

Principal's Newsletter

25 November 2022

Dear Parents,

There has been an amazing response to the Radio City Christmas Toy appeal at the beginning of this advent season. Below a picture of the assembled toys before they were collected. I was particularly moved by the action of one Chapter 2 pupil who accidentally placed a toy intended for a birthday party this afternoon into this mountain of charitable gifts. Soon the alarm was raised, and the search to dig out the gift for this afternoon was begun.



Congratulations also to the excellent Olivia L in Chapter 6. She had already boarded the coach to the finals of the indoor athletic championship when she was summoned back into assembly to receive the plaudits of peers, teachers and PTA officers for her design of the PTA logo which will now adorn PTA communications. Her family will enjoy a hamper she struggled to carry back out of the hall.



There is a festive air of preparation in the Prep School generally in advance of two major events. The PTA Christmas Market will take place in the MV Hall tomorrow, Saturday 26 November, from 12 to 4pm. I look forward to the choir performing and to buying some much-needed Christmas season supplies. It has not been possible to hold these events during the covid years, and their return allows our country to gather. It will be great fun.



Liverpool College PTA
Christmas Market

Saturday 26th November
12-4pm (last entry 3pm)

Liverpool College MV Hall (entrance via Prep car park), Queen's Drive, Mossley Hill, L18 8BG

Pay on the door -
Adults: £3 Children: £1
(under 3s free)

Come and join us!

Featuring lots of lovely stalls and gift ideas, as well as hot and cold drinks, raffle, refreshments, face painting, bouncy castle.

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The PTA have also sent out a final appeal for volunteers to help at the market. If you could donate any of your time between 11am-4pm on Saturday it would be greatly appreciated. You can contact the PTA team on pta@liverpoolcollege.org.uk.

On Sunday, the Prep School Choir, 'Preplings' are performing at 'A Concert for a Cure' in St George's Hall Concert Hall in aid of North West Cancer Research. Ms Clark promises that it will be a lovely afternoon full of festive cheer, as well as a wonderful opportunity for our young singers from Chapters 2 to 6.

On Wednesday, the Bedtime Readers sessions took place in Prep. Pupils gathered in pyjamas, onesies, and other warm sleeping gear, to listen to staff selections. Ms Brooke could be seen sprinting around the campus looking for works other than those written by the late great Roald Dahl who had somehow become the choice of almost every reader.

Watch out OL Golf Society. Two of our pupils have won most improved golfers awards at Childwall Golf Club and will doubtless be considered for future selections in the annual match between OLs and current Lerpooians. Congratulations to Anya S (Ch7), winner of the Juniors Hogan Trophy and Alisha S (Ch8) for being most improved female golfer this year, assiduously working on this infernally difficult game and being recognised for their excellent progress.

The U14-U15 combined football team keeps advancing, defeating Litherland in a thriller 3-2 as Mr Cook reports:

Despite the conditions which can only be described as horrendous, the U14-U15 combined football team progressed to the last 16 of the Merseyside Cup by beating Litherland in a thriller. Goals by U14 players Thomas C and Hayden M and a thunderbolt by U15s Yusef A in the final minute ensured a clash with Cardinal Heenan in the next round.

Next week the netball league returns with matches for all year groups versus St Edwards College. This promises to be an interesting round of fixtures.

A reminder that we will be holding our termly Parent Information Evening on Thursday 1 December at 5.30pm. You can register for the event (which will be held online on Microsoft Teams as we feel this encourages participation) by emailing Ms Bamber on sbamber@liverpoolcollege.org.uk. We will be discussing campus expansion, traffic, and the behaviour curriculum of the College. This last item may sound strange to some as we typically speak of behaviour policy, which is something which all schools have. But there is also a sense that behaviour is learned, with some pupils able to regulate their own behaviour and improve it constantly through greater awareness of the needs of others, and an ability to respond appropriately to social situations. Other pupils, a bit like any other aspect of school, need intervention, support, a challenging curriculum that is taught in this case not through endless theorizing but through the example of adults and peers. We want to involve parents in an understanding of how the College approaches this essential part of the education with and for character, our plans to develop this further, and our assessment of how parents can help their pupil.

One of the great delights of being an educator is watching young people start things themselves. Last week I mentioned some of the groups and clubs that make up the "civil" society of Liverpool College. This week I met with the Chapter 12 pupils who have started and developed an ambitious agenda for the medical society including speakers and lab-based activities. They even presented an excellent funding proposal for support. Impressive.

Our congratulations to the excellent Lt Cdr Rigby, head of the navy section of our CCF, and to Bella Low, formerly of this parish now studying to be a paramedic at Edge Hill, both were finally able to attend the presentation of their prestigious Lord Lieutenant's awards for service.



A sign of the growing quality and quantity of our musical life was Thursday's Recital in the Rushworth Music Centre. In my memory, I occasionally attended these events when there were perhaps 5 performers who met the standard to enter the recital. Now there were more than 12, playing different genres, instruments, and exhibiting the deep talent that is available to us and the increased up take of music as an academic subject at GCSE and A level. A very exciting and important trend.

I bumped into the rehearsals for *Grease* on the same evening. In the pitch dark of a winter evening, pupils were being put through the paces of choreography. Putting on a musical is a feat of so many parts, one forgets that everyone has to learn the dances as well as the lines, the songs and the music.

The boarders love to ice skate. This was the discovery of last weekend. They are also busy embroidering gifts. Joseph stars as one of the embroiders but passion for this activity is sweeping the House.

The international nature of our school was brought home to me when one pupil complained that his team Iran, had lost heavily. I encouraged him with a positive assessment of the powers of their striker who seems to be a lot to handle and assured him that future duels may lead to better results. Thankfully the next England game is not during school hours, an enormous distraction for some pupils.

Artist of the week for this week is Sophia C (Ch10) - 'leaves in colour' painting study.



She writes:

" This is a piece from my Gouache painting workshop this week. I created it inspired by the work of artist Marcia Baldwin. I particularly like her vibrant, bold use of colour. It is the first time I have painted using gouache and the colour mixing and blending techniques were new to me. I plan to do further experimental work in this way"

Our maths challenge of the week:

1. How many divisors does the number 210^{10} have?
2. I have an object that is made from two square pyramids stuck together base to base (where the bases are the same size). How many faces does my object have?

Answers to last week's puzzles:

- Question 1: 3
- Question 2: 5

You can download this week's PTA newsletter [here](#).

We have been asked to draw your attention to a new guide from the NHS supporting Liverpool pupils and their families living with neurodevelopmental needs:

Members of NHS Cheshire and Merseyside, Liverpool Place, Liverpool CAMHS and Neurodevelopmental partnerships and colleagues from Liverpool City Council have collaborated to develop a Guide to Supporting Children, Young People and Their Families in

Liverpool Living with Neurodevelopmental Needs.

The toolkit, which can be found on the [Liverpool CAMHS website](#) and will also be available on the [SEND Local Offer website](#) outlines the statutory commissioned offer from Health and Local Authority of services and support available for children, young people and their families in Liverpool at different stages of their journey.

May I wish you and yours a dry and pleasant weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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