **Multi Cultural Evening on the 5th May 2010** starting at **3pm**.

Year 11 Progress File Ceremony will be on 23rd June starting at 1.30pm.

Year 11 Prom will be on Thursday 24th June at The Crowne Plaza in Speke.

Childwall Sports College Visit to La Coruna

A party of year 9 students visited La Coruna recently on a reciprocal visit to spend 10 days visiting schools, museums and involving themselves fully in the Spanish culture of La Coruna. Some of the activities in which the students were involved included visits to the town hall and old town in La Coruna. Students were also involved in a music festival being held at La Coruna. Despite the difficulties in flying to and from the UK, students were able to enjoy the delights of Spain and were hugely excited at being together for 10 days with staff and sixth form volunteers.



'The Rise of Dance' at Childwall Sports College

Childwall Sports College recently held a dance festival involving all students from all year groups. Included within the programme were some of the examination pieces prepared by students in year 10 and 11. The quality of the work produced was quite outstanding with boys and girls in all key stages thoroughly enjoying the experience showing their talent before a large and appreciative audience.

As a Specialist Sports College all elements of physical education are highlighted and dance is one of the most successful subjects at Childwall.



ICT Success

In March, the ICT department received some of the best ever results for their KS4 GCSE course. In Mr Fyfe's Yr11 ICT cohort, all pupils submitted two units of GCSE coursework to the exam board and they all passed, achieving two GCSE's at grade A*-C. Within these results there was an amazing 11 A* grades and 16 A grades. Congratulations to this class for working extremely hard over the past two years, and I hope you keep up the hard work, for your third GCSE.

Mr Badger

PCT Development Update

I am pleased to announce that the scheme to include 2 GP Practices, a new library, treatment rooms and classrooms and offices for the school has received planning approval. We are now working towards a Financial Close for 30th July 2010 and there are a few hurdles to cross before we actually reach that mainly around the title of land. Work will be commencing in August 2010 and will hopefully be completed by September 2011.

C. Densmore, Business Manager

Sports Unlimited bid - Brazilian Jiu-jitsu

Through Sports Unlimited we have been able to fund a number of new and exciting sports clubs over the past few years. Recently we were able to fund an excellent martial arts club.



Between January and April we had a qualified instructor from Next Generation Mixed Martial Arts come into Childwall to deliver high quality Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu sessions to a group of Year 11 boys during extra curriculum time. The instructor worked with the boys for 3 months every Friday after school for an hour. The boys took to the club really well and within two weeks they had already picked up some excellent skills, tactics and moves from their instructor. Not only have the boys been introduced to a new sport they have also been given the opportunity to develop their self discipline and self control. The boys worked at a high intensity during the sessions and were continually pushed hard and encouraged well by their instructor and supporting teacher.



The Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu club has had a massive effect on some of the boys who have, since joining the club, made the decision to take it up as a sport outside of school in a community setting. Several of the boys have attended sessions during half term and continue to do so on a regular basis.

Miss Atkinson

Free School Meals and Clothing Grants

If parents/carers are in a position to claim for free school meals and clothing grants they should complete the appropriate form. This can be downloaded from our school website at www.childwallsc.co.uk. The form needs to be completed and returned to your local one stop shop. Alternatively parents may choose to post the form with the required information to the following address;

Liverpool City Council,
Benefits Service,
PO Box 13,
Liverpool, L69 2JG

Mock Election at Childwall

On Thursday 6th May we held our Mock Election here at Childwall. The polls opened at 8am for staff and students to vote in the LRC, our polling station for the day.

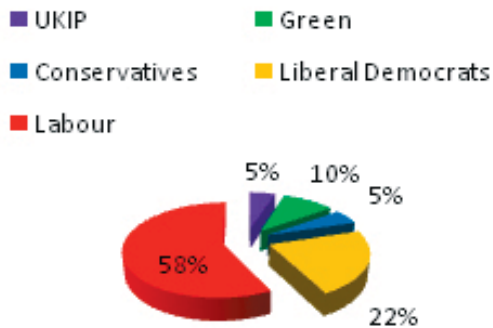
Our student candidates worked really hard to encourage people to vote by visiting assemblies and putting displays up around the school.

Our results show a huge Labour majority, with the Liberal Democrats in second place.

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Mock Election.

V. Caren

Votes at Childwall School



Winners!!!! Congratulations Year 9 and 10 Sports Ambassadors

25 Childwall students from Year 9 and Year 10 represented our school as Sports Ambassadors on World Disability Day. The day, held at Anfield Community Sports Centre, involved a range of sporting activities including, football, wheel chair basketball, curling and martial arts. It was fantastic to see our pupils working so confidently with other schools as well as young people who have a range of disabilities.



As well as being a fun day it was a successful day! We were winners of the 'Goal Ball' Competition as well as winning the 'Wheel Chair Relay'. Childwall Sports College was announced the overall winners. This was due to our conduct, behaviour, involvement and fair play. Congratulations to all involved.

Mr C. Mullarkey / Ms C. Woodpark

Childwall Sixth Form

We currently have 90 pupils from our Year 11 who have been offered a place in Sixth Form for September 2010, with the addition of 15 students transferring in from other schools. We are filling up fast. We still have a few places left and will consider any further applications that are submitted, although we cannot make any guarantees.

Any pupil still unsure of what they are going to do should see Mr Crispin in Sixth Form as soon as possible.

Those pupils that have been offered a place need to be aware that they must be in a position to meet the requirements of entry for their proposed courses.

Although it is hard to give general guidance, the basic requirements for a Level 3 (A-level or equivalent) course is 5 A*-C grades in English, Maths and the three courses that they wish to study.

It should be noted that 4 GCSE's from one subject does not lead into a normal Level 3 course.

The current Year 12 number is 103 and we are looking to their exam results in the summer. We have spoken to all Year 12's and they are aware that in order to continue next year, they need to pass the relevant course areas this year. There is no point in continuing a course into Year 13 if they have failed to pass Year 12.

Whatever your situation, the way to have a place in Sixth Form is to work hard in the run up to the summer exams.

Spain comes to Childwall Sports College!

Recently Childwall Sports College held its year 8 Humanities Achievement Ceremony where parents and staff were invited to view the skills and talents of year 8 students who had been working on a themed project on 'Spain'. The Humanities disciplines of RE, history and geography combined on a cross curricular project with students studying religious festivals in Spain, the effects of the Spanish Civil War and the Geography of the country of Spain.

Large numbers of students in year 8 received certificates and awards for their outstanding work in humanities. Miss McNally,



Key Stage 3 Humanities Co-ordinator master minded the proceedings. The highly successful event ended with all participants being invited to share in a typical Spanish meal.

Dance Competition

On 27th April myself and Miss Match took 17 pupils to Halewood Centre for Learning to compete in a Dance competition. The pupils out did themselves, they were professional, technically brilliant and performed the best I've ever seen. The competition finished at 9pm and pupils got to watch the Keystage 4 competition. This was all a practice for our Dance competition on Friday 30th, which I hope you all are coming to as tickets are running out fast.

If you see the Dance club pupils please congratulate them for an excellent performance and wish them luck for Friday as they have worked so hard.

S. Cooke

School Meals

Childwall Sports College Governors have decided to raise the price of school meals to £2.20 with effect from Monday 7th June 2010. This price reflects the rising cost of food stuffs. Governors are committed to ensuring healthy meals at competitive prices.

Under 15 Merseyside Champion

More athletic achievement from Emily Laing on May 8th: Gold medal for shot put and Bronze medal for javelin, also in the Under 15 Merseyside Championship.

Well done Emily - fantastic achievement.

JM Saletes

Celebration of Cultures Event

We are very proud to have a diversity of cultures in our school community, making it a much richer, a more interesting and vibrant community. In Childwall School we encourage learning and teaching from each other, sharing our ideas, our traditions, our customs, our languages and our cultural heritage.



Pupils performed reading poetry from other cultures, cultural dances and music (Chinese, Asian, African, Arabic and European culture). Our pupils are talented and creative and they are very proud of their identities. The event was very successful and we look forward to organise another cultural event in the near future.



Thank you to all the staff that supported this event.

Marcelle Greenberg, (Bilingual Support)

Phil Jagielka Visit to Childwall Sports College

Phil Jagielka visited Childwall Sports College recently to present certificates to Post 16 Level 3 diploma students. The school has established a very close working relationship with Everton with academies being established for both football and basketball. Successful students were delighted to have Phil Jagielka undertaking a coaching session and also formally presenting the prestigious Level 3 diplomas in Sport to a large group of sixth form students.



The football academy is proving exceptionally successful at Childwall in line with the schools Specialist Sports College status; health and fitness are given a high profile.

Year 9 Start the Long Journey to Gold



Childwall students have been successful yet again with their Duke of Edinburgh Award. This year we have had our first students going through and completing Gold. This is a fantastic achievement for our students who have been working for 5 years to gain this prestigious award. The pupils Adain Iniabere, Laura Seddon, Kim Wearing and Stephen Kelly, will be going to the Palace to receive the award from the Duke himself. The pupils have been involved with a



variety of activities, coaching other children and developing personal skills such as climbing, learning to drive a car and playing netball.

This year we have introduced the award to the current year 9 pupils who, during the weekend of 24th and 25th of April took part in a practice walk and residential recently led by Mr. Cheetham, Mr. Breen, Mr. Hurd, Mr Phoenix, Miss. Saxon and Mr. O'Leary. We took 25 pupils away who excelled in all areas and were a credit to the school and themselves.



The dates for the Expeditions are
Bronze: 19th - 21st May 2010
Silver: 7th May - 10th May 2010
Gold Practice and Gold Qualification
11th July - 16th July 2010.

My thanks go to the school in supporting the pupils; the staff that help run the expeditions and the Pupils themselves for all their hard work in gaining the award. I look forward to



the group continuing with their success when completing the Bronze award and continuing their journey all the way to the Gold level.

All those pupils who complete the award will go to the Echo Arena to collect their completed award in March 2011.

Any parents wishing to help with awards please contact me.

Mr Cheetham.

Y1 South Central LSSP & EFC Academy Football FUN Festival

Five primary school teams managed to brave the drizzle of rain to take part in a football competition at Childwall on Thursday 29th April. Kensington, Heygreen, St Anthony of Padua 1, St Anthony of Padua 2 and King David all enjoyed the occasion and played with high spirits and enjoyed themselves



despite the poor weather. Kensington came first winning all their games. The tournament was well run and all the children played with the right attitude and clearly had lots of fun.

James Doyle

Sports Ambassador

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

Yours sincerely

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