



# Monthly Mail – June

Dear parent/carers,

## Parents and Carers Making the Difference

Since becoming Headteacher at Cardinal Wiseman I have written to parents and carers on numerous occasions about the importance of your attendance at Parents' Evenings. I am so pleased to be able to inform you about the fantastic improvement in the number of parents and carers who have attended this year. The figures in the table below speak for themselves.

Year Group 2014-2015	Percentage of parents who attended 2014-2015	Year Group 2015-2016	Percentage of parents who attended 2015-2016	Difference
10	60%	11	82%	+22%
9	56%	10	July 2016	July 2016
8	54%	9	77%	+23%
7	57%	8	90%	+33%
		7	90%	
Average	58%		85%	+26%

Parents' must never underestimate the importance that they have in developing and improving their child's education. All of our parental questionnaires clearly state that parents feel better placed to support their child with their learning after attending parents' evening. Attending sends the right message to your child – it shows to them that school is important to you. I would like to thank you to all of you have attended this year.

## Year 10 Parents' Evening is on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July

### Music in the City



On Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May Amy O'Brien (Yr 8), J'Nai Clarke and Perry Lindo (both yr 9) performed with Birmingham Schools Steel Band at the Adrian Boult Hall. The concert organised by Birmingham Music Service was titled 'Last Night at The ABH' as the concert hall, which is part of Birmingham Conservatoire, is sadly being demolished as part of the Central Library and Paradise Forum redevelopment. With J'Nai playing soprano pan, Amy tenor pans, and Perry drum kit the group performed four pieces: 'Why do fools fall in love', 'Under the sea', 'Game of thrones' and 'Can you feel the love tonight' led by our steel pan teacher Mr Philip.

Then on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May Ethan Bailey played trumpet with Birmingham Schools Training Brass Band in the foyer of Symphony Hall. Well done to all our young musicians for taking the opportunity to perform in two of the finest venues in the Birmingham.

## National Thrill Week @ Alton Towers



### Student Report by Matthew Fleming 9Be

The most thrilling day of my life!

Wow, what a fantastic experience! I could describe this day in so many ways; fantastic, amazing and awesome.

We started the day with a science show about roller coasters. The presenter gave us many interesting facts about the roller coasters e.g. the Rita travels at 62 mph and it also accelerates faster than a F1 car. We worked on calculations involving force, mass, acceleration and kinetic energy.

We then had some time to enjoy the rides; Oblivion, Pinball Wizzer, Nemesis and many more. I would thoroughly recommend going to Alton Towers, it's one of the best theme parks I have ever been too.

Huge thanks to Miss Kharod for organising this.

Monday proves to me no matter what the weather or how bleak the day may look, you can always learn, have fun and enjoy yourself.

## STEM Event

(Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)

### Student Report by Weronika Wojcik 9NE

I really enjoyed the Energy Quest STEM Workshop because it helped me to understand that without engineering we would not have many things in life. The workshop opened my eyes and made me think I should really consider a career in engineering in the future.

During the workshop we took part in 2 fun activities that showed me that engineering is hard but very interesting.



## ATTENDANCE @ CARDINAL WISEMAN MAY 2016

Whole school attendance for the year so far: 96.30%

Year group attendance:

Year 7: 96.74%



Year 8: 95.84%  
 Year 9: 96.21% -up from last month  
 Year 10: 95.80% -up from last month  
 Year 11: 96.98%

Well done to Years 9 & 10 who continue to make an improvement on their attendance.

**Percentage of Students with 90% below attendance: 6.23%**

**In order for us continue to maintain good attendance this has unfortunately seen 3 of our parents being given penalty notices and fines issued in January 2016 and 1 parent in May 2016, after being placed on our spotlight campaign.**

**NOTE: Last days of terms/ non-school uniform days are ALL COMPULSORY school days where all children MUST attend.**

**End of term May 27<sup>th</sup> = 65 of our pupils absent from school.**

## NEC Gardeners World Show - Meal in a Wheelbarrow Competition

Year 7 challenge students have been involved in a wheelbarrow competition for the Gardeners World Show at the NEC. The brief of the competition was to grow a meal in a wheelbarrow. The students decided they wanted to grow a curry. We looked at what we needed to grow to ensure we had all the ingredients. The students planted coriander, potatoes, peas, chilli, onions and garlic. The students have worked hard to make our Wheelbarrow look fantastic and colourful. Well done to Demi Lei Day, Mckenzie Bibb and Libby White-Ward who have worked very hard to ensure the wheelbarrow was ready for the competition.

Mrs Biddle



Dates for your diary	
Year 11 Prom – Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	
New academic year (all year groups move to their new timetables) Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	
World of Work Week – week beginning 27 <sup>th</sup> June	
Induction Evening for Parents' of pupils in Year 6 – Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> June 4 – 6pm	
Induction Day for pupils in Years 6 – Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> June	
Current Year 10 – Mock exams – Week beginning 4 <sup>th</sup> July	
Sports Day – Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> July (weather permitting)	
Enrichment Week – Week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> July	
Year 10 Parents' Evening – Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> July 4.30-7pm	
Awards Evening (Years 7-10) - Thur 21 <sup>st</sup> July 7-11pm	
Please see the calendar on the school website for further dates and key events.	





# Make a Splash!

On Friday 22nd April, Cardinal Wiseman School made a huge splash of cover for CAFOD's Lenten water appeal. We chose to 'Make a Splash' in many different ways including nail and face painting, bright and colourful cake and ice cream sales, and own clothes day and members of staff put themselves in the stocks while the students paid for sponges to throw at them!

A condition of the own clothes day was that everyone was to wear a Splash of colour in their own clothes. We had bright coloured trainers, hats, neon wigs and tutu's which really brightened up our classrooms and school halls! During break and lunch times' cakes, doughnuts, waffles and even ice cream was sold which contributed to the total of £600 that the students were over the moon to have raised.

Mrs Jenks from Cardinal Wiseman said, 'the atmosphere at lunch was so exciting, and to see pupils come together and share the experience and joy that was throughout the whole school'.

Megan Cox, one of the lay chaplains said, 'The students really understood they were raising money for the less fortunate and that they have the right to make a difference. As we do more of these days their understanding develops and grows'.

One year 10 student said, 'I really enjoyed the day because we weren't just giving away money, we were getting something from it which made me happy and I hope the people we will help will be happy too. I particularly enjoyed throwing the sponges at the teachers!'



Mr Beckett getting soaked!

## New Millionaires at Cardinal Wiseman!

Pupils who have read over a million words this school year belong to a select group of Accelerated Reader Millionaires. A word count is generated each time a pupil reads a book and then takes a reading practice quiz online using our Accelerated Reader software. Who wouldn't want to become a 'millionaire' and join this exclusive club?

We now find ourselves with more pupils who have joined our elite **Millionaires' Club**. Our latest Millionaires' are Tayla Judge, Hayley Teoh and Keavy Murdock who have all read over one million words!

We would like to say a huge congratulations to them!





Yours sincerely,

Christina Stewardson

*It is essential that parents/carers keep the school informed about any changes to your contact details.*

*Previous editions of Monthly Mail can be found on the school website in the News and Events tab.*

*The main office hours are from 8am to 4.30pm.*

## Headteacher's Stars

Pupil name	Year/Class	Award	Reason
Lucy Morris	10	<b>Head of Year 10</b>	For being resilient through her exams and always trying her best - it will pay off!
Rianne Smith	Year 10	<b>Business Star</b>	Independent primary research for Business controlled assessment.
Lois Creta	& Ne	<b>PE/Sport Star</b>	Dedication and commitment to extra-curricular activities and representing the school teams.

Pupil name	Year/Class	Award	Reason
Katie Coady	7Ne	<b>Reading Star</b>	For reading over 2.5 million words so far this year during DEAR! Well done Katie!
ALL of year 11	11	<b>Head of Year 11</b>	For their fantastic work ethic through a very stressful exam period. We are all very proud of your hard work and dedication. Good luck!
Weronika Wojcik	9	<b>Head of Year 9</b>	Excellent contribution to discussions in the year 9 STEM event and resilience with practical challenges.

James Seager Nickita Kelleher Luke Moore Katie Glasgow McKenzie Bibb	7	<b>Head of Year 7</b>	For consistently showing a fantastic attitude to learning
Yonatan Tiruneh Steven Deathridge Priya McLean	10	<b>Maths Star</b>	For a consistently excellent attitude to mathematics
Brayanna Simpson Dylan Green	8	<b>English Star</b>	Working really hard towards a recent Shakespeare assessment
Liam Driscoll	9	<b>Science Star</b>	Excellent verbal contributions during the Science of Roller Coasters show at Alton Towers
Demi-Lee Whitehouse	8ne	<b>Geography Star</b>	Excellent answers to a GCSE style question.
Kelsey Kennedy	8Bo	<b>MFL Star</b>	For a superb speaking presentation on clothes
Dominic Clarke Kieran Roe	8Te	<b>Computing Star</b>	Excellent home learning projects - videos created used as an introduction to the unit in lesson.
All pupils	9MAG and 10 Opts	<b>Child Dev. Star</b>	For working extremely hard each lesson and for your first class dedication and laughter throughout the year. I wish you every success in years to come.
Shanay Teale	9MAG	<b>Drama Star</b>	Really stepping up her attitude towards lessons and dedication towards improving.
Lucy Burbridge	Year 10	<b>Art Star</b>	Positive attitude to learning and dedication to personal artist research
Nial Culley	10op1	<b>Food Star</b>	For improved attitude towards work and being tenacious.
Kelston Carty	7	<b>Music Star</b>	Working with such great enthusiasm throughout the year in Music and Challenge Music.
Weronika Lopko	9Be	<b>Chaplaincy Star</b>	For being an outstanding chaplaincy team member. Well done! :)