



# Head's Newsletter

Dear Parent(s)

## APPLIED LEARNING

As a High Performing Specialist School, we were invited to apply for another specialism. I am delighted to announce that I have received a letter from the DCSF congratulating us on our successful bid to add 'Applied Learning' status to our specialisms. This will allow us to prepare for the introduction of Diplomas, initially post 16 and in conjunction with our Collaborative Partners; to diversify by including vocational opportunities and to help ensure that our curriculum offer is both personalised and outstanding. I would like to thank Miss Lloyd for her hard work in preparing our successful bid.

## CASHLESS CATERING

Thanks to all pupils and staff members who have been so quick to take on board the new Cashless Catering System which was installed this week. In order to alleviate a couple of minor teething problems which we have found, we would like to suggest the following:

- Parents who have more than one daughter in school should give each child the desired amount of cash to upload onto the system. If you would prefer, you may send one cheque to school indicating that the money should be split between two or more pupils.
- All cheques must be brought to the Finance Office first thing each morning.
- If you are providing money for a variety of purposes please separate this accordingly so that the pupil has the required change for meals, bus fares etc.

Last Thursday we were pleased to welcome Heather Basnett from the School Food Trust to Casa Blanca who presented school with a cheque for £5,000 in recognition of the improvements which we have made to our catering service. Heather advised that we are only the 7<sup>th</sup> school in the

country to be awarded School of the Month and we are therefore proud to be recognised for the hard work of the staff involved and thank pupils for their input by completing questionnaires and taking part in food tasting sessions.

## NORTH LIVERPOOL BUSINESS FORUM

Year 10 Business students Laura Ford, Lauren Highton, Katie Hughes, Abbie Morton, Hannah Murphy, Hannah Ramsay and Emily Wooding attended a Business Breakfast meeting with Mrs Addy at Campion CLC where they met members from local businesses. They have been invited to enter a competition to design a logo and strap line and to take part in the design and production on a regular basis for the Forum's quarterly newsletter. They will also be instrumental in the setting up and updating of their web site.

Two workshops have been organised called "Making the News" at Campion CLC and the girls will have the opportunity of meeting local business entrepreneurs. The students thoroughly enjoyed their breakfast and are looking forward to being part of this project and becoming involved in the local business community. Good luck with the competition girls!

## Parents' Association Family Easter Bingo

Come and join us for what promises to be a fun evening on Thursday, 19 March, where there will be lots of prizes to be won including Easter eggs and gift vouchers. Doors open at 6.30 pm and eyes down at 7.00 pm. Expected finish time is 9.00 pm. Parents should have already received a leaflet and order form via their daughter and tickets can also be purchased from School Reception. Tickets are priced just 50p each.



## P A DISCO

The Parents Association will be holding a disco on Thursday, 26 March in the School Hall, 7.00 - 9.00 pm. Tickets will be on sale week beginning 23 March during break times on Monday for Year 9, Tuesday for Year 8 and Wednesday for Year 7.



## **CONGRATULATIONS**

To Holly Barratt of 9JM who has been selected to represent Merseyside County Schools Athletics Association in the forthcoming English Schools Cross Country Championships in Leicester next Saturday, 21 March. We wish Holly the best of luck!

## **PUBLIC SPEAKING NEWS**

Congratulations to Year 11 students Emily Parry and Elizabeth O'Connell who were runners up in the final of the Liverpool Law Society Public Speaking Competition held at the Town Hall on 2 March. The girls gave a ten minute address on the topic "Which two laws would you repeal and why?", followed by a two minute response to an unrehearsed question. The girls demonstrated excellent teamwork and research skills and impressed the judges with their persuasive and logical argument.

We would like to give our best wishes to Elizabeth O'Connell, Emily Parry and Jackie Hawkins who are off to London today accompanied by Mrs Stone to compete in The Great Pharmacy Debate.

We also wish success to year 10 students Olivia Beesley and Leanne Kirby who are taking part in the Soroptimist Public Speaking Competition this Saturday. Each girl will be delivering an individual, three minute speech on the topic, "Does it matter what we wear?" We wish both Olivia and Leanne the best of luck!

## **SPORTS NEWS**

Many congratulations to our Netballers who have had great success in the various tournaments they have competed in during this past fortnight. On 2 March Year 10 won the Liverpool Netball Tournament, on 9 March our Year 8 Team were runners-up in the Liverpool Netball Tournament and on 11 March the Senior Squad won the Preliminary Merseyside Tournament and now go through to the final round of the Merseyside Schools competition.

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

Congratulations to our Year 10 pupils who completed their work experience last week. We have received many letters and expressions of praise from work providers on the outstanding conduct, behaviour and work of our pupils. They have been marvellous ambassadors for our school. Many thanks again to Miss Ellie Jones for organising the whole procedure.

## **LENT**

Throughout Lent we will have an early morning Communion Service each Thursday morning at 8.00 am in the Quiet Room. Parents, pupils and friends are very welcome to join us for these services.

## **RED NOSE DAY**

We have been pleased to support this worthy charity today by encouraging pupils and staff to wear red, to take part in a Line Dancing event during the lunch time break and various other activities to support the theme of "Do Something Funny for Money". All the money raised will be sent to Comic Relief to support long-term projects which help people to help themselves across the UK and Africa.

## **SCHOOL VOUCHERS**

Tesco is running its annual 'Computers for Schools' voucher scheme and vouchers are now available for every £5 spent in stores. We always do so well from the collection of these vouchers and so your support is very much appreciated.

A reminder for you to collect the 'Books for Schools' tokens which you will find every day in The Times and Sunday Times and on the top of Nestlé cereal boxes. Collection boxes are in reception. It would be great if you could encourage any family or friends to collect on our behalf.

## **QUIZ NIGHT FOR WORLD CHALLENGE**

The World Challenge Team is holding a quiz night in aid of the World Challenge Malawi expedition in 2010. Members of the team are hoping that as many people as possible will be able to support this event being held on 27 March 2009 in the school hall, starting at 7.30 pm. Tickets are priced at £4 for adults and child/concessional tickets are £3. To purchase tickets please return the reply slip below to, or see Miss McSweeney.

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**PLEASE RETURN TO MISS McSWEENEY**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Form: \_\_\_\_\_

Please supply the following tickets:

\_\_\_\_\_ Adult \_\_\_\_\_ Concession/Child

I enclose £\_\_\_\_\_ (Cash only please)