



The Newman

Your College Newsletter Issue 3 Spring Term 2014

Dear Parent/Carer

I am once again delighted to welcome you to "The Newman". Incredibly we are on Issue 3 already. Although it has been a short half-term, I am sure that you will agree that we have had a busy and productive time.

The highlights for me since our return to school on 6th January were the outstanding GCSE results for Year 11 in English, the Jack Petchey awards ceremony and the outstanding attendance of our students at the Education Sunday Mass at Our Lady of Willesden.

We are proud of the progress that NCC is making.

Thank you for your support.

Regards

D P Coyle
Headteacher.



LEFT TO RIGHT:

**SHREE HARSHA, JUDE DUGBAZAH, DANIEL O'DONNELL,
MARCUS GREEN, KENNETH HUGHES, SUNIT
PRAVINKUMAR, KADIEV BOZHIDAR, MAYOR BOBBY
THOMAS, MATEUSZ POREBSKI, RUBEN GALHANNAS**

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This Newsletter is produced by the college for our pupils and parents. If you have any suggestions of other topics you would like to see in future editions, then please let us know by emailing ctimlin@ncc.brent.sch.uk or write to us. We'd love to hear from you!

Literacy Resource Centre NEWS

All the boys in key stage 3 have timetabled Library time fortnightly; this is an opportunity for them to catch up on the pleasure of reading. Using the Accelerated Reader programme boys can answer quiz type questions on their books and earn points that gradually help to increase their reading skills. The extra bonus of the tests is that each student can follow their own progress and we can see how many books read, quizzes taken and even words read! I am very pleased to announce the first 'Millionaire' of the year. Jevaughn Francis from 8 Francis has read 1,526,120 words, a wonderful achievement as I am sure you will agree!



***Jevaughn Francis our
Million Word Man***

Any interested parent can check their sons progress by using the Renaissance home connect programme from their home computer-this is fun to use and you can even set up email alerts to notify you of their successes!

Logon to:

<https://Ukhosted7.renlearn.co.uk/1895176/HomeConnec> and using your son's personal username and password you can explore the site.

If you need further information ask you son to request a Home Connect letter where all the steps are described.



The Chess team were a little disappointed at the 3rd and 4th rounds of the Brent School Chess Challenge, drawing 2-2 against JFS but only winning 1 game against a combined team from Wembley High and Harrow High Schools-Luke Finch was our man of the event winning both his games! We look forward to regaining winning ways in the next round in March. You can follow our progress on the Brent Schools Website at www.bscl.org.uk.



I am grateful for the support given by parents to help their boys return school library book on time and in good condition. Keep reading!

**Mrs M Casey
Librarian**

SCIENCE CLUB



Here are some images of the fun and exciting practical's that are taking place in Science Club for Year 7 and 8 every Monday after school.

The sessions are designed to encourage students to get more excited about Science. Our Year 8 students are entered into The National Science Week competition allowing them to compete with schools all over London with some great prizes up for grabs! Good luck Year 8!



SIXTH FORM PRIMARY SCHOOL VISITS

For the past two weeks, every Wednesday, a friend and I have been visiting St Mary Magdalen's Catholic Primary School in Willesden. They have been no ordinary visits. The intention is to teach young children, share our knowledge and make a difference to their lives. It is a great privilege to be offered this opportunity. It has been a great experience for me over the two weeks and I have really enjoyed being around the young children. It is a fond reminder of my childhood. When I visited the school for the first time I was directed to a Year 3 class and have been working with them since then. I spent one hour with the children And I really enjoy helping them. Recently, when I visited them they had an art lesson in which the children had to cut out drawings and stick them in their books and colour them. I helped some of the children to cut out pieces of their work and showed them how to stick it in. I also helped them to colour some of the pieces of work.

Although it has been only two weeks, I really enjoy working the school and helping the children. I would love to continue doing so.



ROMA BARRETO
12/13 BENEDICT

STUDENT REWARDS

Whole-school Prize:

Joseph Ndarigumije, 7 Paul

Pupils' reward points are awarded in lessons, and the pupils' total scores are collated and tallied. Joseph, obtained the most reward points, was awarded with a brand new mountain bike, our termly reward prize. The prize was presented by Ms Walsh, his head of year, and Mr Coyle.



Other pupils awarded prizes for their progress and effort last term were:

Year 7 Head of School Prize - **Nathan Lutala, 7 Joseph**

Year 8 Head of School Prize - **Antonino Cafiero-Regueira, 8 Benedict**

Year 9 Head of School Prize - **Andre Santo, 9 Francis**

Year 10 Head of School Prize - **Joseph Gouda, 10 Joseph**



GET MORE INVOLVED WITH: English

Reading Group for all pupils:

Want to improve your reading?

Need to improve your pronunciation?

Help is available in H3

3.15 – 3.45 Monday and 1.30 – 2.00 Thursday

All welcome

Level Up: Year 9



Fun, interactive ways of engaging with English AND improving achievement.

3:15 – 4:15 pm Mondays

Level 4 pupils H5

Level 5 & 6 pupils H6



FOOTBALL +



READING = PLRS



is a really exciting opportunity for 25 pupils in Years 7 and 8. It is a reading project which uses football to boost reading ages. **20 Premier League football players** from clubs around the country have committed their time to this superb reading project.

Over 10 sessions pupils will read the same texts and listen to these stars talk about their favourite books.... via the internet! There will also be an opportunity for a Fulham football player to visit Newman.

Premier League Reading Stars aims to build reading confidence and appreciation of reading in a fun and interesting way. Pupils will be reading great short stories, amazing football magazines, interesting newspaper articles and winning fantastic competitions online. **Prizes include:** trophies, footballs, certificates and other great gifts!

Fixtures will begin Tuesday 25th February 2014 3:15 - 4:15pm in H6 with coaches Mr Edwards and Mr Dore. We'll keep you updated with the exciting developments.

CONGRATULATIONS TO MATEUSZ KUWALEK ON HIS STUDENT COUNCIL SUCCESS

My name is Mateusz Kuwalek. I have been in the Brent Anti-Bullying Council for two years. On the 29th January, there were elections for who should replace Jaydee as the Chairperson. There were six people standing up to be nominated. I stood up to be nominated, the rest of the students standing were from Preston Manor. I had to give a three minute speech about why I wanted to be the Chairperson. After the speeches, I had the most votes which made me Chair. From now until the end of the year, I will be the Co-Chair in training.

From September, I will be the Chairperson of the Brent Anti Bullying Council.



Michal Gordziejewski is a keen volleyball player. He has played club volleyball for Richmond. Michael has been selected by the England Volleyball Association for an award trip as part of the Volleyball centre of Excellence. He will spend three months in Brazil in October 2014, on a training programme for professional volleyball players. He will train with professional Brazilian players and also with the first Brazilian Volleyball Coach Bernardo Rezende. This trip will change Michal's life and get him on the road to being a professional volleyball player.



Bhavik Pareshkumar is very pleased with the progress he is making in French. He was very excited to receive a 'Good News' card.



ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Congratulations to 7 Joseph for excellent attendance and punctuality for the Autumn term. Definitely a big contender for the Pizza party!

Well done!



Jack Petchey Achievement Awards 2014

The Jack Petchey Achievement Awards 2014 for the London Borough of Brent were held at Oakington Manor Hall on Tuesday 4th February. This evening celebrated, acknowledged and highlighted the positive contribution made by young people in schools, youth groups and communities across London.

Award winners from Newman Catholic College were: **Kadiev Bozhidar, Mateus Porebski, Marcus Green, Ruben Galhannas, Daniel O'Donnell, Jude Dugbazah, Daniel Berende, Harsha Shree Pokala and Sunit Pravinkumar.** The Staff Leader Award went to Mr Hughes (Head of Religious Education).

The audience were treated to an outstanding professional musical performance from our very talented Sixth Form students Bruno Zanol and Pedro Santos who performed the Eric Clapton classic song 'Tears in Heaven'.



YOUTH TRAVEL AMBASSADORS



The Student Council were visited by Matthew Fox from Transport for London. He came to tell us about an exciting programme called Youth Travel Ambassadors (YTA). This is a youth-led education project developed by Transport for London (TfL). Our school is going to have the chance to make a real difference to the travel and transport issues which affect us and our school community. Participation in YTA offers our students a fantastic opportunity to gain new skills and experiences which will support their personal development, academic achievement and employability.

We would very much like to campaign for a Zebra Crossing in front of the school to make our departure to and from school much safer.

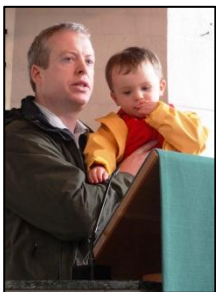
Interested students can find out more about this by watching the video link below.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WfuKaoEDAal&safe=active>

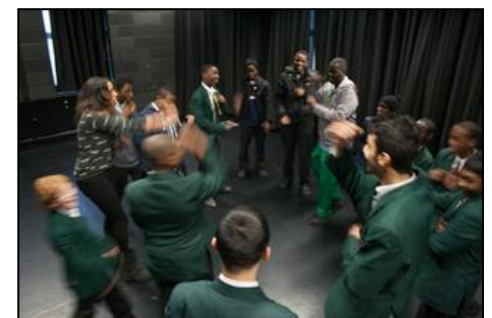
Let Miss Grace know if you would like to take part.

EDUCATION SUNDAY

We celebrated Education Sunday at the Shrine Church of Our Lady of Willesden, along with the two other Catholic Schools in the parish, St Josephs Primary School and the Convent of Jesus and Mary. Education Sunday has been celebrated since 1878. This is a national day where Churches join to offer to God the work of education, in schools of all kinds, in colleges and universities and in the church. This is a time to celebrate the achievements of education, to recognise the challenges, and support and pray for all who are involved in education.



US CHARITABLE TRUST



The school's partnership with the **'US' Charitable Trust** is going from strength to strength. The school very much appreciates the ongoing support given to us by Mrs Serena Balfour and her dedicated team. The after school activities are becoming more popular. Activities are as follows:

Monday- Music and D Jay workshops
Tuesday- Drama Club
Wednesday- Film Making and Media
Thursday- Digital Skills

Interested students are welcome to join at any time. Two films made in the Film Making and Media group are now on the school website to watch. You can find them under the Extended Activities menu. The films are called Newman Doctor Who Film 2 and Newman Happy 2.

YEAR 10 CATERING STUDENTS' VISIT TO JAMIE OLIVER'S ITALIAN RESTAURANT

We were warmly received by Dave the manager at Jamie's, who gave insights into Jamie celebratory status and well as the history of Jamie restaurant chain (36 branches all over the world).

The boys had insight into the running of the restaurant as well as the sourcing of the ingredients which were all organic. everything was either made in house or in one of Jamie's kitchens and then supplied to the branches to maintain consistency.

The boys thoroughly enjoyed sampling the huge platters of anti-pasti and freshly made focaccia bread.

To check the listening skills there was a surprise quiz - of which **Arkadiusz Furmaniak 10J** was the worthy winner!

"It was a really enjoyable yet educational day. It gave good insight into the catering industry and we saw the huge variety in business's from the likes of Jamie Oliver's group of restaurants to the single cafe's" **Jordon McCabe 10F**



CELEBRATION EVENT JANUARY 2014

EVERYONE COUNTS EVERYONE CONTRIBUTES EVERYONE SUCCEEDS



This showcase event was created by young people for young people. The Sixth Form performing arts students organised this wonderful celebration of music, street dance, drama, spoken lyrics and graffiti art with the assistance of Kaye James from Dramaworkhouse. The project was funded by Brent council. It was a fabulous occasion where young people enjoyed themselves promoting the creative arts within their school and community.

C Beirne-Francis, Director of Sixth Form Studies



Pasta Bolognaise
with fresh pasta
made from scratch
don't you know!

Food Technology YR10

Pasta Bolognaise

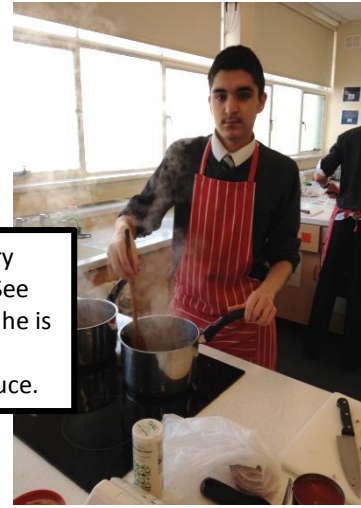


Waele and Rohan working together to roll that dough into pasta, then it will be cut into tagiatelle.



This highly skilled hand belongs to our school governor Marina Tranza. She is Italian and a keen pasta maker. This term she came in armed with her pasta machines to demonstrate and help the boys to make their own pasta bolognaise entirely from scratch.

Jordan is a very serious chef. See how focussed he is making his bolognaise sauce.



Beautiful. Someone has invented a new pasta. Pasta al Quattro (four different widths of pasta all mixed together!) Bravo!!



Alister and Milbon have neatly cut their vegetables. Now they are mentally preparing themselves for the next stage...adding the meat and cooking them!



"Hurry up! My fresh tagiatelle is turning into dry lasagne!!" – The patient boys queuing for the pasta cutters while teacher Ms Gill gives her "don't even think about it look" L to R Vaalli, Waele, Rohan, and Jonathan



Waele is separating his tagiatelle and checking it's immaculate accuracy. Proving he is not the mysterious inventor of Pasta al Quattro.



Waele and Rohan again. This time making their sauce. I'm seeing the next Hairy Bikers..or maybe Unhairy BMXers.



See how neatly and professionally the boys are working. All different ingredients in neat piles. Ambrose rolls up his sleeves with Ignas concentrating hard in the background.



A close up of Milbon's bolognaise. No photoshop used!

Behaviour and Safety

We are proud of the standard of behaviour in the school. As a whole, students are adhering to the "no junk-food" and "water-only" rules introduced in summer 2013. We have subsequently seen an improvement in littering, student behaviour and concentration in lessons and a reduction in internal exclusions.

Annually, we organise for PC Minesh Patel and PC Gary Weedon, our safer school's officers, to conduct a "safety arch" search of all pupils. This is to assure pupils, staff and parents of the safety in our school. Whereas other Brent schools are reactive to incidents in school, our proactive approach has previously proven that the school is a safe place for your son's. Recently, a permanent exclusion was upheld by the governors as a direct result of our close work with the police, and students are aware that carrying any potentially offensive weapon will result in serious sanctions or possible permanent exclusions. Please check the behaviour for progress policy in your son's planner for further details.

Uniform at Newman Catholic College is of a high standard. However, some pupils are still coming to school wearing black trainers, which are not allowed. Over the half term, please ensure that your son has the correct shoes, which should be plain black shoes with a heel, laces, with no logos and leather. Trainers of any kind are not allowed, including with Velcro. Please be aware that your son will be asked to return home to get his shoes and will not be taught, if he comes to school in the incorrect uniform from 24th February.

Many thanks for your on-going support, wishing you a fun and restful half term.

Mr A Dunne, Assistant Headteacher



Free school meal applications

Free school meals are available to all full-time pupils (including sixth form students) who are in school and who meet the qualifying criteria.

Children whose parents receive the following are also entitled to free school meals:

Income Support (IS)

Income-based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)

Income-related Employment and Support Allowance

support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income, as assessed by HM Revenue and Customs (HMRC), that does not exceed £16,190 (TC 602 Final Award Notice - 2012/2013)

**the guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
Special considerations apply to parents receiving Working Tax Credit.**

For more information on free school meals please visit www.brent.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

Extended school activities are now listed on our website. If you have any questions please contact Miss Grace on the number below.

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Headteacher: Mr D P Coyle

Chair of Governors: Mr P O'Shea



PASSWORD CHANGE!!!

To all students: please note that, with effect from 2nd December 2013, the whole-school password for www.mymaths.co.uk has changed to *isosceles*. *Rectangle* will no longer work.

Online Homework Guidance for Parents

Your son's Maths teacher has provided him with login details for www.mymaths.co.uk. This is a wonderful website we subscribe to, which allows your son to complete weekly homework tasks online, either at school or home. It is also an essential revision tool. Your son's teacher will let him know which tasks they want him to complete and when.

E-safety for NCC pupils:

This term, anti-bullying week's theme was "Safe, fun and connected". The main message related to e-safety for pupils using the internet and social media, and how best to avoid situations that put themselves and their futures at risk because of their online activities. Many colleges, universities and colleges are able to check a young person's online history and our message to our students is that they should ensure that their online profile shows them in a positive light. This directly links to avoiding negative images and statements being made (i.e. on Facebook or Twitter). Our "digital footprints" link to the fact that these images and statements are never deleted from the web.

We recommend the following website for online films and advice for parents and students:

http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/11_16/

The above link contains useful information of the different ways young people communicate (including instant messaging, chat rooms, mobiles, gaming and file sharing) as well as highlighting potential risks of these (including communicating with strangers, risks of bullying, being exposed to violent or sexual content, the use and sharing of intimate images).

We advise that parents are aware of these potential issues, and that they are discussed with your children to ensure they are happy and safe online.

Mr A Dunne, Assistant Headteacher

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FEBRUARY 2014

Wednesday 26th

Headteacher's Surgery 3.30-5pm

Thursday 27th

Full Governors' Meeting 6pm

MARCH 2014

Wednesday 5th

**Ash Wednesday Service
Headteacher's Surgery 3.30-5pm**

Thursday 6th

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 12th

**Headteacher's Surgery 3.30-5pm
PTA Meeting 6.30pm**

Thursday 13th

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 19th

**Headteacher's Surgery 3.30-5pm
Governors' Finance Committee 6pm**

Thursday 20th

Governors' Personnel Committee 7.30pm

Monday 24th

Oxford University Trip (AS Physics)

Wednesday 26th

Headteacher's Surgery 3.30-5pm

APRIL 2014

Wednesday 2nd

**Headteacher's Surgery 3.30-5pm
PTA Meeting 6.30pm**

Friday 4th

Term ends

For adults



Courses

English (ESOL)

Career Coaching

Employability Skills

Information Seminars

Newman Catholic College Harlesden Road, Willesden NW10 3RN

For children

Romanian weekend school

Va asteptam in fiecare sambata intre orele

9 am-1 pm la Newman Catholic College

My Romania Group

NOI UNIM COMUNITATEA

Va asteptam in fiecare **Duminica** intre orele

10 am -1 pm la **MAYFIELD SCHOOL**

Peddley Rd, RM8 1XE

Detalii la : **07856516312**

www.myromaniagroup.org

Conform statisticilor prin predarea materilor în limba materna, copiii își recapătă încrederea în sine, socializeaza, iar dialogul cu familia se îmbunătățește.



My Romania Group
Not just a community

