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## Principal's Newsletter

3 March 2023

Dear Parents,

This has been a week of variety and energy at Liverpool College.

This morning, the awards assembly in the Prep School gave a marvellous oversight of the things that can happen in 4 days of school. There was recognition for pupils, stories of football successes and city finals reached, announcements of future events such as national science week. It all began with the singing of the school song and finished with a Mr Harvey produced film of the trip to Robinwood. The energy and enthusiasm of pupils and staff propels all who attend into the weekend.

We had visitors this week. Three members of the National Pedagogical Institute of the Czech Republic as well as two school leaders from Milan and Como spent two days with us. Their questions, observations, and responses to what they saw in an English school help us to think creatively about the challenges of our pupils and create links and relationships which allow us to see ourselves more clearly.

Congratulations to Ms Achilleos' U15 Netball Team now crowned Merseyside champions. They defeated all schools by large margins until confronted by an excellent Blue Coat team they managed to squeeze out a 3-2 victory. Sportsmanship, attitude, teamwork: it was all absolutely fantastic and the girls were rewarded for this.

Mrs Boyle, the effervescent LSA presence in Reception has been updating me about the garden project which she has nurtured for so long. The daffodils and plant pots which she and her pupils planted are now sprouting and blooming as we move toward Easter. On World Book Day, her classes and all Pre Prep classes were in a state of exceeding excitement. Staff joined in the fun as Ms Gannon became the tiger who came to tea and Ms Fee had transformed into Mary Poppins. Pre Prep pupils also enjoyed listening to their parents and carers read some of their favourite books. In a climate of total novelty, it was impressive to see teachers ploughing ahead with phonics lessons, using every available space to work with their costumed groups towards even better reading. In the Prep School, there were projects to decorate doorways, write book reviews, celebrate favourite books. Great stuff.



The boarders deal with strike days in interesting ways. School lessons disappear and they take to the hills, in this case taking some climbing lessons. In light of the great LC Reads programmes they are also celebrating their word of the week and skill of the week.

Congratulations, albeit somewhat belatedly, to Holly B in Chapter 12. Holly has been awarded a prestigious Arkwright Engineering Scholarship, coming through a large national field because of her exceptional talents and dedication in this area.

As I reported last week, the PTAs nearly new uniform outlet - LC's Preloved Outlet - is now fully operational and open many an afternoon. It has made and will make a tremendous difference to be able to "recycle" uniform and save parents much money. There is now a final destination for all those unclaimed items which have languished in lost property for more than 6 months.



The Charity Action Group continues a second week of highlighting Fairtrade Fortnight at Liverpool College until 12 March. The Charity Action Group and Eco Committee have designed posters, created a quiz with prizes and set up a table of information about Fairtrade. The pupils would like to ask families to 'make a habit of looking for a Fairtrade logo or label and consider switching to Fairtrade coffee, tea, sugar, chocolate, bananas and other products'.

Advance warning of the impending secondary phase Speech Night and Prize Giving on Thursday 23 March in the Cathedral. There is no religious element to this evening and all pupils are expected to attend the event which will begin at 19.30. Parents are welcome to attend and further details of arrangements will be sent out separately.

A reminder from Mrs Drew (Careers Leader) that National Careers Week runs from Monday 6 March until Saturday 11 March and the week is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education. Liverpool College pupils will be looking at how their academic studies link to the world of work and will also be taking in careers-based activities during PD lessons. There is also the opportunity to attend live webinars in the film and creative industries. You can access the Parents' Guide to National Careers Week 2023 [here](#).



Our Artist of the Week this week is Jasmine L (Ch11) who has created this piece in response to a brief 'Playing With Colour'.

Jasmine has studied consumerism and the way society can be tempted to mask its problems through commercialisation and consumerism.



Mrs Duffy (Assistant Principal: Safeguarding & Inclusion) has asked me to highlight the OxWell Student Survey that the school is participating in:

*Alongside a large number of schools both in Liverpool and in the rest of England, we are participating in a large survey about pupil wellbeing and mental health run by Oxford University.*

*This will be the second year that we have participated in the OxWell Survey and we have found the results and data produced to be crucial in planning how we build our College systems to support the wellbeing of our pupils.*

*Pupils in Chapters 5-13 will be taking part in the survey and further information about it has been sent out to parents separately. If you do not wish for your child to take part, please email Mrs Duffy at [kduffy@liverpoolcollege.org.uk](mailto:kduffy@liverpoolcollege.org.uk).*

During games today, Chapter 8 pupils participated in a charity house run within Sefton Park. Mr Cook explains:

*All money raised will go towards the award-winning charity the Inclusive Hub which supports young people with a range of additional needs including autism and ADHD. The house run winners were: Boys' Division - Ethan B (Howson's) and Girls' Division - Lexi W (Butler's). If families would like to contribute by supporting the charity, pupils are being asked to hand in any donations to Mrs Davies (Chapter 8 Administrator) located in Student Services.*

A special mention to our Cross Country team who took part in a competition in Sefton Park this week. Well done to Sebastian W (Chapter 7) for his second place finish and to all the team for their efforts.

It's also been a busy and successful week of football news in the secondary phase, as Mr Cook reports below:

*On Monday, the Chapter 9 football team played our local neighbours St Hilda's. The match was robust throughout and thoroughly enjoyable to watch. We also hosted former Everton Academy Director Ray Hall as our guest. The match finished one goal each with Kingston AG scoring an equaliser for the College.*

*On Wednesday, the Chapter 7 football team played an entertaining match versus the 'auld enemy' St Edwards College. The home team dominated the first half and although St Edwards had chances on the break, the home team deservedly led through a goal from Frankie C. The second half saw St Edwards having a lot more of the ball and towards the mid-way point of the second half they took the lead 2-1. Back came Liverpool College and with ten minutes to go they were awarded a penalty, which was saved by the opposition goalkeeper. Back came St Edwards and it needed Daniel C to make two vital saves to keep the home team in the match. Those saves proved vital and with five minutes remaining a Darren M goal meant the scoreline finished Liverpool College 2 St Edwards College 2.*

*It's fantastic to read about Old Liverpoolian Ali Al Hamadi scoring his fourth goal in three games for AFC Wimbledon on Tuesday. Ali was ever present on the rugby and football field during his time at the school and always ensured his standards remained high both on and off the field.*

*Congratulations to Chapter 9 pupil Erdis R who has been offered a two-year registration at Wigan Athletic. This achievement is thoroughly deserved.*

Maths challenges of the week:

Q1. A point source of light is placed at  $(0, 0, 2)$ . An opaque hollow cylinder without its bases has radius 1 and height 2. It is placed around the light source such that the source is at the centre of the cylinder, and with its axis of circular symmetry parallel to the  $y$ -axis. An infinitely large sheet of paper is placed on the  $xy$ -plane. Can you find a single equation relating  $x$  and  $y$ , that describes the curve formed by the light-dark boundary on the sheet of paper, assuming no diffraction?

Q2. I have a cylinder. From the top, it looks like a circle with radius 1cm. From the side, it looks like a square. Can you find the volume of this cylinder?

Answers to last week's questions:

Q1. $x^4 - 8x^3 + 20x^2 - 16x + 1$	Q2. 1
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I hope you and your family will enjoy a dry and pleasant weekend.

**Yours sincerely,**

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**Principal**