

Childwall School News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I do hope all Parents/Carers enjoyed an excellent Easter break. Welcome back to all staff and students. Parents/Carers will be aware that a Staff Training Day was held on 20th April with all students returning to school on 21st April. Parents/Carers will be aware that there only five full weeks before the half-term holiday on Friday, 22nd May and therefore time is exceptionally short for all students but particularly examination candidates in Years 11 and 13. I do hope all examinations candidates are revising thoroughly for their examinations. Parents/Carers will be aware that in 2008, once again, **we exceeded all our targets** for examination success and I expect us to do the same in terms of exceeding targets for 2009.

Parents/Carers will be aware that in March 2009 we were the subject of an Ofsted Inspection which concluded that:

"Childwall Sports College is a popular, oversubscribed school with several outstanding features. Key to its success is the warm and caring ethos fostered by all staff and greatly valued by students. This is a school with energy and ambition for itself and high aspirations for its students. Excellent relationships characterise the outstanding care, guidance and support provided for students and their friendly and constructive relations with each other."

"Students enjoyment of school is evident from their enthusiastic contributions in classes and their extensive participation in extra-curricular activities."

"Students spiritual, moral, social and cultural development is outstanding."

"Students truly feel safe, secure and valued."

Parents/Carers will be aware that Childwall Sports College hosted its first ever '**Strictly Come Dancing**' finals on 2nd April and these were an outstanding success. My congratulations go to Ms Baker (Business Studies) and Mr. O'Leary (ICT) who were winners of the Ballroom section and Evans Ratsakatika and Betty Tolongo, both Sixth Form students, who won the Latin section.

During the final week of the Spring Term 2009 **Merit Ceremonies** were held for Years 7,8,9,10. My congratulations go to all those students who were awarded certificates during these four important ceremonies.

Parents/Carers will be aware that the school is fully committed to the prestigious **Duke of Edinburgh Award** and to this end a party of students undertook a residential and walk in the Welsh mountains between 24th and 27th April.

The **A2 Art exam** was completed over three days under examination conditions where the students had to complete 15 hours of portfolio building. We look forward to some excellent results from our 'A' Level Art candidates. At the same time our **GCSE Art** students had to complete 10 hours of Art, under supervision, between 28th and 29th April.

The official opening of the **reception** area and the burial of the 1936 and 2009 time capsules took place on 28th April to a large and appreciate audience. The audience was particularly appreciative of the entertainment provided by the youngsters.

Parents/Carers will be aware that school is closed on 4th May, i.e. the **May Day** Bank holiday. School re-opens to all students on 5th May at 8.20 a.m.

Attendance: I would urge all Parents/Carers to ensure that their children attend for **100%** of

the time. There is no substitute whatsoever for full-time attendance to ensure that every child maximises his/her potential at Childwall Sports College.

On 12th May we were visited by the Liverpool Echo to complete a series of articles on '**A day in the life**' of **Childwall Sports College**. We were delighted at the positive way in which the Liverpool Echo reported on the vast array of activities taking place at Childwall and which were confirmed by **Ofsted** who said that "**students**' enjoyment of school is evident from their enthusiastic contributions in classes and their extensive participation in extra-curricular activities. Spiritual awareness is promoted very effectively through an impressive range of curricular activities, assemblies and extra-curricular opportunities. As a result the school has a warm, relaxed atmosphere in which all **flourish** and feel included."

Parents/Teachers/Friends Association: the **PTFA** has arranged a 'bag pack' at Sainsbury's in Woolton on **16th May** between 10.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. I do hope all Parents/Carers are able to support this worthwhile venture.

P.E./Sport: We were delighted as a Specialist Sports College to be chosen as the only school in the Northwest to house a Regional Multi-skills Academy which will cater for talented sportsmen and women in Year 6 in Primary Schools. The first Regional Multi-skills Academy day will take place on 22nd May 2009.

Parents/Carers will be aware that school closes for the Whit half-term holiday on Friday, 22nd May at 3.10 p.m. and re-opens after the half-term break on Monday, 1st June.

Parents/Carers of students in Year 11 will know that the Year

11 **Progress File Ceremony** takes place on **24th June** with the **Year 11 Prom** taking place on 25th June. I do hope all Year 11 Parents/Carers are able to keep the important date of 24th June in their calendars so that together we can celebrate the achievements of our Year 11 students.

As always if Parents/Carers wish to discuss the progress of their son/daughter they should contact the appropriate Pupil Progress Leader in the first instance.

Best wishes,

D.W. Phillips, Headteacher.

Art Exhibition

All Parents/Carers are warmly invited to the annual Art exhibition of examination work which takes place on Thursday, 7th May 2009. Further details from Ms Earle, Head of Creative Arts.

Ready Steady Cook

Miss Colgan's Year 10 pupils enjoyed an assessment lesson in Catering on April 22nd. Each group were given a bag of ingredients which they had to use to produce as many dishes as they



could. They took on the challenge and managed to produce food of a very high standard. The dishes produced were stuffed peppers, omlettes, Chicken and vegetable stir fry, vegetable fried rice, salt and pepper chicken wings, muffins and beef burgers. The pupils were assessed on their team work, hygiene and safety and food production skills and everyone passed with flying colours. Well done year 10.

Miss Colgan

End of Half-term

All Parents/Carers are reminded that the Whit half-term ends on Friday, 22nd May 2009 at 3.10 p.m. School re-opens after the half-term holiday on Monday, 1st June 2009.

Tunnel Race

A group of Year 10 GCSE students are in their final preparations for the 10k Tunnel Race in May. They have been training hard for the last 5 weeks and have constructed their own personal training schedule to keep them in condition throughout the Easter Break. For some of the boys this will be the longest race they have competed in, whilst for others it will be an opportunity to break the current school record for the race set last year by a year 13 student Glyn Kevan, at 44minutes and 22 seconds.

J. Porter

Azerbaijani Headteachers Visit to Childwall Sports College

Recently a group of 10 Headteachers from Azerbaijan visited Childwall Sports College as part of a British Council reciprocal visit which followed visits from Childwall Sports College to Azerbaijan in 2008. Our visitors observed lessons across the curriculum in addition to meeting students. We were delighted that one of our students Beyza Asik, who speaks Turkish, was available to translate for our visitors; she was obviously a great benefit to the visit. Whilst in Liverpool the Azerbaijani Headteachers visited the city seeing St. George's Hall, the Albert Dock and visited the Liverpool match against Sunderland. Childwall Sports College prides itself on its international links and indeed has the International Award as one of its many achievements.



"We were delighted to host a visit by our guests from Azerbaijan and my special thanks go to Beyza Asik for supporting the visit and translating for us on the day."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Prize Winners at Childwall Sports College

A group of Year 11 students were delighted recently to win the prestigious Science and Technology Crest Awards for 2009. The awards were made not only because of the students' outstanding progress in Science,



Technology and ICT but also because of the work the students had undertaken in 2008-09 which saw them exhibit at the Royal Society. Childwall Sports College was the only Secondary School in the Northwest of England to be invited to display at the prestigious Royal Society.

"Our Year 11 students have shown outstanding ability in Science, Technology and ICT. They are a credit to themselves and their families."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Childwall Sports College Website

I would urge all Parents/Carers to log on to our website which has been revamped recently and has information regarding all school activities, diary dates, holidays etc. As Parents/Carers will know the website address is:

www.childwallsc.co.uk

D.W. Phillips, Headteacher.

Childwall Sports Students At Oxford University

Nine Year 12 students studying Mathematics at Advanced Level were delighted to be accepted for the prestigious week long residential course at Lady Margaret Hall & Jesus College, Oxford. Students were selected from those studying Mathematics in the Sixth Form with Miss O'Neill and Mr. Holtam. The courses at Lady Margaret Hall & Jesus College have been designed specifically to provide an intensive regime of examination preparation and revision for those students wishing to achieve at the highest levels of performance in public examinations in

Photo Shoot at Childwall Sports College

As part of the GCSE Art & Design course a professional photographer spent some days working with a Year 10 group of students in conjunction with Mr. Tyrer. Students spent 2 days working with the professional photographer on aspects of 'Extended Learning'. The work which the students produced over the 2 days was of an outstanding quality and as a result will be put together in a bound photographic record of 'Extended Learning' to form part of the portfolio for their GCSE coursework. The project has also been supported by the Fiveways Learning Network and will form part of the photographic collection of work being undertaken by schools within the Network.

Girls Dance at Childwall

Since September the number of girls participating in dance club has increased dramatically. It has risen from approximately 11 to 25 girls. It has also attracted some boys which is great to see. The girls practice 3 lunch times a week and one night after school. The group has represented Childwall School at Dance festivals in Parklands School and have also performed in assemblies, merit ceremonies, Childwall's Comic Relief show and Christmas Concert. The group have shown great dedication and commitment to the club and have grown as confident and vibrant young people. The group are now preparing to dance at the John Lennon 'Imagine' showcase at Liverpool Cathedral on the 16th May.

Mr. Bird



trial examinations. At the end of the course a report will be compiled on the students' attitude, approach and progress made over the week

Soroptomist Public Speaking Competition

On Saturday 14th March, Aron Julius and Katie McDermott represented Childwall in a public speaking competition held at Broughton Hall. The prestigious event saw pupils from some of the best schools in the city compete



against each other. Both Aron and Katie were fantastic! They managed to impress the judges and the large audience of Soroptomist members in the audience. Both pupils were awarded prizes and certificates for their efforts and were assets to the school. Both Ms Clack and I were overjoyed with their efforts!

Mrs Stephens

Animation Nation

On 19th March, year 10 and 11 Media pupils were involved in an animation workshop. Pupils planned, filmed and edited stop



motion animation film. It was a very creative day and resulted in four films being made: 'Friller', 'Porky's Party', 'Count Tedula' and 'Planet Urekom'. I hope this day has created some young film makers! Well done to everyone involved.

Miss Conway

and commenting on performance in the trial examinations. Advice will be given as to the direction which revision might take, helping to plan and implement an effective framework for examination preparation before the important summer examinations.

"We have some outstanding young mathematicians at Childwall Sports College and I am delighted that our students have the opportunity to study at Oxford University. I fully expect these students to go on to great things in Mathematics and beyond."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

'Strictly Come Dancing' Comes to Childwall

Childwall Sports College staged its first ever 'Strictly Come Dancing' competition recently with staff and students taking part in the final which saw competitors rehearsing for many months to perform at a very high level in a number of dances including the Waltz, Quickstep, Mamba and the Jive. Staff and students were coached by Ms V. Clack of the school's English Department who is a Dance Specialist. The judges for the evening comprised Ms Denise Barrett-Baxendale, CEO of the Fiveways Trust, Mr. John Simpson, a professional dancer, Miss Emma Clack, dancer and Mrs. Yvonne Gough of Childwall Sports College. In addition Matthew Blackmore, Year 10, was also a judge. A very large and appreciative audience saw the



competitors dance to a very high standard with the ultimate winners being Ms Baker and Mr. O'Leary in the Ballroom section and Evans Ratsakatika and Betty Tolongo in the Latin section. Trophies were awarded to the winners and the compères for the evening were Dewi Phillips, Headteacher and John Carney of Year 11. Profits from the night were dedicated to Comic Relief which has already seen Childwall Sports College raise hundreds of pounds towards good causes.

"We had a wonderful evening with staff and students contributing for a successful Childwall 'Strictly Come Dancing'. My thanks go to all competitors but in particular Ms Clack for coaching our very talented dancers."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

A group of students, mostly from Year 10, were invited to Liverpool Town Hall to take part in a discussion and debate entitled 'Obama's Generation'. Students were delighted to receive the invitation and the arrangements for the visit were made by Mrs. Greenberg and Mr. Nosiama.

ABC Winners at Childwall Sports College

Childwall Sports College has entered a team in the national spelling competition arranged by the Times Newspaper. Students involved are Rebecca Anderson, Morgan Sefton, Lauren Wallace and Liam Brooks all in Year 7 at



Childwall Sports College who are currently taught English by Mrs. Gambardella. Students are practising hard for the spelling competition which takes place shortly and we have high hopes of coming out tops in spelling across England.

"We emphasise how important it is for our youngsters to have excellent basic skills at Childwall including Literacy and Numeracy. I send my best wishes to Rebecca, Morgan, Lauren and Liam and to Mrs. Gambardella."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Childwall Girls in Construction

A group of female students at Childwall Sports College have been working with Technology Staff on a project entitled 'Females in Construction'. The project is a practical based one which sees the young woman working alongside Mr. Langley, to encourage more young women to go into traditionally male working environments. The young women have shown great aptitude in terms of Construction and hopes are high that they will not only succeed in their Key Stage 4 examinations but also proceed to Sixth Form and make careers for themselves in Construction.



Obama's Generation Event



Comic Relief Celebrations at Childwall Sports College

Staff and Students at Childwall Sports College contributed to a highly successful 'Red Nose Day' and raised hundreds of pounds for good causes with activities including a concert which was arranged by

students in all Year Groups who showed a range of talent including dancing and singing. The arrangements for the day were made by Mrs. Allward who is the school's Citizenship Co-ordinator, ably supported by Ms Mutch who is Creative Arts Learning Support Assistant.

Childwall Sports College was inspected by Ofsted in March 2009 and one of the comments by Ofsted

was that "students enjoyment of school is evident from their enthusiastic contributions in classes and their extensive participation in extra-curricular activities. Students' spiritual,

moral, social and cultural development is outstanding ... the school has a warm, relaxed atmosphere in which all flourish and feel included."

"We had an outstanding day to celebrate Comic Relief and our Ofsted comments confirm the superb contribution which staff and students make to Childwall Sports College."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.



Fitness At Childwall Sports College!

During the Easter break hundreds of youngsters attended a series of physical and sporting activities at Childwall Sports College as part of the Specialist Sports College's commitment to providing high quality P.E./Sport for youngsters aged 4-18. During the Easter break average attendance was over 250 per day. The arrangements for the Easter Camp were made by Natalie Wray who is Childwall Sports College's Community Sports Development Officer.



Childwall Sports College provided a number of students from Key Stages 4 and 5 to support the activities through coaching and training. We are delighted that a number of Sixth Form students were able to successfully complete their individual Fitness Training Qualifications during the course of the break, this now allows them to coach youngsters in addition to being in a position to apply for posts in Leisure Centres and Sports Complexes.

"Our youngsters not only have the opportunity to participate in high quality Physical Education from the age of 4 to 18 but our own Sixth Form Coaches have successfully completed their qualifications. This will enhance the youngsters' career prospects and also is a significant contribution to the city's drive to ensure the health and wellbeing of all citizens."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Students showed a real interest in the way in which the new American President is to govern the largest democracy on earth and showed an interest in equal opportunities. In addition, Year 9 students who were particularly interested in politics were also invited.

Year 8 Rugby Festival

The year 8 rugby team took part in the regional finals for the HSBC emerging schools rugby festival on 26th March. The festival took place at Preston Grasshoppers ground and was attended by 38 schools. The boys did very well at their first venture to this stage and finished second out of the 6 teams in our group, however only first place progressed to the national finals in London. Each game lasted 12 mins. The results were as follows:

Childwall 21- 0 Walkden

Great start to the day with Bradley Evans-Foster, Nathan Inabiere and Harry Gagen getting the tries. Harry Gagen also kicked all 3 conversions.

MOTH Bradley Evans- Foster

Darwen Aldridge 0- 0 Childwall
Childwall should have won this but for wayward passing and a few silly mistakes when going forward, we had a chance held up and Ahmed Ali was unlucky to knock the ball forward when a try seemed certain. MOTM- Daniel Wilson

St. Augustines 0- 26 Childwall

Childwall bounced back with a powerful display by the whole team. The forwards, who were outstanding all day, dominated

the game and gave the backs the simple task of scoring. Try scorers were Drilon Islami (2), Dean Lowther and Bradley Evans Foster. Harry Gagen kicked 3 of the 4 conversions.

MOTH Drilon Islami

Cardinal Newman 0-0 Childwall

In what proved to be a very close game, Childwall threatened but couldn't break down the



opposition defence, in the end our defence and in particular the forwards prevented C. Newman from snatching the victory, for the last 5 mins we were pinned back within our own 10 m line and the defence never broke. Tackling was excellent but the inability to win the ruck was the reason we failed to score.

MOTH- Daniel Wilson

Childwall 0- 14 Trinity School

This was the decider, winner takes all game. Both teams had

to win to progress to the national finals. Childwall's forwards were massively out sized by the Trinity pack, who had 7 out of 12 players bigger than our biggest player!! However in the first scrum, we proved that we would be no push over, and ended up pushing their pack backwards. The game was characterised by big tackles and lots of rucks. In the end Trinity's size was the factor as they powered two tries over. Childwall however can have huge pride in their performance as they won EVERY scrum and bullied (in a good way!) the big Trinity forwards.

MOTH- Jonathan Booth, Louis Abernethy

At the end the organiser and the referee commended the tackling and scrumming of the team and were amazed to find out only one player plays club rugby. The boys finished 2nd in the group just one point behind Trinity. Well done to all the boys involved. Also a big thank you to Jamie Lightbody and Daniel Harrington (yr 9) who assisted on the day, both boys are showing excellent leadership skills helping out with the younger rugby teams in the school.

P Breen

U15 Baskttball

The U15 Basketball team are through to the Liverpool Schools Basketball Cup FINAL, after winning their Semi-Final on 21st April at St. Margaret's. They won 50 - 68. The boys are well on their way to gain their 3rd title in 4 years.

Paris Kaye-Minto
Ashley Kalugin-Ugo
Simon Parris
Steven Anderson
Haben Fikre
Biruk Fikre
Andre Wallace
Jamie Lightbody

The team played brilliantly and were an absolute credit to the school, so we wish them every luck and success on their venture!!!

Stacey Hitchmough

Childwall Newspaper Club



In 2008 Childwall Sports College was delighted to win the prestigious The Guardian Newsday Competition for KS3 award and our students were invited to a high profile ceremony in London to receive the prize for best KS3 Newspaper in the country. Childwall Sports College School Newspaper, The Childwall Chronicle, continues to set the highest possible standards in terms of its research and journalism and one of its most recent interviews was with Denise Barrett-Baxendale who is the Fiveways Trust Chief Executive Officer. The Fiveways Trust comprises Childwall Sports College, Liverpool John Moores Hope Universities, the Primary Care Trust and Broadgreen International School. Students Adam Manley and Ryan Kelly asked some very probing and challenging questions of Denise Barrett-Baxendale who was delighted not only at the challenge but also at the courtesy shown to her by the students during their interviews. Such was the quality of the interview process that Miss Baxendale was delighted to be able to present the students with mementos of this important occasion.

"We constantly try to find ways of improving further on the literacy levels of our students and I was delighted that Adam and Ryan were able to interview Denise Barrett-Baxendale and share not only the experiences of the Fiveways Trust but also continuing to ensure the high standards of literacy at Childwall."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

P.E. A Real Strength at Childwall Sports College

As part of the Year 11 GCSE P.E. course a number of students have been involved in Jujitsu. The arrangements were made by Mr. Bird with Mr. Lamb, who was taking charge of the group, ensuring that there were experienced Jujitsu experts on hand to teach the students the module as part of their assessed work for GCSE P.E. The students thoroughly enjoyed the different sport fully in the which have them taking outside school. are high that continue to targets at level at Childwall Sports College and the addition of a number of new sports such as jujitsu is bound to ensure the continued success of Childwall Sports College.



experience of a and participated Jujitsu sessions led to some of up the sport Expectations P.E. will exceed all examination

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

Yours sincerely

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