



Head's Newsletter

Dear Parent(s)

CATERING NEWS

I am pleased to announce that the second phase of our planned improvements to the Dining Room - 'Casa Blanca' is due to take place over half term. Pupils will return to enjoy their meals seated at comfortable new furniture within a bistro type setting and we hope that this will make their lunchtime experience more pleasurable.

Listeners to Radio City may have heard about their involvement in the Local Authority's School Meals campaign. We are one of only four schools in the city to be selected to take part in Radio City's - 'DJ IN THE DINING ROOM' and we are looking forward to welcoming Claire Morrow from Radio City to visit Casa Blanca on 7th November. Lunchtime will certainly be a special occasion on that day with pupils enjoying music and sharing their views with Claire. In recognition of Capital of Culture, the lunch time menu will have a multi-cultural theme and I will share more details with you nearer the time. Parents will be able to hear about the visit by tuning in to the 'Drive Time' show later on that day.

SCHOOL FUND

I would like to thank those parents who have already made generous contributions for School Fund in response to my letter in September. Your contributions will be used this year to help fund the work carried out in the Dining Room - 'Casa Blanca'. Donations from any parents who would like to contribute but have not yet done so, will be gratefully received.

HALF TERM

School will close next Friday, 17 October at 3.30 pm for half term and will re-open again on Monday, 27 October at the normal time.

HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY

Advanced notice that our annual Harvest Festival will take place on Monday, 3 November in the Hall. Pupils can begin to bring in their donations of dried and tinned goods from this point onwards and any fresh fruit and vegetables can be brought in on the day. Any contributions you can make will be greatly appreciated. Pupils should bring their goods to Mrs McElhinney-Samson's office. The Salvation Army will distribute straight away what they can to the needy in the local area. They are always so grateful of our help and support, a large part of which helps towards providing a Christmas day lunch for the homeless.



EVENING TO CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENT

The Annual Evening to Celebrate Achievement is to be held on Tuesday, 4 November at 7.00 pm in the Liverpool Cathedral. This event is **ONLY** for pupils in Years 10, 11, 12 and 13; indeed attendance is compulsory for these Year Groups. Prize winners and Musicians from the other year groups will also be in attendance.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT - CHANGE OF CALENDAR DATE

I would like to draw your attention to a change of date in the school calendar. School will now close on the afternoon of Tuesday, 4 November for our annual Prizegiving Ceremony and not on the following morning as previously advertised. Wednesday, 5 November will now be a normal day. This change is due to public examinations taking place on Wednesday morning and therefore pupils will need to be in school on this day. Full details for Prizegiving will be given in the next edition of my Newsletter.

YEAR 8 HEALTH DAY

On Tuesday of this week Year 8 participated in a Health Day, organised by Mrs Langley as our School Sports Co-ordinator and in conjunction with the schools sports partnership. The girls enjoyed new activities - aerobics, educational dance, rock climbing and learnt from the local police how to keep themselves safe and aware of the dangers on the streets. One of the most popular sessions was run by the schools catering service, who reinforced the pupils' knowledge about a healthy diet and gave practical demonstrations. Altogether a very good day that everyone enjoyed.

As so many of the pupils have asked for a copy of the recipe for Fresh Pesto which they prepared as part of the Health day, copies are available from the school office.

CONGRATULATIONS

To the following girls who recently took part in the English Schools Swimming Association gala:

Charlotte Cassidy, Rebecca Friar, Sophie Friar, Megan Holland, Jenny Leith, Kathryn Leith, Jess Stuttard and Katie Wilson.

The event was attended by competitors from all over the North West and the Isle of Man. The girls performed extremely well achieving many top ten places, especially Jenny Leith who came 4th and 5th in the 100m front crawl and 100m backstroke and Sophie Friar who came 6th in the 100m butterfly. The girls were great ambassadors for our school and some of them will be competing for school again in the relay events in November.

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS- COUNTRY: On Wednesday the junior and intermediate teams took part in the Merseyside round of the English schools cross-country. The junior team narrowly missed going to the north final by coming 4th but the Intermediate squad of Hollie Barrett, Doreen Dnongozi, Vicky Evans, Alex Fox, Vicky Jones and Hannah Whiteside came 2nd and will therefore be in the final on Saturday, 8 November. Congratulations to all the athletes who participated.

AMBASSADORS OF SPORT

Chelsea McCourt and Simone Kay have been appointed as Young Ambassadors for sport for the Liverpool School Sports Partnership Central Area. They will work together to promote sport and 2012 Olympics to young people in the city. Congratulations to both and we look forward to hearing more of their work in the future.

'JEANS FOR GENES DAY'

I am delighted to report that school raised the magnificent sum of £1,200 last Friday in support of 'Jeans for Genes Day'. This is the largest amount we have collected so far since we took part in this campaign and I would like to say a big thank you to the Sixth Form and Staff involved and to everyone who contributed.



FREE ICT CLASSES

European Computer Driving Licence: Modules in Word-processing, Spreadsheets, Databases, Communication, Presentation, File Management and Concepts of Information Technology. Classes are due to start on Monday, 3 November from 6.30 to 8.30. Classes are free. However, if you wish to take exams, a fee will be payable. Please contact Mrs Sandra West, Archbishop Blanch School office, on 709 1452 if you wish to attend.

SCHOOL BADGES

We have a quantity of enamel school badges, available from the school office, at a cost of £2 each.

NESTLE BOX TOPS

This promotion is running again. Please collect tokens and send them to the school office.

SPONSORED SWIM

Could we encourage all those who took part in this event to bring their sponsor money into school as soon as possible. Thank you.

FIELD OF HOPE FLOWER BULB APPEAL

A reminder that the bulbs will be delivered next week and distributed via pupils.