



Monthly Mail – November 2016

Dear parent/carer,

The Big Sleep Out

Staff and students from Cardinal Wiseman swapped their comfy bedrooms to sleep rough for the night to raise money for St Basil's charity that helps homeless young people.

We started our evening with an opening liturgy led by Jonny our new Lay Chaplain. The pupils had an opportunity to reflect on how they can show kindness to others.

The 21 youngsters and 8 staff put themselves in the shoes of the homeless, with just coats, sleeping bags and cardboard boxes to brave the elements overnight, away from modern creature comforts.

The event on Friday 18th November aimed to raise awareness of youth homelessness and the pupils worked incredibly hard to raise over £1000. It was a brilliant experience to be a part of, watching our young people show such compassion and love for people that they may never meet and having the opportunity to make such a great impact to the work of St Basil's. Lucy Chapman



Age limits for social media

From the Social Times website:

Twitter doesn't ask your age when you sign up, but Facebook does, and on Facebook the minimum age requirement is a hard and fast 13. It's the same number on Instagram, Pinterest, Tumblr, Reddit, Snapchat and Secret, too. The minimum age on LinkedIn is 14. On WhatsApp it's 16, and on Vine it's 17. Some platforms, such as YouTube, WeChat and Kik, have a minimum age required of 18, although kids aged 13-17 can sign up with parent's permission.

Most-Able Maths

On the 3rd of November 2016, five of the most-able students in Maths participated in a Maths Challenge, that took place at Cardinal Newman Catholic School. Overall the event was a very positive experience, with our school playing third out of the eight that took part, which is the best result EVER achieved by students from Cardinal Wiseman. This was a very proud moment for our school, as it shows significant improvement in the Maths Department. Even though the event held some of the most challenging GCSE and some A-level questions, due to hard work and excellent teaching, we were placed upon the podium, which was a very proud moment for us. Steven Deathridge (Year 11)

The Year of Mercy continued.....

The Year of Mercy played a very big role within Cardinal Wiseman, as we came towards the end of the year of the Church we were determined to ensure the pupils will have the ability to carry the Year of Mercy message forward.

We started the day celebrating our achievements over the past year during a whole school mass. with special guest Fr Alan, along with Fr Eddie from Maryvale Institute, and our school Chaplain Fr Eamon. After this we welcomed our guests Maria and Vicki from BCYS, Kevin Lawrie, Paschal Uche, Limnyuy Gamsi and Alex Noad from Oscott, along with Sister Gillian Murphy.

We had a variety of workshops and talks throughout the day lead by staff members and guests. We did a workshop on Pope Francis, and his messages for the Year of Mercy, the pupils then had the opportunity to write a letter which will be addressed to Pope Francis and sent to the Vatican. Fr Alan spent the day in the hall filling us with inspiration with talks showing us how possible it is to advance our faith, and relationship with Christ.

The day was a huge success, we thank all the guests, staff and pupils for making it such an enjoyable day.

Jonny Leybourne





Extra-Curricular PE

This term we have had many fixtures including football, netball, table tennis and basketball. Currently, our football team stand top of their league over the winter break thanks to the excellent success and progress the team have made this year.

The basketball season has kicked off with a bang with the year 10 team beating Hodge Hill School. Netball has had a thriving array of games for all years with year 8/9 team beating Hodge Hill Girls within a competitive league.

We are soon to compete in table tennis and further basketball and netball fixtures.

Twitter is updated regularly with results of our progress. In order to keep updated with the latest pupil sporting success please follow our school twitter.

In our other extra-curricular activities, we have seen the launch of our PE Open House clubs. This is where pupils attend after school and actively select the activities that are taking place. On Monday night it is Key Stage 4 (Years 9-11) and on Thursday night it is Key Stage 3 (Years 7-8). Please come on down and join in the fun, which is selected by you. The introduction of open house has seen increased attendances and over the two nights. We currently have 89 members regularly attending each week.

Please come on down and enjoy the fantastic opportunity.



New Choir @ CW

A brand new choir has started at Cardinal Wiseman.

Under the direction of Mrs Prince who is an incredibly dynamic vocal specialist, students are taught to sing harmonies with confidence. They are already rehearsing for the Senior Citizens Christmas Party and will be preparing songs for Showtime 2017.



If you enjoy singing, come along to room 41 (main Music room) after school on Wednesday's. Rehearsals finish at 4pm.

Read it?
Watch it!

Not sure if the book is better than the film, or vice versa?

Like reading, but like the film too?
Read it, watch it will solve all of your problems!

Read a book, watch the film & decide which is better!

98% of people will agree the novel grabs your imagination more than a film! Come and see for yourselves!

Ofsted Quotes

Last month, I wrote to all parents about our most recent Ofsted Inspection and sent a copy of the inspection report to all parents. In each edition of the Monthly Mail I am going to share some of my favourite quotes because as a school we should continue to praise the immense effort and fantastic team spirit that has led us to being officially graded as good.

Pupils are polite, well behaved and appreciative of the many opportunities that the school offers. They feel safe in school and know how to keep themselves safe in a range of situations. Ofsted Report Sept 2016


Pupils' positive attitudes to learning contribute to a calm and purposeful learning environment. Pupils take pride in their work, work together well, participate in lessons and show respect to their teachers. Pupils speak highly of the support and encouragement they receive from their teachers. The harmonious atmosphere that prevails in classrooms reflects leaders' drive to create a positive culture of learning. Ofsted Report Sept 2016

Pupils have a very good understanding of the different types of bullying, including homophobic, sexual and cyber-bullying, and know why all types of bullying are unacceptable. They say that bullying is rare and that teachers deal with it well. Ofsted Report Sept 2016

As you can see, the quotes above focus on our pupils. It makes me so proud to read these. It is a great acknowledgment of what we already knew about our pupils.

Yours sincerely,

Christina Stewardson

Dates for your diary	
Year 10 Careers Fair – Wed 30 th November 8.45am to 12.55pm	
Year 11 Revision Day - Friday 2nd December School is closed to pupils in Years 7-10	
Year 9 Exam Week – week beginning 28 th November	
Tuesday 6 th December – Senior Citizens Christmas Party	
Tue 6 th December – Year 11 Mock Interview Day	
Thur 15 th December – Wiseman Day – school finishes at 12.30pm	
Fri 16 th December – End of the Term Mass – school finishes at 12.30pm	
Thur 5 th January – Year 9 Parents' Evening	

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

Previous editions of the Monthly Mail can be found on the school website.

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



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