

# Childwall School

## A Specialist Sports & Science College

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Dear Parent/Carer

I write to you as we approach the end of the Spring Term 2011. Parents will be aware that the Spring Term ends on Friday 1st April at 3.15pm. The Summer Term starts on Monday 18th April at 8.15am.

Parents will be aware that we have received some outstanding news about the progress of our school. Parents will be aware that in 2011 we were identified by the Department for Education (DfE) as being "...amongst the 100 top performing schools based on sustained improvement on each year for 227 to 2010". This places us in the top 3% of all secondary schools in England for this period. This is an outstanding achievement and I send my warmest congratulations to both staff and students.

We have also been designated as a Specialist Science College in 2010 and again this is due to the excellent results in Science and the continued progress of our school.

I am also delighted to be able to inform parents that we have very recently gained recognition by the Specialist Schools and Academies Trust (SSAT). We have been recognised as a leading school for teaching of Gifted & Talented students.

### Year 7

Parents will be interested to know that we are entering a team of Year 7 Students in the Times Newspaper Spelling Bee Competition. The competition will take place on Tuesday 15th March 2011.

### World Maths Day

World Maths Day took place on the 1st March and a number of students from Childwall Sports and Science College took part. I am delighted to be able to announce that James Ryan Year 8 answered 5096 correct answers and Joseph Holland Year 8 answering 4576 correctly. Well done to all competitors and particularly Joseph and James.

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

I am delighted to inform parents that recently 4 of our students gained the Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award. Our students were Stephen Kelly, Laura Seddon, Kimberley Wareing and Adain Iniabere. Students were presented with their award by the Duke of Edinburgh

at a ceremony held in London recently. My thanks go to all those staff who have supported our Duke of Edinburgh Programme and in particular Mr Cheetham who leads the programme.

### HPV Vaccination Programme

Parents will be aware that during the course of the Academic Year girls in Year 8 and 9 are to be vaccinated against HPV. As parents will know the vaccination is intended to reduce the risk of girls getting cervical cancer in the future. HPV Immunisation sessions took place at our school on Wednesday 9th March. If any female pupil in Year 8 or 9 has missed a vaccination then I would urge parents to contact their own GP.

## Childwall Sports and Science College to Cuba!

Students in Year 10 at Childwall are busily arranging Meetings for Operation Wallacea. Operation Wallacea is a research programme involving conservation management and bio diversity. The operation and its research is supported by the students and in the summer of 2012 a group of Year 10 and 12 Students accompanied by two of the school Science Staff Mr Samy and Miss Cooper will undertake a 2 week research stay carrying our vital research.

Fundraising is already underway with our students having to find £2000 for this once in a lifetime opportunity. On Friday 25th March the students will be involved in a Bag Pack at Tesco in Old Swan to continue the fundraising.

The students are also part of the School Gifted & Talented Cohort and is proud to announce that we have been designated a Centre of Excellence with Lead Practitioner Status for the teaching of G & T Students.

## World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March Levi Tafari came to Childwall to celebrate World Book Day with our Year 9 students. Levi talked about his life and background before reading some of his poetry which looked at issues of stereotyping and prejudice. This inspired our students to write and perform their own short poems about when they have faced prejudice and stereotyping in their lives.

Many thanks to Levi and all the staff involved for making the day a success.

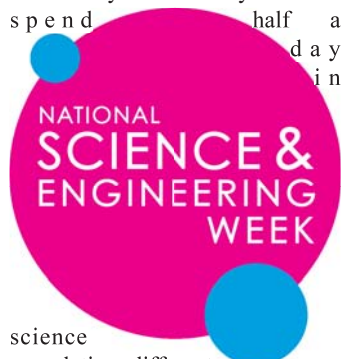
Levi Tafari was born in Liverpool. He is the author of numerous poetry collections: Duboetry, Liverpool Experience, Rhyme Don't Pay and From the Page to the Stage. He has also worked on educational projects running creative writing workshops in schools, colleges, youth centres, prisons and libraries, in the UK and around the world.

V. Caren



## National Science and Engineering Week

The week started on March 11th and finishes on the 20th March. We will be having our science day on Wednesday 16th where year 7 will spend half a day in



science completing different activities based around this year's theme of communication.

A group of year 8 pupils went to the Catalyst Science Centre in Widnes where they were able to explore the museum and attend an interactive show of science demonstrations. All pupils were excellently behaved and a credit to the school. Many thanks to Mr Cullen, Mrs Lynam and Mr Stackpoole for taking the pupils.

Miss Cooper

## Soroptimist Public Speaking Competition

On Saturday 5th March, Sean Nolan and Jack Richmond represented Childwall in a public speaking competition held at Bellerive College. The prestigious event saw pupils from some of the best



schools in the city compete against each other. Both Sean and Jack were amazing! Despite the stiff competition, they managed to impress the judges and the large audience of Soroptimist members in the audience. Both pupils were awarded prizes and certificates for their efforts and were assets to the school. Both Mr Saletes and I were impressed with their efforts!

L. Kilroe

## Aimhigher Science Olympics

The first two heats of the Aimhigher Science Olympics 2011 took place during January and February with our school competing in a day long series of events against other local schools for the chance to win through to the grand finals later in the year. The Year 10 team visited the University of Liverpool to take part in a range of events that tested their science knowledge, team working and communication skills to achieve the highest scores on the day.

Teams competed against each other and teachers as they attempted to gain maximum points in activities that included 'projectile rocketing', 'sweet trader', 'it's about time', 'am I hovered' and 'stick and span'.

Richard Finch from Aimhigher explains:

"The competition is a way of making science more accessible to school pupils. We hope that activities such as these will begin to spark an interest and lead to them studying science based subjects in further and higher education."

Congratulations to our team, captained by Miss Lynam!! Our heat in particular was incredibly close and as we were one of the top schools from our heat, we qualify for June's final.

D. Meir

## Creative Partnerships

As part of the Creative Partnerships Project for BME pupils, Childwall were invited to visit St. Helens Police Station on Friday 11th of February. We were greeted by Superintendent Rowly Moore who gave us lunch at the station followed by a tour including the cells.

Marcelle Greenberg  
(Bilingual Support)

## Budding Journalists Needed

Would you like to write news articles for our award winning newspaper The Childwall Chronicle? Our Newspaper Club meet every Thursday lunchtime and after school to research and report on local, national and international issues. Visit the school website to see previous editions of the Chronicle. If you are interested please come to the LRC.

G. Hamilton

## BBC News: School Report

### Project outline:

On 24th March 2011, Year 9 pupils will become news reporters for the day. The project involves pupils researching, planning and writing a news bulletin. The bulletin will be broadcast at 4pm that day. School across Britain will be involved in the day and all pupils will be set deadlines that they must fulfil.



We feel that this intense day will challenge pupils but also give them a realistic view of a working journalist. Pupils will have to adopt a role for the day. This could be: editor, reporter or researcher. Pupils will have to understand and apply the skills their particular role requires.

Please log onto [www.childwallsc.co.uk](http://www.childwallsc.co.uk) to see the link. You will also be able to view the broadcast there on the day.

H. Docherty

## Society, Health and Development Diploma News

Year 13 Society, Health and Development learners are currently studying how we safeguard and protect individuals and society. As part of their coursework they have to investigate conflict in the work place and how it is resolved.

To help in our studies, we invited in Claire Athis who is the Negotiation Secretary for NASUWT a teaching union. In February, Claire came in to give a talk on her role. She explained the types of conflict that occur in the workplace and the group discussed the skills which are required to resolve any issues in the work place. Claire was very enthusiastic about her job and passionate about injustice in the workplace. She has provided the group with a real insight into conflict resolution and has been a great help in the research for their coursework.

Thanks Claire.

P. March

## Greek Tragedy Comes to Liverpool

On the evening of Friday 25 February a group of year 13 English Literature students visited the Everyman Theatre, accompanied by Miss Clack, Miss Score, Miss Gambardella and Lee Stackpoole. We were privileged to see an innovative production of the Greek Tragedy 'Oedipus Rex' by Sophocles. This play forms part of the students' A2 examination preparations where it will be discussed in comparison to the Shakespearean tragedy, King Lear.

Throughout the performance we witnessed Oedipus' journey from ignorance to enlightenment as he is driven inexorably to the realisation of his gruesome fate. Employing the chorus and the use of Greek masks allowed us a glimpse of original Greek dramatic techniques; while representing the central theme of wisdom borne out of suffering as universal and timeless. Our year 13 students have been a credit to the school in showing continued commitment to the theatre and have enjoyed experiences which have enriched both academic and personal development.

Ms Clack

## Youth Sport Trust – Step into Sport Leadership Academy

We have approximately 12 pupils enrolled on the step into sport programme here at Childwall. This is a programme which aims to give pupils coaching experience as well as the opportunity to develop their own social, interpersonal, communication and organisation skills. Our sixth form pupils; Lauren Kelly, Olivia Patterson, James Doran, James Doyle, Simon Zhen, Leon La, Luke Boyd, Leila Blackett, Sam Parry, Steph Norris and Jodie McGorry over the past 3 months have offered dance, football and netball clubs to a variety of primary schools including Lawrence Road, Heygreen and Northway. Our pupils have independently planned and delivered these sessions to a high standard on a weekly basis.

These pupils should be commended for their outstanding commitment to voluntary work within school and the community.

Miss Atkinson

## Monitoring Attendance and Behaviour

In line with DCSF guidelines we now have available secure access via the internet to your child's current data held on our management information system. If you wish to monitor your child's attendance, behaviour and assessment details at school then please contact Grahame Clark on 0151 722 1561 for further details.

## Engineering

Year 11 Engineering pupils continue to have close links with Jaguar Land Rover. Here pupils



are finding out about diagnostic testing.

J Davies

## Food Technology

The food department has developed excellent links with the P.E Department with the most recent venture being a cross curricular cookery event which took place before the half term break. Mrs Emery teamed up with Mr Porter's Year 10 B TEC class with the assistance of Miss O'Flaherty and Miss McClusky to produce a healthy Mediterranean pasta dish while learning about the nutritional benefits of eating a healthy, well balanced diet which would suit a keen sports person, and how nutrition aids sports performance. As a number of the boys involved are on the Year 10 Childwall football squad, they were particularly eager to learn how to look after their bodies and develop healthy cookery skills. Everyone produced an excellent Pasta dish and thoroughly enjoyed the event. A big THANK YOU to Josiah Tarbuck and Abbie Smith for their help.



GOOD LUCK boys for your upcoming matches.

P. Emery

## The Promise

The future seems a long way away to Steven and his friends.

The weekend is a priority and GCSEs are a million miles away.

But Friday night doesn't go according to plan.

Can Beyoncé help Steven decide on a career?

Does Gandalf know the way?

Will Nurse Beyoncé be jealous of Amy Winehouse?

Just who is The Rabbit and what does he want?

The future for Steven is one big nightmare. Get a job? Stay on at school? Work on his music? What should he do? Our Year 9 students saw Zip Theatre's play *The Promise*, written by Lesley Beaumont, as part of the Aimhigher Programme. It is designed to encourage young people to consider their post 16 options.



*The Promise* was an engaging, motivational production aimed at our students which explores options, doubts and new opportunities in an entertaining and accessible format. *The Promise* was fun but it had a serious message. The play included popular music and colourful characters and the intention is that young people watching the performance will be encouraged to consider their post 16 options. Did you know that there are degrees at university which include Disaster Management, Golf Studies, Computing Game Design, Tourism and Film Studies?

D. Meir

## Rugby Update U 13's

Range HS 0 – 22 Childwall Sports College

The Childwall Year 8 Rugby Team displayed an excellent commitment and passion when turning over Range HS in the Lancashire Plate competition last Wednesday. Excellent defensive tackles were made on so many occasions as the boys remained determined to not let Range put any points on the board. The try scorers were Peter O'Toole x 2, Goit x 1 and Year 7 Louis Dean x 1. Louis's try was converted by Ryan McCoy.

This puts Childwall Year 8s into the semi-final of the Lancashire Plate competition. Well Done Boys.

## Year 11 Football

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A very evenly balanced game with some good performances from Stephen Doyle and David Grainger and an excellent free kick from Joe Byrne. A late push from Childwall led to total possession from our boys but they could not pull off a finish. Our match fitness exposed us eventually as Broadgreen had a full squad rotation, they took the entire year.

A good afternoon of sport even though the result was not in our favour.

S. Bird

## Primary Cluster Dance Festival

On Wednesday 22nd February 180 pupils from years 3-6 from Christ the King, Heygreen, Lawrence Road, Northway and Wavertree C of E primary schools all performed in the Childwall Primary Cluster Dance Festival.



In preparation for the dance festival Sian Cooke our dance specialist here at Childwall had been working with each of the schools focusing on different cultures in dance. On the day of the festival pupils showcased a variety of different cultural dances including, Spanish, African, American and Caribbean. All of the children were outstanding and performed with enthusiasm and creativity.



It was lovely to see all of the pupils enjoying themselves and putting 100% effort into their performances

Big thanks go to Miss Cooke who choreographed the dances for each of the schools and also to the primary teachers who gave up their time leading up to the festival to help the children practice.

Miss Atkinson (SSCo)

## Sport Results

## Specialisms Day

On Friday 25th February Childwall held a "Specialisms day" to launch Childwall School as 'A Sports and Science College'.



The day was based around team building and problem solving for Y r 7, 8 and 9. The theme of the day was 'The Cube' an ITV game show which includes practical and



mental games for people to play to win money. We used the house system to identify teams and win house points for each of the 8 events.



The Specialism Day Results are as follows:

BOLT HOUSE = 4350,  
FREEMAN HOUSE = 3620  
HOLMES HOUSE = 3000,  
PHELPS HOUSE = 4490

S. Bird

### **U19 Boys Elite Colleges Premier League**

We are currently in 5th position in the league with a 4 wins and 4 loss record. We have had some really exciting games this year and considering the majority of our team is still U17 the future in this competition still looks really bright. We have 6 fixtures left and still have

To mark the end of Fairtrade Fortnight, the Business Studies Department held a full day of activities with teaching groups across Key Stages 4 and 5 on 11th March. Pupils participated in a range of group work and developed their understanding of Fairtrade products



### **Everton Tigers Basketball Academy Update**

an opportunity to make the playoffs (only top two teams go through).

#### **U19 Merseyside Cup**

We have yet to receive our fixtures for this competition but have to be strong favourites.

#### **U19 British Colleges Cup**

We play Priestley College on Monday and if we win we progress

to the last 16 in the country. 4 games away from our first national title!

#### **U17 English Schools**

Having won our pool (undefeated) claiming the title North West Champions we have made it through to the second round of the playoffs and play either Ellesmere Port Catholic High or St Aiden's

### **Fair Trade Friday**

and the movement of the Fairtrade Foundation. Pupils took on the roles of Workers, Plantation Owners, Importers, Shippers, Importer and Ripener and Supermarkets and considered the roles they play in the Fairtrade process and how wealth is distributed between these

groups. To support the "Show off your Label" campaign for 2011, students designed Fairtrade bunting to promote the cause. A wide range of Fairtrade products were kindly donated to the department from local supermarkets - Tesco, Asda and the Co-operative and pupils



C of E from Yorkshire to book a place in the last 8.

Our next home game is Wednesday 2nd March against Warrington College, please feel free to drop by and support the team if you can

Regards

Phil

were able to sample a range of Fairtrade products that they stock. Overall Fairtrade Friday proved to be a great success and pupils were encouraged to support the Fairtrade movement after gaining a greater appreciation of what it involves.

L. Baker



### **Times Spelling Bee 2011**

Childwall Sports and Science College entered a team into the prestigious Times Spelling Bee competition. This year's team consisted of Callum Griffiths, Taschelle Binns, Daniel Draper and Tyrell Brown who were selected from Miss Kilroe's English class.

The local heat was held at the Edge Lane Multiplex on Tuesday 15th March. There were ten teams competing altogether. Our team did exceptionally well we came top in the first round and were joint winners at the end. The competition went to a tie break with a sudden death competition.

Sadly we did not win this and as a result were knocked out. However Callum Griffiths was the winner of the 'last man standing round' and he should be congratulated on his fine effort.

The pupils were a tribute to Childwall School and it was a

pleasure to take them out and as team manager I was extremely proud of them. I am sure that Miss Kilroe and PC Shaun who were with us at the competition would agree with me.

Well done

P W Lewis

## **Sixth Form News**

### **Fact And Artefact**

With the opening of the new health centre / library / Childwall Sixth Form in September a group of our year 12/13 students are involved with FACT – the Foundation for Art and Creative Technology in producing an art work which will be part of the foyer of this new building. The group involved are David Howe, Danny Bullen, Lucas Connolly, Sophie Jones, Holly Grimes, Jemma Yim and Sandra Edwards. Over the next few weeks they will be working with an artist of national acclaim in order to put their ideas into practice.

### **Youth Sport Trust Leadership Academy**

The following year 12/13 students have been involved in some brilliant voluntary work with Primary, Secondary and Community sport sessions since November 2010. At Northway Primary, Monday and Tuesday 3.20 – 4.20 pm, Lauren Kelly and Olivia Patterson are involved with dance and football. At Heygreen Primary, Simon Zhen, Leon La and Luke Boyd are running football sessions Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3.00 – 4.00 pm. Sam Parry is working with year 7 football at Childwall every Friday from 3.15 – 4.15 pm. Well done as they have planned sessions and run them independently.

### **Mersey Tigers**

We wish the basketball team luck in their forthcoming games. Having beaten Oldham 6th form college, they are now in the final 8 and are due to play Loreto or Newcastle east in the quarter finals. The team consists of Paris Kaye Minto, Ashley Ugo, Michael Kiragu, Itamar Dennis, Joel O'Loughlin, Luke Holden, Akeem Thomas, Taku Mirinda, Jordan Hendrickse and Che Varley.

J. Gambardella

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

Yours sincerely

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