



The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this term draws to a close we have one more very important week ahead of us. Assemblies next week will be 'Celebration Assemblies' similar to those that we introduced at the end of the autumn term. Staff have been very busy nominating students across the school for a range of awards for this term including Subject Awards, Head of Year Awards, awards for 100% attendance and Chaplaincy Awards to name a few. On Friday next week we will also be holding Easter liturgies for all pupils in years 7-10.

Some pupils have mentioned that they have itchy scalps and there is the possibility that they have nits. Please can parents be vigilant about this by checking their child's hair and visiting a chemist for advice if necessary.

'The Young Shakespeare Company' - Macbeth

Last week, year 9 students enjoyed a visit from 'The Young Shakespeare Company' who performed key scenes from Macbeth and explored the play's themes, characters, staging and more.

Year 9 are currently studying Shakespeare's Macbeth and this performance and workshop enabled students to develop their understanding and see the scenes come to life through both traditional and modern interpretations.

The afternoon was very interactive and students offered suggestions on how key scenes might be staged. The actors tried out these suggestions much to the enjoyment of the students. Students were able to develop their understanding of the motivations behind the actions of characters as well as their understanding of the play as a whole. We even learnt a thing or two about stage fighting.

The afternoon was a huge success and was incredibly useful ahead of their Shakespeare assessments.



Primary Links

Lucy and Hannah informed me about how our pupils were truly OUTSTANDING last week. They said that they were an absolute pleasure to work with and they represented our school exceptionally well. To find out what they did, please read Jordan's report below.

Student Report by Jordan Booker

On Thursday 27th March, myself and four other students from the Chaplaincy team visited St Margaret Mary Catholic Primary School. During the day we led the pupils in different prayer style activities that helped them journey through Lent. This gave them time to pray and reflect. My favourite part of the day was getting to work with the younger children. I am very grateful for the opportunity and I hope I get to go again.



Taize Mass – Student Report by Mary Delaney

On Friday 21st April I went to a Taize style Mass in Birmingham with 14 other year 11 students. Mr Chawner who is one of the school governors helped organise the trip with Lucy Hurley. It wasn't an ordinary liturgy as it had a style that I had never seen before. My favourite part of the liturgy was the acceptance; everyone was accepted for who they were. We had lots of silent moments, which was very special. At the start we were all asked to move around and go and talk to someone we did not know.



I found this overwhelming in a great way. I had an opportunity to talk to some people from totally different walks of life which was great. Two other pupils from Cardinal Wiseman were asked to read and sing in their own language in front of everyone. They were a credit to our school and the community. At the end of the liturgy a cross was brought to the front of the room. The idea was that you would come forward and bow and place your head on the cross and pray to God. I was a bit scared but I did overcome my fears and walked up on my own and prayed. This takes place most weeks. I recommend you all give it a go.

Year 8 Parents' Evening – Questionnaire Analysis

Overleaf you will find the analysis of the questionnaires that were filled in by parents/carers following at the end of Parents' Evening last week. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to do this. As you can see, I have responded to the comments that were written.



Year 8 Parents' Questionnaire

March 2014 - Analysis



40 responses

No	Question	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know
1	My child is happy at this school	45%	47.5%		7.5%	
2	My child feels safe at this school	45%	45%	5%	2.5%	2.5%
3	My child makes good progress at this school	45%	50%	5%		
4	My child is well looked after at this school	45%	50%	5%		
5	My child is taught well at this school	47.5%	50%	2.5%		
6	My child receives appropriate homework for their age	30%	57.5%	5%	7.5%	
7	This school makes sure its pupils are well behaved	42.5%	50%	7.5%		
8	This school deals effectively with bullying	40%	52.5%	7.5%		
9	This school is well led and managed	40%	57.5%	2.5%		
10	This school responds well to any concerns I raise	47.5%	45%	7.5%		
11	I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress	35%	57.5%	2.5%		5%

No.	Question	Yes	No
12	Would you recommend this school to another parent?	87.5%	12.5%

If you would like comment on any of your answers, please write below and clearly indicate which question you are referring to.

I think Cardinal Wiseman are doing a wonderful job with my child – not just teaching but also caring and respecting my child and helping her to have the right values and feel happy to be at school. I love the schools' principles and priorities, which are not always as expected, but individual for each child according to their needs and what is right for them as an individual. My child feels valued which makes her want to come to school – thank you! **Head teacher response: Alongside the teachers, we have many support staff that help in so many ways to shape the lives of the children we serve. Reading your comment gives us all sense of pride.**


When my son first started in year 7, he was very quiet and not very confident. Over the first year we saw a definite improvement and he gained confidence. This improvement has carried on and now he is doing very well and full of confidence. This is all down to the support he has been given by all staff! Thank you so much. **Head teacher response: We have worked hard as school to develop our pupil's confidence in so many ways such as pupil-led assemblies and Debate Mate amongst other things.**

The school needs to pick up on their bullying policy. **Head teacher response: Bullying is a matter we take very seriously – if you are unhappy with how something has been dealt with please email me – cstewardson@cardinalwiseman.net**

I feel that as my child is in year 8 he seems to get a lot less homework than he got in year 7. I feel that at this stage he should at least have homework if not every night then every 2nd night. **Head teacher response: All year 8 pupils should be receiving weekly homework for English, Math's and Spanish which should be written down in their planners. They also have a Home Learning Project that they should be working on. These are set every three to five weeks. Pupils should spend approximately 7 hours on each Home Learning Project.**

Cannot fault the school. Absolute fantastic! My child is improving every year down to the hard work of her teachers. **Head teacher response: Thank you for being so supportive.**

The school should be at outstanding level!! It is well managed. Also delivers in all subjects. **Head teacher response: Thank you for your kind words. We are a rapidly improving school and we are very ambitious.**

Dates for your diary	
Week beginning 7 th April - Year 9 Exam Week	
14 th – 26 th April. Easter Holidays	
28 th April – Summer term starts	
28 th April – Year 11 Motivation Day	

Have a good weekend,

Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson

	<p>STAR OF THE WEEK!</p> <p>Sheri Matthews (11S)</p> <p>for an outstanding response to the poetry in a recent assessment</p> <p>Nominated by Mr Crawford</p>	
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	<p>STARS OF THE WEEK!</p> <p>All years</p>	
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Student	Class	Teacher	Reason
Abigail Whyke Weronika Wojcik Rebeca Karaliunaite Ayida Evans Lucy Burbridge Molly Mason Stanley Fraser Jordan Booker Grace O'Hanlon Adeola Shorinmade Luke Whitmore Faruz Coubadja-Toure	7C 7W 8C 8W 8S 9W	Hannah Clayton and Lucy Hurley	These pupils were outstanding representatives of Cardinal Wiseman school at St Margaret Mary Primary School. They led the younger pupils through Lenten prayer stations, whilst demonstrating excellent behaviour and leadership skills. Well done all of you!
Connor White Kane Murphy	8a1	Miss E Smith	Excellent safety and commitment in the workshop
Danielle Birch Taylor Richards-Moss Dannii Wilkinson Wilson Uwagboe Courtney Baigent Hani Mario George Patterson	11 History	Miss E Edwards	For continued hard work with revision, and exceeding their target grade in a recent test. Well done!! Keep up the hard work for a few more weeks.
Callum Brookes		Mr Sanghera	Completed extension task in maths and helped other students complete the extension task

George Battenbough Kane Knight	10 History	Mr Flynn	For improved work and effort in History.
Robin Aka Kerry-Ann Brannigan Lauren Chancellor Bethany Smith John Bragg	9S	Mr Allen	Fantastic effort in Shakespeare reading test.
Danielle Birch Emma Browne Demi Dolan Rayne Gordon Chloe James Vivien Luong Dannii Wilkinson	11C	Mr Allen	Achieved an A-grade in exam practice.
Amy Horne Charvett Morgan	8S	Mr D Vince	100% in recent reading quiz! Well done both!
Joshua Callan	8S	Mr D Vince	100% in the last 3 reading quizzes! Superb Josh!
Prince N'Guessan Dominic McPherson	9W 9S	Mr Beckett	Outstanding leadership skills in a group performance/composition.
Taylor-Richards Moss George Patterson Kai Mendes San Dosomu Jonathan Harvey Adam Patrick	11W	Mr Mulcrow	Sustained A* performance in recent assessments
Bethany Delves	10A	Miss Nuttall	Fantastic effort to Gaelic football and showing superb evaluation of skills and performance.
Reece Henderson	7C	Miss Crown	Dedication shown in his RE lessons and outstanding use of key words in written tasks.
Joshua Nicholson Charlie Bath Corey Arnold	8S	Miss Crown	Improved behaviour and attitude noted towards class work in RE
Sam Conway Miguel Cunningham Mollie Cowley Kyle Shepherd	11S	Miss Crown	Showing commitment towards their revision in RE. Keep it up! :)
John Bragg Robin Aka Elian Kahuna Bukky Ajentunmobi Christian Lukoki	9 Hist	Mr Flynn	Very good effort in History this week
Konnie Slattery	8S	Mrs Smith	An outstanding sculpture handed in for her Art home learning project. The whole Art department is very impressed. Well done!

Declan Prosser Jordan McKenzie Torrion Webber Osarodion Rehbaum Louis Prom Paris Palmer	7b2	Mrs Smith	Great start to Graphics project. Excellent effort shown. Well done!
Ellis Truman Sian Gaynor Natalie Mieczynska Tembe Mhlope Leon Sullivan Liam Poyner-Roberts Billy Booth Przemek Kamrowski Ellesse Malone	9F	Mr D Vince	Fantastic group work during a recent RE lesson producing some brilliant work! Well done!
Kajal Patel	10	Mr Poole	For producing an outstanding piece of research homework on Julian Opie (Art)
Christina Swoffer	10	Mr Poole	For superb controlled assessment page demonstrating knowledge and understanding of the New library of Birmingham. (Graphics)
Morgan Bell	10	Mr Poole	For producing an excellent research page in Graphics.