



Head's Newsletter

Dear Reader

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Mrs Joan Rimmer who has just achieved her Higher Level Teaching Assistant qualification.

Congratulations also go to Hope McNulty for the several successes she has enjoyed at the Liverpool Music Festival this week. In the Set Song she won Silver (2nd) and in the British Composer she also got Silver. In the German Lieder class she got a bronze and was also awarded a bronze in the Oratorio Class. Hope is to be congratulated on these tremendous results and for her versatility.

I would also like to congratulate Wadhah Saleh (Year 12 student) who has been selected to represent Great Britain in the Chicago International Shotokan Karate Championships being held in Chicago later this month. The Chief Instructor from the ACF Shotokan Karate Club where Wadhah is a student has written how much of an honour this is for the Club and for Wadhah and a reward for his hard work and dedication. We are delighted that we have a student from our school representing Great Britain and wish Wadhah the very best of luck in the tournament.

FMSiS

In 2006, the Government introduced exacting new Standards for Financial Management in Schools and all secondary schools in England had to demonstrate that they met these Standards; we were one of the first schools in Liverpool to achieve FMSiS that year. Schools have to apply for redesignation every three years and I am delighted to report that we have recently heard from the Auditors that we have met the standard for redesignation. I cannot speak too highly of the hard work Mrs Donnison, our Business Manager, has put in to achieving this standard once again - the paperwork that was required for the Auditor's visit had to be seen to be believed! Well done and thank you!

SPORTS NEWS

The Year 10 Liverpool Schools Netball Tournament was held at St Julie's on Monday, 1 March. The team finished first in their group beating St. John Bosco, Childwall and Liverpool College and drew against Bellerive. They then went on to beat Belvedere 5-4 in the final. Congratulations to the Year 10 netball squad - *Joanne Bartels, Jessica Holland, Vicky Jones, Adelaide Kirkpatrick, Ashleigh McDowell, Robyn Mayor, Katherine Rankin, Chantal Stamper and Hannah Wright* - who thoroughly deserved their victory. They are currently unbeaten in the Liverpool Schools netball league and are aiming to do the 'double'!

PUBLIC SPEAKING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Year 11 students **Victoria Atherton** and **Olivia Beesley** who won the Liverpool Law Society Merseyside Schools Public Speaking Competition Final, held at Liverpool Town Hall on Monday evening, 1 March 2010. In the Competition's three year history, this is Archbishop Blanch School's third time of reaching the final and the second time winning the trophy.

The team gave a 10 minute presentation on the subject: "*16 is too young to vote at a general election*". They were then presented with a question to test their wider knowledge of the topic. The girls successfully defeated teams from three other Merseyside schools. In their presentation they spoke eloquently and with great maturity, and are to be commended for their teamwork, research skills and work ethic.

The Sixth Form debate team also took part in the Northwest Regional Finals of the Debating Matters Competition at Bridgewater Hall, Manchester on Monday, 1 March. Although the girls have not progressed to the finals, they were commended by the judges for their use of logic and their tenacity, and year 12 student **Emily Parry** was awarded the prize for Outstanding Individual Contribution.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We have received four nominations for the post of Parent Governor and therefore a ballot will be required. Ballot papers will be sent out to parents in the very near future.

EARLY SCHOOL CLOSURE

YEAR 9 PARENTS' & KEY STAGE 4 CURRICULUM MEETING - WEDNESDAY, 10 MARCH

School will close at 3.00 pm to accommodate this event. 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 until the bus arrives.

E-SAFETY NEWS

We have organised an E-Safety training day for staff in school on Monday, 19 April. This is an important child protection issue and we should like to give parents the opportunity to participate in this training. A separate letter is being sent to parents with further details.

The E-safety competition deadline is extended to Friday, 12 March so there is still time to enter. Pupils could design a poster or image about one of the following issues: Posting images online; Social Networking issues; Cyberbullying online; Responsible use of Social Networking / Instant Messaging tools. Designs can be hand drawn or produced using a computer. Entries to Mrs Cartledge by Friday, 12 March.

HEALTHY EATING WITH ABS!

A special evening to learn more about healthy eating is being held on Tuesday, 16 March between 4.00 and 5.00 pm. Parents and Pupils in Year 8 have been invited along to an evening of healthy recipes, ideas and fun. This event has been arranged by Mr Jones, our Healthy Schools Co-ordinator and Year 8 Parents should have received a letter of invitation earlier in the week. Places are limited so if you would like to come along please return the reply slip attached to the letter as soon as possible.

ENTERPRISE NEWS

Best wishes to a team of fifteen Year 9 Pupils who will be attending the first leg of an Enterprise Hospitality competition run by the Enterprise Advisor Service North West and being held at Liverpool Community College, Duke Street. The girls will compete against other schools on Monday, 8 March and the winning school will be able to carry out their ideas for an evening in the Academy Restaurant for family and friends. The girls will experience life in a restaurant and learn about tourism.

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A reminder there will be an early morning Communion Service each Tuesday morning at 8.00 am in the Quiet Room. All are welcome to join us.



BBC SCHOOL NEWS REPORT DAY

On Thursday, 11 March a team of Year 9 pupils are taking part in the national BBC School News Report. Our girls have been very busy preparing broadcasts for our website, with a range of topics including our proposed new school building. Also look out, there have been sightings of a superlambanana on the loose around the school and our team are hoping to catch some live shots! What's more, we hope to become part of a world record breaking weather report, as 700 temperature readings from schools around the UK create the largest ever collection of weather data. So be sure to log on to:

http://www.blanch.org.uk/school_report.htm

on the 11 March to see our pupils' report. Good luck to all the team!

PARENTS' ASSOCIATION NEWS

EASTER BINGO: The PA is holding an Easter Bingo on Thursday, 18 March at 7.00 pm. Tickets are on sale after half term, priced 50p.

SCHOOL DISCO: Advance notice that there will be a disco for Years 7-9 on Thursday, 25 March. Details will be given out in the next Newsletter.

AWARD IN FOOD SAFETY IN CATERING

Chartered Institute of Environmental Health - Level 2 Award in Food Safety in Catering - Saturday, 20 March 2010, 9.30 am - 4.00 pm

An opportunity has arisen under our Applied Learning status to offer the above course to the Community. This may be of interest to those people who carry out voluntary work and are involved in any sort of catering. Places will be offered on a "First come first served" basis. If you are interested in booking a place please complete the slip below and return to school as soon as possible. The course will be held in school. More details to follow.

PLEASE RETURN TO MRS ADDY

I would like to book a place on the above course / I would like to know more details
(Please indicate)

Name: _____

Contact No: _____