



Head's Newsletter

Dear Parent(s)

NEWS FROM GIFTED & TALENTED

Congratulations to the following year 7 and 8 students who participated in the Northwest Gifted & Talented Workshop Day at St Nicholas Catholic High School in Cheshire on Saturday, 28 March: Harriet Anwyl, Megan Coates, Elizabeth Foulkes, Amy France, Anna Holmes, Rachel Kelly, Amy Martindell, Sophie McHale, Amber Nagra, Natalie Rawlinson, Alice Walker, Bethan Williams and Holly Wilson.

Students selected an intensive workshop in which to participate, including "Fibonacci and the Golden Rule", "Clay Portrait Masks", "Writing fiction, non-fiction and poetry with confidence", "Musical Theatre", "DNA - genetic coding and 3D modelling", and "Drawing, Collage and Printing". Students thoroughly enjoyed the day and were said by staff to be a credit to Archbishop Blanch.

CONGRATULATIONS

I would like to congratulate Hope McNulty on her success at the Liverpool Music Festival held before Easter. Hope gained Silver in the Set Song Class and Bronze in the Free Choice Class.

646 SCHOOL BUS

Merseytravel have contacted school regarding an incident that had been raised by a couple of parents with regard to designated bus stops in the Allerton area on the 646 service. They have asked me to mention this in my Newsletter so there is no confusion in future. The bus stop in question is the one outside Allerton Library, which is not a recognised stop; although some bus drivers had allowed pupils to alight there. In future the bus will not stop at this bus stop as it is not registered as part of their specified route.

YOUNG ENTERPRISE

Best wishes to the fourteen Year 11 girls, members of this year's Young Enterprise team, 'ABS - YES', who will be taking part in the Young Enterprise final at the Southport Convention Centre next Wednesday, 29 April 2009. The girls are to be commended on the way they have worked together, producing business cards, organising regular events and writing and illustrating a children's book. They have given up holiday times and weekends - in fact this Saturday and next they are bag packing at Iceland in Old Swan to raise funds for a trip to Paris later this term. We wish them the very best of luck! Many thanks to Mrs Addy for all her hard work with the team and to Miss Deaves and Mrs Foulger for their support.

BUCKETS OF LOVE

I would like to say a huge thank you to all those who contributed to the 'Buckets of Love' project that has been running over the past several weeks. We had a tremendous response and the buckets have all now been returned to Blythswood Care, the charity who have organised this scheme.

The buckets will be distributed to areas such as Angola, The Gambia, Moldova, Serbia, Sierra Leone, Uganda and India. People live in abject poverty in these areas and many families struggle to survive in the harsh conditions. Forms were given a shopping list and pupils were asked to donate items specific to the needs of these people. It only takes something very small to brighten their day, such as duct tape to patch up a leaky roof, a plaster to cover a child's cut, a needle and thread to mend clothes that are falling apart, a yo-yo to make a child smile and a bucket to hold fresh water! I am very grateful for your support in this venture.

Thanks also to members of West Derby Evangelical Church who donated some of their buckets towards our appeal.

IMPORTANT DATES/ FORTHCOMING EVENTS

Monday, 4 May
Bank Holiday

Wednesday, 13 May @ 3.30 pm
Study leave begins for Year 12

Thursday, 14 May
Year 11 Leavers' Day
7.00 Records of Achievement Evening

Friday, 15 May
Year 13 Leavers' Day

Friday, 22 May
School closes at 3.30 pm for half term

Monday, 25 May - Friday, 29 May
Half Term break

Monday, 1 June
Pupils return to school at normal time

Monday, 15 June
Year 12 return from study leave

Thursday, 25 June
7.00 pm Parents' Association Disco

Monday, 1 July
New Intake Taster Day
New Intake Parents Evening

Monday, 6 July
2.30 pm Early school closure to
prepare for Open Evening
6.00 pm Open Evening for Year 7
2010 Admission

Monday, 13 July
Week for Year 12 Work Experience
Trip to Drayton Manor for Years 7-10

Tuesday, 21 July
School closes for the Summer Holidays

ATTENDANCE

During the month of March, Year 10 had the highest attendance in the school and 9JM was the top form with 98.2% attendance. Congratulations to Year 10 who have had the highest attendance for the second month running. Well done, girls!

As we enter the examination season, may I take this opportunity to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance over the next three months.

FAMILY LEARNING

I have been asked to advertise the following free course to parents being held at St Finbar's Catholic Primary School, South Hill Road, Liverpool L8 9RY. It is a 10 week computer course (1 afternoon per week) for you to learn how to create a slideshow using the PowerPoint computer programme. Enrolment and the first session takes place at St Finbar's on Tuesday, 28 April at 1.00 pm. For more information ring Hazel on 0151 233 2411.



SCHOOL VOUCHERS

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 and the Tesco 'Computers for Schools' vouchers. Collection boxes are in reception. Please encourage family and friends to collect on our behalf.

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

Parents will soon receive raffle tickets for the P A Summer Draw; these will be distributed via pupils. Your support of this event will be much appreciated. First Prize will be £100, 2nd Prize £50 and 3rd Prize - £25 plus various other prizes. The draw will be held on 9 July.

**OPEN EVENING FOR
YEAR 7 2010 ADMISSION
MONDAY, 6 JULY
AT 6.00 PM**