



Dear Parent(s)

EVENING TO CELEBRATE ACHIEVEMENT

What a wonderful evening! May I begin by thanking Angie James, Managing Director of Toni & Guy, who we were delighted to have as our guest speaker. She gave a truly inspirational speech in which she encouraged our students to work hard to achieve their dreams. She is an excellent role model for young people. Thank you also to the Music Department, the Orchestra and Singers for their beautiful contribution to the evening and to those staff whose hard work made the evening such a success. It was an encouragement to see so many parents and friends in the audience. Thank you!

OUR GIRLS ON THE RADIO!

Emma Callaghan, Emma Slattery and Grace Nquot (Year 12) did a great job representing the school on Saturday, 1st November debating with boys from SFX "Do computers make you stupid?" This was an event in the 3rd annual Radio 3 Festival of Free Thinking which included Tony Benn, Ian McMillan and various luminaries. An edited version of the debate went out as part of the Night Waves programme on Radio 3 during the evening of Thursday, 6 November.

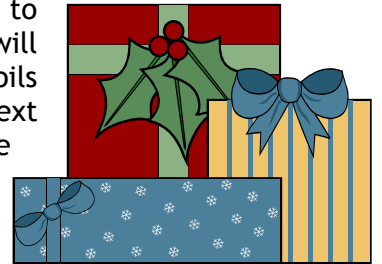
Even more exciting was an approach from the Director of FACT (location for the debate) who was so impressed by their performance he would like to explore the prospect of making a film with them.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATION GUIDANCE FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS

Our Examinations Officer would like to draw attention to the above document that is to be distributed to Year 10 pupils next Wednesday during PSHE. It is important for parents and pupils to familiarise themselves with the contents before their external examinations begin.

SHOE BOX APPEAL

On Monday I will be launching our annual 'Operation Christmas Child' appeal. Every year we have a tremendous response from the pupils and staff and the record so far is a fabulous 302 shoe boxes. As the launch is slightly later than usual Archbishop Blanch School has been given the final collection day of **Monday, 1 December**. After collection the boxes will be taken to warehouses for shipment overseas. We always have such a tremendous response from our school community for this worthy cause which brings untold pleasure to millions of needy children each year. For many this will be the only Christmas present they will receive. Leaflets giving details on what to put in the shoe boxes will be distributed to the pupils at the beginning of next week. When ready, the shoe boxes should be brought to Mrs McElhinney-Samson's office in the reception area.



DJ IN THE DINING ROOM

We were pleased that Claire Morrow and her crew from Radio City joined us last Friday in Casa Blanca for lunch; our pupils welcomed her in their usual friendly and well behaved manner. Claire officially opened our newly refurbished Bistro. The menu took on a Multi-cultural theme for the day and was absolutely delicious. Special thanks to Mrs Timson (our Catering Manager), all her team and our Supervisory staff for all their hard work. Claire was most complimentary when she spoke about school later on in the day on Radio City's Drive Time. First prize, for the Zuton Tickets (kindly donated by Radio City) was won by April Dutton. Photographs of the day will shortly be available for you to see on the Radio City website.

A reminder to all pupils that the Local Authority Recipe Competition to win £100 of gift vouchers has been extended, application forms can be found in Casa Blanca and entries must now be submitted by 30th November.

HARVEST FESTIVAL ASSEMBLY

We would like to say a big thank you to all those who sent in food for our Harvest Festival assembly. The Salvation Army were delighted with the variety of food and promised to make sure that the food would reach those in great need across the city over the next few weeks.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE - YEAR 10

PARENTS' MEETING -

WEDNESDAY, 3 DECEMBER

School will close at 3.00 pm to accommodate this event. Could you please make arrangements for your daughter to leave school at this earlier finish time. The 600 bus will be available at 3.00 pm but not the 646. The 646 bus will arrive at its usual time and any pupil wishing to catch this bus can stay in Homework Club (held in the Careers Room) until the bus arrives.

P A DISCO: Advance notice that the PA are holding a Disco on Thursday, 4 December, 7.00 - 9.00 pm. The Disco will have a Christmas theme and so girls can get dressed up.

FREE ICT CLASSES

European Computer Driving Licence: Modules in Word-processing, Spreadsheets, Databases, Communication, Presentation, File Management and Concepts of Information Technology. Although classes began on Monday, 3 November anyone interested is still welcome to sign up. The classes will be held each Monday, from 6.30 to 8.30 pm and 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.

ITEMS FOR SALE

We still have a limited number of PE skorts for sale on a first come first served basis. Waist size 24"-30" are £9.95 each and 32"-36" are £11.69. Cheques should be made payable to Archbishop Blanch School.

Enamel School Badges are also available for purchase at a cost of £2.00 from the School Office.

CONGRATULATIONS

To two of our Year 9 pupils, Sophie Dickenson and Joanne Bartels, who are finalists in this year's Poetry of Place Competition. They were chosen out of hundreds of entries from schools all over Liverpool. You can view their entries on the Royal Liver website and you are invited to vote for your favourite poem. Please support our girls by voting for them at:

www.royallivergroup.com/websites/rlgwebsite.nsf/HTML/POETRY+OF+PLACE

The votes determine the final outcome and both girls will attend the awards ceremony on Tuesday, 18 November at the Royal Liver Building.

AMBASSADORS OF SPORT

You may remember that I recently reported to you the success of Chelsea McCourt and Simone Kay on being appointed Young Ambassadors for Sport for the Liverpool School Sports Partnership Central Area. We are now delighted to report that Jade Hill and Jenny Clews have been appointed as Sports Ambassadors for ABS - in this capacity they will work under the leadership of Chelsea and Simone. Ameer Cox (Deputy Head Girl) will work with all four of the girls to establish a Sports Council for ABS which will mirror School Council but deal with sports related issues.

ETHICAL FASHION SHOW

Year 9 was treated to a taste of the fashion world last Thursday and we were delighted to welcome into school Ann Marie Hughes, a Fashion Textile Consultant, who shared her expertise with the girls. The pupils used their creative talents to make t-shirts and face masks; put together a PowerPoint presentation with the mission statement of their Company and produced an advert using Apple Mac computers. The day was successful due to the enthusiasm, motivation and teamwork applied by all year 9 pupils involved in the event. Many thanks go to Mrs Carson for the organisation of the event and to all the staff who assisted on the day.

SCHOOL FUND REMINDER

The response this year has, so far, been disappointingly low. We would be very pleased to receive your contributions (no matter how small) to the School Fund which is used for the benefit of the whole school community.