

Childwall School News

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Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, Childwall Sports College continues to be extremely busy with a number of events taking place during the half-term holiday. A group of students led by Mr. McAteer, Mr. O'Leary and Ms Salokangas visited *Budapest* as part of our arrangements as an International School. In addition a group of Sixth Form Spanish 'A' Level students visited *Spain* with Mr. Meir, Ms Lopez and Mrs. Hughes. During the half-term holiday there were also extensive revision sessions for *English* led by our English Faculty. We also had a number of students from Years 10 and 11 working with Mathematics Teachers to prepare for important examinations in November.

Also during the half-term holiday our *Sports Centre* was open and we were delighted to welcome *hundreds* of visitors, as indeed we had during the summer holiday, to take part in a range of sporting and health related activities. As a Specialist Sports College it is important that we continue to give this the highest profile. I was

delighted that we were able to provide such high quality opportunities for students of all age groups.

School re-opened after the half-term holiday on Monday, 27th October and we were thrilled to be part of an *Olympic* event on 28th October when Olympians, *Beth Tweddle, Chris Holmes and Ian Wynne* joined us for a full day's celebrations to give the 2012 Olympics in London the highest possible profile. This was an exceptional day with students from local Primary Schools joining us for the day.

In the same week students in Years 8 and 9 visited *Pembrokeshire* in South Wales as part of a Science residential. Staff involved were Mrs. Naidu, Mr. Hurd and Mrs. Lynam.

Sixth Form sport continues to be very successful with our *Sixth Form Football Team* engaged in fixtures on a regular weekly basis. Groups of Sixth Form students are also working towards their *Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award*.

Year 11 sat *GCSE final* papers in *English* on 5th and 10th November

with *Maths* examinations for Key Stage 4 taking place on 6th, 12th and 13th November. The trial exams for Year 11 begin around 12th December. A copy of the trial exam timetable is attached to this newsletter.

Groups of students visited the Deeside Leisure Centre on 30th and 31st October and had a great time.

Staff and students joined in to celebrate *'Pink Day'* i.e. Breast Cancer Awareness Day, on 31st October. We were delighted to raise hundreds of pounds for this good cause.

Groups of students in Years 7 and 8 are collecting *weather data* as part of their Humanities work on a daily basis. This work is being led by *Miss McNally*.

On 12th November we were delighted to be joined by *Councillor Warren Bradley*, Leader of Liverpool City Council, who officially opened our exciting new Humanities murals. Again this work was led by Miss McNally and Miss Alecock. This was an excellent occasion with

students from Childwall involved in the arrangements and indeed the entertainment.

On 17th November *Year 10 Business Studies* groups will be involved in an *Enterprise Challenge* with events taking place in the Learning Resource Centre all day.

On 27th November we will be involved in the *Guinness World Record attempt at 'Big Sing'*. Further information will be available in due course from Miss Fawcett of the Music Department.

I look forward to meeting Parents/Carers at the appropriate Parents Evenings coming up before we break for the Christmas holiday on Friday, 19th December. School will re-open after Christmas on Monday, 5th January 2009.

As always if Parents/Carers have any queries regarding their child or their child's education they should immediately contact the appropriate Pupil Progress Leader.

D.W. Phillips, Headteacher.

Story Telling Extravaganza at Childwall Sports College

Recently Childwall Sports College, as part of its drive to ensure the highest levels of Literacy and achievement amongst its students, invited the well known storyteller, writer and performance poet John Hughes to come into school to work with Key Stage 3 students. John is an ex-pupil of Childwall Sports College and is currently the storyteller in residence at the Tate Gallery. Students in Key Stage 3 were enthralled John Hughes' superb storytelling which revives an art which sadly is being lost to many young children. John got the pupils to look at the power of words and how they can make

you feel. After hearing some of John's poems and raps they were inspired to create their own.



Sessions were held in the school's Learning Resource Centre with large and appreciative audiences

across all Years 7, 8 and 9 keen to hear the exciting conclusion to John Hughes' superb storytelling. "Literacy is vitally important to us at Childwall Sports College. We strive to ensure that all our students are literate and indeed our examination results which continue to exceed targets show that our Literacy and Numeracy policies are being highly successful. My particular thanks go to John Hughes for sharing his storytelling skills with students from Childwall Sports College."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Fizzy Drinks

Please note we do not allow any fizzy drinks in school, including Lucozade and other fizzy sports drinks. We are a healthy school and do not wish to encourage our pupils to have drinks which we consider to be full of chemicals and sugar as we believe these may have an impact on behaviour. Thank you for your co-operation.

Mr Alderman

Year 11 English

The English department would like to congratulate year 11 for all of their hard work and effort in their recent GCSE English Language Examination. Well Done!

Miss H Conway

Stationery Shop

Three girls in my form (Fjolla Grajcevi, Kate Sefton and Elle Hayes) are starting their stationery shop again after half term in order to raise money for a children's charity leading up to Christmas and to ensure every child in the school has no excuse for coming to lessons unprepared. The stationery shop sells the usual things such as pens, pencils, rubbers, rulers, etc as well as folders for work, binding services and laminating services. If in certain cases you would like us to order a specialist piece of equipment for a particular subject, we can do that too (within reason). Teachers are welcome too as I know a few last year took it upon themselves to buy a box of pens to supply pupils in their lessons.

All profits do go to a very good cause and prices are cheaper than anywhere else in school or on the high street!!

The shop is going to be open every morning during form time in F39.

M. Langley

Sports Results

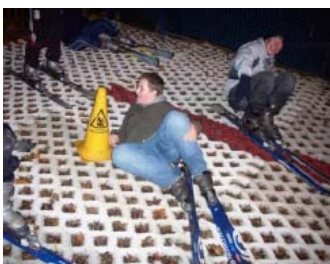
Congratulations to the U19 basketball team who defeated St. Anselms 76-31 in their opening National Cup game.

Congratulations to the year 8 boys rugby team who recently won the Liverpool Schools Development Cup. The boys defeated St. Margaret's in the semi final 9 tries to 1. The boys then came from behind in a very exciting final against West Derby to win 5 tries to 4. The boys played very well and showed great character and determination to win. Try scorers on the day were Nathan Inabiere 5, Bradley Evans-Foster 5, Harry Gagen 2, Dean Lowther 1.

P. Breen

Ski Trip

Pupils attending Childwall Sports College annual Ski Trip had their first experience of skiing this week. They visited Runcorn Dry Ski Slope, where they had two lessons and managed to progress onto the middle



slope. The boys picked it up extremely quickly however we did have one end up in the bushes and another hit some cones!!! We are now all extremely excited for the trip leaving on 31st January.

J. Cassidy

Battle of the Bands

On Wednesday 15th October, a group of budding musicians from Year 9 took part in a Battle of the Bands festival at Parklands CLC. The band was made up of Aron Julius (Vocals), Brendan King (Drums), Tom Dooley (Guitar)



and Tyler Tasker (Bass Guitar). This was the first time that the band had played together in public and they did themselves and the whole school proud. Although it was not a competition, the band was presented with a plaque to mark their achievement at the end of the night. Well done boys!

SF

London Marathon

Rather foolishly in a moment of euphoria, I applied to run in the 2009 London Marathon. Even more foolishly they have accepted my application!! I will be running for the leukaemia charity 'The Anthony Nolan Trust', with the intention of raising as much money as possible.

I am basically after sponsorship. Any donations that you feel you could make would be greatly appreciated.

I do understand if you can't. I have included a link to my web page below if you think that you could possibly help. I will be running in clown shoes and urge you to sniff my flower.

Regards, Andy Killip.

<http://www.justgiving.com/andrewkillip>

PE Department

U19 Boys Basketball played against St. Anselms, Wirral (away) on 6th Nov. Our boys won the game with a fantastic result of 76 - 31. This was the first game of the English Schools Basketball Association, National Cup Tournament, so a big congratulations goes to the following boys:

Evans Ratsakatika, Bennett Danquah, Walter Chahwanda, Ashley Ugo, Paris Kaye-Minto, Michael Prempeh, Jesse Owusu-Ansah

Year 8 boys Rugby team played in the Development Cup on 6th Nov @ Sefton Rugby Club. They beat West Derby with a result of 6 tries - 4 tries. Well done to all who played!

A Great Sport

Pauline Gibson entered a competition to win a football kit from Coca Cola, lucky enough she actually won a kit and then kindly donated it to the PE Department for a football team.

Pauline wrote on an email "I am donating it because I have 2 children in the school (Alex and Lauren)"

This is my opportunity to thank her publicly. Thanks Pauline, you're a winner.

PS Would you mind throwing a lucky dip on the lottery for me?

Mr Bird Head of PE

6th Form Health & Social Care

Year 12 and 13 Health & Social Care students at the SIREN Health



& Social Care Conference in October. It was a well organised day of fun practical workshops.

Many thanks to everyone who took part.

P. March

6th Form Football Success

I would just like to inform you that our sixth form lads won again last night. We travelled up to Culceth High School in Warrington to play in the 1st round of the national cup. After going a goal behind in the first half, **Nick Coward** equalised just before half time after already hitting the post twice. We then went another goal behind before **Adam Fairclough** finished brilliantly from a cross by **Aaron Bowen**. Then we went 3-2 up with another terrific finish from **Aaron Bowen** before they equalised in the last minute to take it into extra time and penalties.

We eventually won **6-5** on penalties and now progress through into the next round. as a special mention, **Jay McCoombe**, **Aaron Majekodunmi** and especially **Carl Scully** - who got his fingertips to the all decisive penalty to force it onto the cross bar - were outstanding.

Once again, credit to the team for representing the school, and as further praise, the referee for the match - who is a regular premiership linesman and fourth official - said after the game that the team spirit, effort and sportsmanship from Childwall was exemplary.

So, that means we are still unbeaten and the reputation of our team just keeps on growing!!

Well done lads

The Sixth Form Management team

Mischief Night & Halloween Ice Skating Trips



I would like to say a big thank-you to all the 83

pupils who went Ice Skating on Mischief Night and Halloween. All the pupils were well behaved and managed to avoid getting any broken limbs, although there were a



number of bruises and a sore toe suffered by Miss Carroll! Thanks also to the staff who helped.

PC Jenny

Yr 11 Football Match Report Childwall 4 V 3 St Francis of Assisi

Childwall Yr 11 played host to St Francis of Assisi last Thursday. The biggest battle the boys faced was conquering the dreadful pitch conditions which caused both teams issues throughout. It wasn't long before the Childwall attack broke down the sloppy SFA defence, the chances started to arrive thick and fast. He took his time but eventually Helio Andre managed to put it in the back of the net, his second goal followed quite quickly as the opposition seemed quite demoralised. Though with poor communication and a 'can't be bothered' attitude SFA got one back, taking us into half time. Theo Thompson extended the lead taking the game 3-1, though with a lapse in concentration SFA pulled a couple of well deserved goals back. It was Helio that sealed the opposition's fate with his final goal giving him his hat trick. This was by far the best game the team have

had, but with solid performances from Dale McDonald, Tom Hackett, James Fraser and Kadeem Mekki it was enough to take us through to the next round. This team has a multitude of talented players and the ability to work well as a unit, well enough in fact to take them all the way.

Badminton

South Central and South LSSP Badminton Leagues. The league will consist of three nights of fixtures, (each night for a different year group competition) played on the **first Thursday** of the month between October and December, 4-6.30pm.

Each year group team will consist of **four players** making up **two doubles teams**.

On each of the fixture nights schools will compete on a team basis against each other within a league format, winners of the

league will progress to play North & Central LSSP winners to determine city champions. This match will take place after Christmas, the exact date and venue will be decided after the leagues have been completed. At least one of the year group (it is hoped all) Liverpool SSP School Champions will compete against the Manchester SSP Champions, playing in front of thousands of people at the Echo Arena in February while the European Championships are taking place. This will undoubtedly be a great experience!

On 6th November we hosted the South Central Liverpool Schools Sports Partnership Year 11 Boys Doubles Tournament. The schools involved were Childwall, St Margaret's, New Heys, King David, Shorefields, and Bluecoat & SFX. There were some fantastic matches and players alike (County

& National). The Childwall representatives were a credit to the school in terms of attitude, manners & behaviour. We came 4th in our group but the group was extremely tight.

The representatives were as follows: Frankly Clarke, Jamie Lau, Ashley Ali, Alex Salisbury & Schumbin Januzi

Table Tennis

Special mention to Michael Evans (87) who previous to his Childwall education had never played Table Tennis before. Since experiencing the Table Tennis extra curricular programme he was directed to a local club where his talents are blossoming. Later this month he is to receive his first England ranking. Well done Michael!

Table Tennis club is on Monday - Wednesday lunch times & Wednesday after school

Mr Rietdyk

Year 8 Trip to the University of Liverpool

On October 31st 2008, 15 pupils from Year 8 took part in a Plastic Fantastic Workshop at the Chemistry Department of the University of Liverpool. The pupils were given a talk by one of the University Lecturers regarding Polymers and plastics and how to recycle and re-use plastics.



The pupils were then allowed to experience some Science at the University labs – they all looked very professional in their lab coats. Their exercise was to calculate the densities of various plastic polymers by seeing whether they sank or floated in liquids with various densities.

The second workshop was looking at how polymers can be modified into doing different jobs. In this workshop, pupils made with own 'custard bouncy balls' using custard powder and various other chemicals. A competition followed to see who had the bounciest ball!!

The pupils were very well behaved and enjoyed the day.

DJO

'Pink Day' at Childwall Sports College

Staff and students at Childwall Sports College have raised a significant amount of money for the Breast Cancer Awareness Day and we specifically

held events in late October to raise funds for this appeal. Staff and students were involved and the instruction was that all staff and students would wear something 'pink' and in return pay a forfeit of £2. The photograph shows both teaching staff and support



staff joining in and ensuring a successful Pink Day at Childwall Sports College.

"Our staff and students are very generous when asked to raise money for good causes. We had a superb day on 'Pink Day' at Childwall Sports College which will undoubtedly benefit research into Breast Cancer. My thanks go to staff and students."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

'Children in Need' Day at Childwall Sports College

Students in all Year Groups took part in Children in Need recently with students undertaking a range of activities including coming to school in fancy dress and raising money for Children in Need. Groups undertook

activities making, a sporting and activities to special based on of Children Hundreds of the course of will go to Children in

"As always our students excel themselves when thinking about others less fortunate than themselves. Many of the activities which our youngsters undertook on Children in Need Day were planned and carried out by the youngsters themselves. As always I am proud of the efforts that our students make on behalf of others."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.



such as cake biscuit variety of health related in addition assemblies the theme in Need. pounds during the day which the National Need appeal.

Road Safety

As part of Childwall Sports College's extensive Personal, Social Education with Citizenship the school was delighted to receive a drama presentation on Road Safety to all Year 8 students recently. The drama group which came to Childwall presented a scenario where a child had been injured in a car accident and the case had gone to Court. Our professional actors portrayed the Court case with the huge amount of anxiety



and fear felt by the family of the child who had been injured. Students were asked to participate and make a judgement as to who to blame for the accident and the students took a full and lively part in the proceedings. The play was designed to enhance students' understanding of the need for road safety on all occasions and was an outstanding success.

"My thanks go to our visitors for providing a very hard hitting but realistic picture of the need for road safety. I am sure our Year 8 students will have benefited enormously from the strong message about being safe on the roads." Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Pupil Progress Leaders

Year 7: Mr. J. Lamb
 Year 8: Miss J. Cassidy
 Year 9: Mr. C. Mullarkey
 Year 10: Dr. L. Youssef
 Year 11: Mr. D. Phoenix
 Years 12/13: Mr. S. Cooper

Assistant Pupil Progress Leaders

Miss D. Jones
 Miss C. Alecock
 Mr. M. O'Leary
 Mr. D. Rietdyk
 Mrs. B. Thomas
 Mrs. L.M. Gleeson

Parents Evenings

Year 7: 13th November 2008
 Year 11: 20th November: Raising Achievement Evening
 Year 10: 26th November 2008
 Year 9: 9th December 2008
 Year 11: 29th January 2009
 Year 8: 10th February 2009
 Year 9 Options Evening: 26th March 2009

Date	Periods 3 & 4	Periods 5 & 6
Tuesday 16th December	Science	Technology A (Lessons Monday 5&6) Thursday 5
Wednesday 17th December	Geography History P.E. OPT 2 (Lessons Monday 1, Thursday 2, Friday 3) No exam for Art Performing Art, MVE, Art & Design (Graphics)	Technology B (Lessons Tuesday 5 & 6) Friday 5
Thursday 18th December	Child Development Geography History OPT 1 (Lessons Tuesday 4, Wednesday 2, Thursday 4) No exam for Art, Drama, MVE.	Business Studies Leisure & Tourism OPT 3 No exam for ICT, Performing Arts
Date	Periods 1 & 2	
Friday 19th December	Maths	

Learning Support Website

Now the nights are drawing in you may like to look at the Learning Support Website. There are links to all kinds of activities to improve your literacy skills. Simply type the address below into your web browser and away you go! There are links on the left of the main page to activity sites to improve reading, spelling and grammar. Best of all these activities are all based on games. So you can play games and learn all at the same time! Why not give it a go? Any problems see me in school and I'll show you how to access the site.

<http://childwallsen.googlepages.com/>

P W Lewis

Olympic Fever Hits Childwall Sports College

On 28th October 2008 Childwall Sports College was delighted to host an Olympic event in conjunction with the Department for Children Schools & Families (DCSF) and the Olympic movement. Childwall played host to an event to publicise and support the 2012 Olympic Games and we were delighted to be joined by a number of important guests on this very important day in the life of Childwall Sports College. Visitors included the Olympic Gymnast Beth Tweddle, the Paralympic Swimmer, Chris Holmes and the Olympic Canoeist, Ian Wynne.



Also visiting Childwall School were representatives from a number of Primary Schools including St. Malachy's Catholic Primary School, Hunts Cross, Dovedale, Wavertree C of E, Phoenix, Childwall C of E, St. Anthony of Padua, Northway, Springwood Heath, Sudley Junior School, Lawrence, Mosspsits, Heygreen, Greenbank and Our Lady of Good Help. We were delighted to receive representatives from these schools.

"This was a fantastic day in the life of Childwall Sports College. Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and were thrilled when 'Platnum' performed for the audience. This will inspire youngsters from Childwall and all our neighbouring schools to support the 2012 Olympics."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.

Sixth Form Coaches at Childwall Sports College

A group of Sixth Form students have been asked to work alongside Mathematics Staff and Liverpool Education Authority Officers in a ground breaking project which will see Mathematics students at Childwall Sports College mentoring younger students especially, for example, those currently in Year 10 at the Specialist Sports College. Students pictured are Rachael Murphy, Adam Yip, Kim Wareing and Sean Walsh who embarked on the course recently. Other Sixth Form students will be undertaking the same coaching at different times in order to maximise the impact of the innovative project. Staff within Mathematics at Childwall Sports College are committed to ensuring that every child maximises his or her potential and asking students currently studying Mathematics in the Sixth Form to assist younger students is one of the many strategies which the school has adopted to ensure that students are able to successfully complete GCSE Mathematics at Childwall Sports College. One of the Local Authority's Mathematics Advisers, Sue Harkness, is working alongside Mathematics Staff, Julie O'Neill and Mark O'Hagan in conjunction with the Head of Year 10, Latifa Youssef to ensure that students benefit from the additional Mathematics support given by Sixth Form students. The project is highly regarded at Childwall Sports College and the school is looking forward eagerly to the GCSE results of the current Year 10 as they move through their Modular examinations will continue to be at the highest

"It is a great idea for our older our younger students to ensure that them in terms of important subjects to the Local Authority and our Maths innovative and beneficial strategy Childwall Sports College."

Dewi Phillips, Headteacher.



Pictured: Sue Harkness (Local Authority Mathematics Adviser), Rachael Murphy, Adam Yip, Kim Wareing, Sean Walsh (Sixth Form students), Latifa Youssef (Head of Year 10)

Back row: Julie O'Neill (Head of Mathematics) and Mark O'Hagan (Numeracy Co-ordinator)

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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