



The Friday Letter

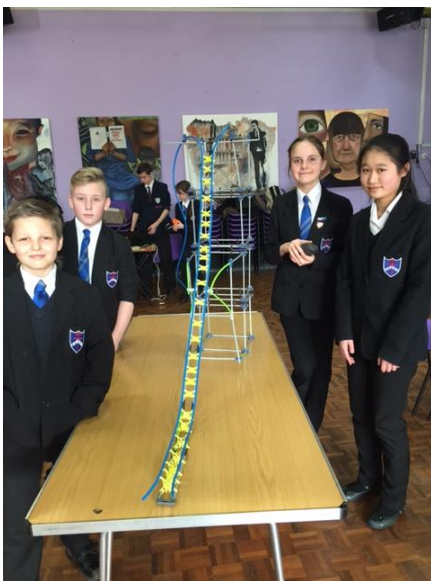
Dear Parents/Carers,

CW Science pupils are STEM champions!

On Friday 20th March a group of Year 8 Science pupils attended the second Annual Catholic Partnership STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) event at Archbishop Ilsley School.

The event was a great success, enjoyed by both pupils and teachers.

Pupils took part in three exciting STEM challenges: “Designing Rollercoasters”; “Soundproofing boxes” and “Building Cranes” – all of which challenged the students to work together and draw on their subject knowledge.



The Cardinal Wiseman team of Connie Luong, Rebeca Karaliunaite, James Lawler and Decklan Prosser were crowned overall winners beating all of the other secondary Catholic schools in Birmingham after coming first in the ‘Building Crane’ challenge and second in both “Designing Rollercoasters” and “Soundproofing boxes”.

“The pupils really enjoyed getting to put their Science knowledge into practice to solve problems, while working as part of a team. The attitude and effort demonstrated by our pupils during all 3 challenges was exceptional. They were a credit to the school – I’m sure all the other schools will be practising for next year’s event trying to steal our crown!”
Mrs Riley, Assistant Head.



Rewards Assemblies

The face of rewards is rapidly changing at Cardinal Wiseman with the introduction of many initiatives such as the revamped Star of the Week, Praise Postcards and extended breaktimes being amongst a few of the ways that pupils from the School Council wanted to see change with the rewards system.

This week's assemblies have been special 'Rewards Assemblies' which have been led by Mr Matthews. The focus has been on progress and teachers were asked to nominate the pupil who has made the most progress in each class since September. This resulted in 167 certificates being handed out over the course of the week. This is a fantastic achievement.

The highlight of the awards assemblies was the 'Head of Year Awards' for those students that have shown OUTSTANDING achievement in the past 2 terms. Please see the list below:

Year 7: Kandida Khalil, Alicia Fagen, Arron Aka-Onyeukwi and Lauren McGuinness

Year 8: Ryan Whatley, Breakthrough Akanbi, Connie Luong and Jack Cassidy.

Year 9: Jason Cullen, Jordan Booker and Cecilia Luong

Year 10: Bailey Jarrett, Thomas Lafferty and Bethany Smith

Mr Matthews would like to pass on his congratulations to every student who received a certificate and also to all of the staff for nominating the pupils.

Year 11 Rewards Trip - Paintballing

Year 11 enjoyed a fantastic day of paintballing on Monday. In four teams, students played five rounds against each other on a variety of different challenging courses. We were extremely impressed with their strategies, team work and leadership skills throughout the day. It was wonderful to see students blowing off some steam and working together before their revision-filled Easter break.

Particular congratulations are in order for Natalia Brown, Kurtis Brooks, Charlotte Pearsall and Bethany Mallett. These four students were praised for their teamwork and paintballing skills and each received a certificate, medal and paintballing vouchers. Well done to all involved!

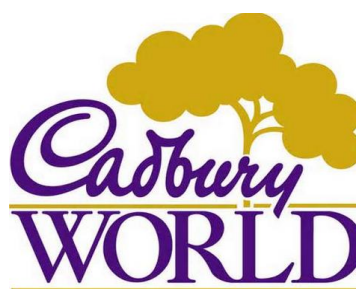


Fairtrade Assembly



On Wednesday 11th March 2015 we, the students at Cardinal Wiseman had an assembly on fair trade. We had a visitor called Patricia who came from the local area and from a company called tradecraft and Patricia spoke to us about fair trade. She began by showing us several different logos and most of us knew what each logo was. The final logo she showed us was the fair trade logo, and then she went to say that we should buy fair trade and that she refuses to buy any things that are not fair trade as she is a strong supporter of fair trade. Report by Stacey Cawser and Emily Elson.

Last week on the 11th of March we had a fair-trade assembly about how and where fair-trade happens. A nice lady came to are school called Patricia and she told us that fair-trade helps and that without fair trade people would not be able to eat a day. She told us that we can get fair-trade things in most countries. Now we know we can tell our family to buy it because it is a good thing to do and that it helps families around the world. Report by Ronaldo Burrell.



Year 7 Trip to Cadbury World



On Friday 13th March year 7 have the opportunity to visit Cadbury World to enhance their learning about Fairtrade. Whilst we were at Cadbury World the students had a tour around the factory and were able to see how the chocolate was made. The students also had a talk from one of the employees about how Cadbury World works with poor countries to improve their quality of life and give them a better price for their crops. All the students had a fantastic day and enjoyed all the free chocolate. Mrs. Biddle.

I would like to wish all of our Year 11 students all the best with their revision over the Easter break. This is a great opportunity for them to have spend time consolidating their learning to give them the best possible chance with their life changing examinations in May and June. Little and often is the key to success.

Have a happy and holy Easter.

Yours sincerely,

Christina Stewardson

Dates for your diary	
Monday 13 th April – Summer term begins.	
Week beginning 13 th April – Year 10 Test Week	
Thursday 16 th April 4.30-7pm – Year 9 Parents' Evening	

