



The Friday Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Challenge Curriculum

Numerous pupils in years 7 and 8 took the opportunity to either present or exhibit their Challenge curriculum work to family and friends between 5.30 and 6.30pm on either Wednesday or Thursday 12th February. The parents and carers who attended were well and truly impressed with the quality of the work that their children had produced and were even more impressed by the fact that their children were able to present their own work in a variety of different ways.

Here is a brief summary for each Challenge subject:

French – pupils served French food and drink in a French style café.

Sport – pupils explained and demonstrated how to play Tchouckball.

Environmental Studies – presented their posters and work regarding their energy month campaign, to encourage people to turn the lights off.

Creative Writing – pupils presented their creative writing projects, on a topic of their choice.



The year 7 and 8 Challenge French groups serving up a real treat.



Reace, Regan and Evie present their work on saving energy - Environmental Studies Challenge group.



Year 8 Tchouckball Team

Well done to the students and staff involved and thank you to the parents and carers who came along to support their child at this event. I am so proud of you!

World Book Day, March 5th, 2015

World Book Day takes place on Thursday March 5th and this year, we want to celebrate it in a BIG way! Pupils in years 7 and 8 have been invited to come into school dressed as their favourite fictional character, ensuring the character is from a book and not a film. Pupils in years 9-11 are to come into school in their own clothes but must donate £1 and bring in an old, unwanted book to donate. We have partnered with the charity, Promoting Global Learning, and through this organisation, we would like to send as many books as possible to children in Ghana, where 1 in 10 children have never even held a book. All money raised during the day will go to this charity, helping to promote reading across the world and to help children in less fortunate countries and environments.

If there are any pupils in years 7 or 8 who do not want to dress up as their favourite fictional character, they can come into school in their own clothes, but like years 9-11, must donate an old book and £1 to charity.

The teachers have also been encouraged to dress up in fancy dress and a photographer from the Great Barr Observer will be around school to capture what can only be a successful day!

Miss Hennessy

House Poetry Competition

Before half-term, Key Stage 3 students took part in a poetry competition, with a St Valentine's theme. Having studied ballads (Year 8) and poetry forms (Year 7) since Christmas, they were well-equipped to produce some moving work, and they didn't disappoint. There were an impressive total of 31 entries into the competition, and the standard was high, with excellent use of the poetry techniques students learned about in class.

In third place was Sunshyne Hayes, with her poem achieving 20 points for Newman house. In second place was Mugthalana Allet, with her poem gaining 30 points for Teresa. And the overall winner was Jake French, with his poem earning 40 points for Bosco house. It impressed the judges with its thoughtful use of the acrostic form, and is printed below.

Poem by Jake French, Year 8 Newman (winner)

L *Love*. Love is more than a word or emotion. If you feel love it feels like a power, a force, a bond between two people/souls destined to meet each other and fall in love.

O *Over-powering*. Sometimes love can over-power us and make us do things for someone.

V *Valuable*. When you love someone you feel the need to impress them, but you don't, you need to make them feel loved and valued.

E *Encouraging*. Love is encouraging, it helps you to build confidence to do things you couldn't do before

**'Let us always meet each other with a smile, for a smile is the beginning of love' -
Mother Teresa**

PTA Raffle

The drawer for the first PTA raffle was made at the beginning of the one of the Showtime performances to the pupils on Friday 13th. Here are the results:

1 st prize - £50 voucher	Julia Dilinskas
2 nd prize - £20 voucher	Julia Dilinskas
3 rd prize - £10 voucher	Lucy Hurley

Many congratulations to the winners, in particular Julia Dilinskas who against all of odds won both 1st and 2nd prizes.



Nigel Madya one of our year 7 French horn players has recently taken part in a workshop and concert with two French Horn specialists at the Adrian Boult Hall in the city centre. As part of Birmingham Music Service's 'Inspire Series' Nigel joined up with other French horn and trombone players from across the city. Well done and many congratulations Nigel.

Breakfast Club

There has been a lot about school breakfast clubs in the media in recent months. Increasing numbers of children are arriving at school having not had breakfast which can impact negatively on their learning and behaviour. Breakfast Clubs have been proven to have a positive impact on punctuality, academic results, concentration, behaviour and attainment and many more schools are looking to introduce a breakfast club.

This is why at Cardinal Wiseman we are dedicated to ensuring that every child starts the day with the right breakfast as fuel for learning. This is why we provide a free, nutritious breakfast for our pupils. The breakfast club runs every school day between 8.00- 8.30 in Food Technology (Room 18) so please encourage your children to use this amazing facility.



Food Technology Room 18


Everyday

8.00AM – 8.30 AM

Have a good weekend.

Yours sincerely

Christina Stewardson

Dates for your diary	
Thursday 5 th March – World Book Day	
Week beginning 9 th March – Year 9 Test Week	
Week beginning 16 th March – Star Reading Tests	
Thursday 19 th March – Year 7 Parents' Evening	
Thursday 26 th March – Year 8 Options Evening	

Superstar of the week

Tanaka Kutsonga

for reading aloud Shakespearean English confidently and fluently on a regular basis.

Nominated by Miss Hennessy

Subject:	Person and Reason:	Class	Nominated by:
Physical Education	KS3: Jack Purcell - For superb attitude and execution when performing progressive dives within swimming.	7 E	Mr Matthews
	KS4: Jack Steele - for continuous good work within GCSE PE Coursework.	10 GCSE	Mrs Morgan
Maths	KS3: Hubertas Varanauskas for a consistently excellent attitude to Mathematics.	8 W2	Mr Bates
	KS4: James O'Brien - for a consistently excellent attitude to Mathematics.	10S	Miss O'Connor
English	KS3: Brayanna Simpson - for consistently showing an excellent attitude to learning and a real commitment to improvement.	7W1	Miss Kelly
	KS4: See Superstar of the Week		
Science	KS3: Jade Taylor - for excellent practical and discussion work on exothermic and endothermic reactions	8W	Miss Kharod
	KS4: Sinead Wickett – for an excellent grade in her recent P1 assessment.		
DT	KS3: Marko Knezo - Excellent attention to detail within practical work	8W2	Miss E Smith
	KS4: Jason Cullen - Producing a detailed and justified specification	9OP	
Art	KS3: Dominic Clark -always giving 100% effort in art lessons. A polite and helpful young man with an excellent attitude to learning.	year 7	Miss Gamble
	KS4: Cara Bellingham - showing unique creativity in the composition of her sketchbook.	year 9	

R.E.	KS3: Marc Gamwell - Wonderful behaviour and contribution to lessons.	7W2	Miss Grattidge Mrs Meersand
	KS4: Coran Allen - For consistent hard work in RE and excellent focus when completing exam questions	10	
History	KS3: Amy O'Brien - Helpful and positive every lesson	7W2	Miss Edwards
	KS4: Kayleigh Bailey - Positive attitude towards her History lessons.	10 opt 1	
Geography	KS3: Rhayanna Simpson - Excellent class work in Geography	7e1	Mrs Bidde
	KS4: Jordan Booker - Excellent attitude and class work in Geography	9opt2	Mrs Biddle
Chaplaincy	KS3: Reece Henderson - A positive attitude during his class liturgy in the chapel-well done!	8W1	Lay Chaplains
	KS4: Lauren McCracken - Excellent attitude towards school life	9W	
Computing	KS3: Mughthala Allet - Independent work on sequencing and variables in Scratch.	8E1	
Drama	KS3: Shanay Teale - For always trying her hardest in Drama lessons and her positive attitude.	8E2	
	KS4: Arron Ward - Excellent evaluation of his practical work.	10 op2	
Music	KS3: Julia Dilinkas - For three excellent explanations of musical terms.	7W1	
	KS4: Connor Goddard-Smith for his work composing a melody and excellent attitude to learning	Yr 10 Music	
Spanish	KS3: Demi Savage - For inquisitive questioning and figuring the answer to her question for herself.	7W1	Mr Beckett
Child Development	KS4: Abigail Hancox - A positive attitude to learning and always taking great care in the presentation of her work.	YR 9 opt 2	Mrs Jinks
LSC	KS3: Tyler Prosser for very good attitude towards maths and English.	7W2	Mr Darby
	KS4: Leah Markland - for always working hard and having a good attitude to the task.	10	Miss Bygrave