



## May 2018 - Monthly Mail

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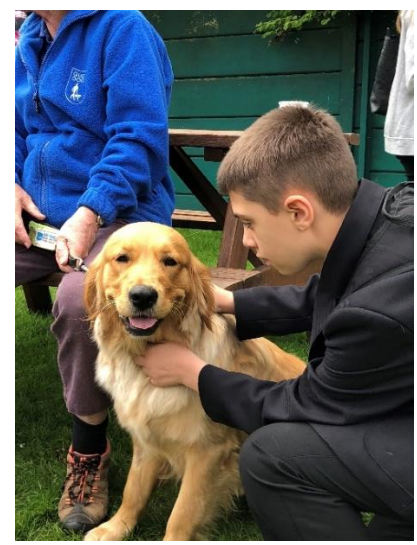
# Staff Swim Raises Over £1000 for Charity



During the month of May, members of staff have been 'Swimming 100' to raise money for the charity Guide Dogs for the Blind. There has been lots of training before school in the pool and now our 100-length swims have been completed! It took just under an hour for each member of staff to swim 100 lengths of our school pool, which is quite an achievement.

Thank you to all of you who donated when our visitors and their trainee guide dogs came into school recently. You were very generous and your donations are very much appreciated.

It was a really lovely afternoon and it was so nice to see so many students joining in and making our visitors feel so welcome.



# So far we have raised a whopping £1083.77!

Here is why we have supported Guide Dogs for the Blind:

Every hour, another person in the UK goes blind.

180,000 people with sight loss rarely leave home alone.

Almost 2 million people in the UK are living with sight loss. By 2050, there could be nearly 4 million.

The charity Guide Dogs relies on donations to continue their life changing work. Every pound raised makes a difference to people in the UK living with sight loss.

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## **ATTENDANCE @ CARDINAL WISEMAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

### **#ATTENDANCEMATTERS!**

**Whole school Attendance for Year So Far: 96.17%**

#### **Attendance By Year Group:**

**YEAR 7: 95.53%**

**YEAR 8: 95.64%**

**YEAR 9: 96.44%**

**YEAR 10: 96.14%**

**YEAR 11: 96.21%**

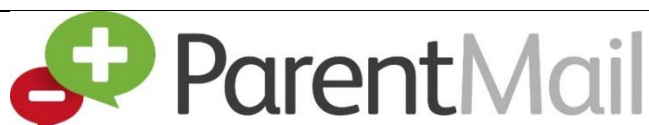
**Well done to all years!**

Percentage of Students with 90% below attendance: 7.65%

Holiday in term time will NOT be authorised - unfortunately, a parent was fined this term for leave in term time.

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

## ***ATTEND TODAY ACHIEVE TOMMORROW***



**The best parental engagement system in the UK**

On the 16th April we launched ParentMail. This means you can top up dinner money, view your child's meal choices, pay for trips and purchase revision guides or ties/badges.

We're using +Pay on ParentMail – an online payment service which allows you to pay for school items on your smartphone, tablets or computer, or on the free parent App. We will inform you about items you need to pay through ParentMail, and you will be able to pay electronically, with money transferred directly into the school bank account – it is all very easy, safe and secure.

If you have not yet received an activation email, please contact reception to provide your email address or alternately email - [enquiry@cardinalwiseman.net](mailto:enquiry@cardinalwiseman.net).



# Summer Term 1 Spelling Bee Competition

Each half-term we run the Spelling Bee Competition, open to students from Years 7 to 10. This term 12 students participated, each chosen to represent their form, along with a group of supporting form spectators. Congratulations to all pupils who took part, and well done to our winner, Shoana Coleran!

Admittedly, each half-term the Spelling Bee becomes more challenging, with four rounds in total. We begin with Round 1 words, such as: 'Divine' and 'Routine', eventually moving to Round 4 words, such as: 'Chameleon' and 'Effervescent.' Well we did warn you, they are challenging vocabulary choices, but they are also proving to be great fun, as those who participate and spectate know.

## **Reasons we encourage our pupils to join our half-termly Spelling Bee Competition**

Encouraging our pupils to enter the half-termly Spelling Bee Competition results in many benefits, as the competition not only provides a valuable educational experience for those involved, but also engages them in healthy competition, leading to a well-balanced and educational/fun activity. We do not merely involve rote learning of words, rather, the competition is a comprehensive learning process allowing all to learn definitions, pronunciation and roots of words. We believe this is why so many are keen to take part (although the prizes to be won, also seem to motivate interest!).

All competitors compete in a perfect environment with spectators and staff members (including our Headteacher) who are so supportive, and very professional, thus proving that brain activity for all is enhanced, whether you're sat looking *at* the audience, or sat looking *at* the competitors! Everyone benefits in varying ways – from learning grammar, enhancing vocabulary, building greater knowledge and embedding friendly rivalry, which stimulates that competitive spirit.

Our next competition will be **Summer Term 2, Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2018.** Hope to see you there!

## **Funny moment from competition:**

**Pronouncer:** 'Your word is: 'FRUSTRATING.'

**Pupil Competitor:** 'Oh, I'm so sorry, do you want me to come over and help you with it?'

**Pronouncer:** 'DOH!'

## Stay Hydrated

Reminder that pupils must bring a bottle of water to school that they can re-fill during break and lunchtime. Pupils should not have to go to reception to ask for water.

We do not allow pupils to bring energy drinks in to school.

# Carnival day at Cardinal Wiseman

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2018



On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May, Cardinal Wiseman hosted another carnival day after the success of last year, in order to continue raising funds for Somar Education in Brazil. The Somar Education Centre provides further tuition for students who don't have access to a full and rich education. The centre works alongside the minimal and often disjointed schooling system already in place, which allows the students to pursue their dreams and aspirations and achieve all that they are capable of and more.

To raise valuable funds for the centre the students came into school in their own clothes and were encouraged to dress brightly to coincide with our carnival theme for the day. Our students each gave one pound to wear their own clothes but their generosity didn't stop there: throughout the day we were also selling ice creams and doughnuts as well as offering face painting and glitter for a small donation.



We were treated to performances by our steel drum band, which is made up of students from across y7- y10 as well as a specially choreographed dance routine performed by a KS4 dance troop. With all of this going on at break and lunch, there was a real buzz around the school!

We are so proud of our students for their continued support and enthusiasm for this cause – we are proudly partnered with the work of the Somar education system and we will continue to support them further in the coming years.

As a result of our carnival day here in school we raised over £500!  
What an achievement!



## Year 9 Birmingham Grand Central GCSE Trip

Throughout this trip, we have developed many key skills as well as knowledge of our city Birmingham. On our trip, we went to one of Birmingham's main attractions, Grand Central. We wanted to see the impact of Grand Central on the surrounding area. We were able to explore the city and had to conduct research throughout the day. Our investigation started off at New Street seeing the different land uses and recording them in our research booklets. Later, we were given the chance to ask people our questionnaire and discover people's views on Grand Central. In the afternoon, we went to Grand Central and completed the same activities so we are able to compare the two areas. One of the highlights of the day was when we were able to conduct our own research in Grand Central. This gave us the opportunity to explore Birmingham and gain a better idea of how Grand Central has impacted the surrounding area. Overall, this trip was much fun and we would like to experience this again.

**Student report by Naomi, Chelsea, Derrick and Mikolaj**



## Year 8 Fieldwork in the local area

On Friday 11th May Year 8 pupils conducted some fieldwork in the local area. The pupils walked from school to Kingstanding Circle and along the way they conducted traffic and pedestrian counts, environmental surveys and questionnaires. When we got to Kingstanding Circle Year 8 pupils had to conduct a land use map, looking at the different shops and services which were on offer. Also they had the opportunity to speak to local people on how we could improve the area. The pupils were fantastic and enjoyed spending time in the local area. They will now complete a project back in class and decide how we can improve the local area. Well done Year 8.

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# Cardinal Wiseman's Pura Cultura Legno win Awards at the Young Enterprise Area Finals

## The Birmingham Area Finals

On Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May, our school's Young Enterprise Company, Pura Cultura Legno, led by Head of Computing & Business, Mrs Jennings and assisted by Mr Connor, went on an excursion to Arup in Solihull in hope of winning some awards. The Young Enterprise team, led by Managing Directors Hasaya and Yvonne, was accompanied by our colleagues Thomas, Chloe and Lamin.

Throughout the day, we had been practising in Mrs. Jennings' classroom and in the hall. Even though we were only allowed to bring five people with us, we felt it was important to include everyone in the class as they had also been

working hard. To do this we recorded people saying our company name in different languages and Lamin made a video of the progression of our company. The judges really enjoyed these aspects of our presentation and were very complimentary of our performance.

Despite our nervousness, we stood in front of sixth formers, judges and a special guest, the Lord Mayor, and gave our presentation. We were very anxious when the judges were ready to present the awards, as we knew that everyone else was much older than we were and probably more experienced. However, despite all of that we came out smiling with two awards for Best Company Presentation and Best Customer Service. This was a very proud moment for us all as we have achieved our goal.

This is the first time in the school's history to achieve this award and we are very proud of ourselves. In addition, to top it all off the Managing Directors received a special mention from the judges for a close runner up to winning Best Managing Director. Although we did not win, we were very happy with the results as it shows how the Managing Directors had been strong to keep the team together and did not give up! **Yvonne Liu, Managing Director**



Best Company Presentation



Best Customer Service

## Teacher Reflection on Young Enterprise Experience



Pura Cultura Legno have made me so very proud this year. They did not have the support they should have received from Young Enterprise and at one point were losing hope, but rising like the phoenix, they refused to put all their hard work to waste and continued on their venture.

From the Halloween launch to the Christmas Fair; to Parents Evenings and Buggy Malone, and finally to the Bullring, they sold their products whilst at the same time developing crucial skills in communication. With independence, they produced their Company Report and presentation for the area finals and in the presentation demonstrated confidence and belief in their product and ability.

In Year 9, they planned products ideas. In Year 10, they made and sold the product, and in Year 11 and beyond, they will always have their Young Enterprise Company experience to reflect on in interviews, showing what determined, hardworking students they are. **Mrs Jennings**



Thomas Hone, Yvonne Liu, Hasaya Maye Grizzle, Chloe Forrest and Lamin Drammeh celebrate their success as Best Company Presentation and Best Customer Service with Mrs Stewardson.





**Pura Cultura Legno**  
*Be Proud. Be Happy.*

Buy your tickets from  
**Yvonne Liu, Hasaya Maye Grizzle and Ramandeep Kaur in year 10 or Mrs Jennings in room 10**

## Pura Cultura Raffle

HAVE A CHANCE TO WIN MANY UNIQUE PRIZES SUCH AS:

Fathers day is coming! Entry competition: win your dad a prize for ONLY £1 for students and £2 for staff!

- Quotation blocks
- Miniature furniture
- Wine racks
- Teddies in baskets




<b>Dates for your diary</b>	
Week beginning 28 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term
Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 10 Exam Week
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Teacher Training Day Only year 11 pupils will be in for their exam which finishes at 10.45am
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Maths in Paris – school trip
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Vocations Day – school will finish at 2.20pm
Tue 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 4-6pm	Year 7 Induction Evening for parents/carers of pupils in Year 6 who will be joining us in Sept.
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Induction Day for pupils in Year 6 who will be joining us in Sept.
Thur 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 11 Prom 7.30-11.30pm
Week beginning Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 11 Work Experience Week
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Awards Ceremony at the Holte Suite - AVFC. 6.30-10pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	Last day of term. School will finish at 12.30pm.



Best wishes, Christina Stewardson

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

*The main office hours are from 8am to 4pm*