
LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

A School of Character

Principal's Newsletter

8 March 2024

Dear Parents,

There was much celebration on the campus this week.



World Book Day provides an insight into the narrative tastes of staff and pupils. Harry Potter still leads the way followed by costumes of various action heroes. My award goes to the effervescent Ms Poole who really became Mary Poppins. I shall not be able to enter that classroom again without seeing her in this light. One does wonder whether all the characters are actually related to books. I saw many Jurgen Klopps and Mo Salahs. One imagines that these great men have written various accessible books to inspire these young readers.



Mrs Hunter also shared 3Q's Where's Wally? entry



Mrs Miller, our secondary librarian, has also been busy celebrating world book day with a 'Blind Date with a Book' Event which proved popular. Mrs Miller commented on the enthusiasm pupils showed, with plenty of interesting conversations about genres, blurbs and book covers and what people enjoyed reading. The celebrations continue next week with our Book Swap event on Tuesday.

Olivia H in Chapter 12 led the effort to celebrate today, March 8, International Women's Day, distributing with her friends the purple ribbon which indicates the day, bravely speaking before 1650 pupils and hundreds of staff, she provided a positive account of the way women had demanded and achieved equality and participation in every aspect of society. Olivia has also started a group where girls on campus can discuss together matters which concern them as women and support each other.

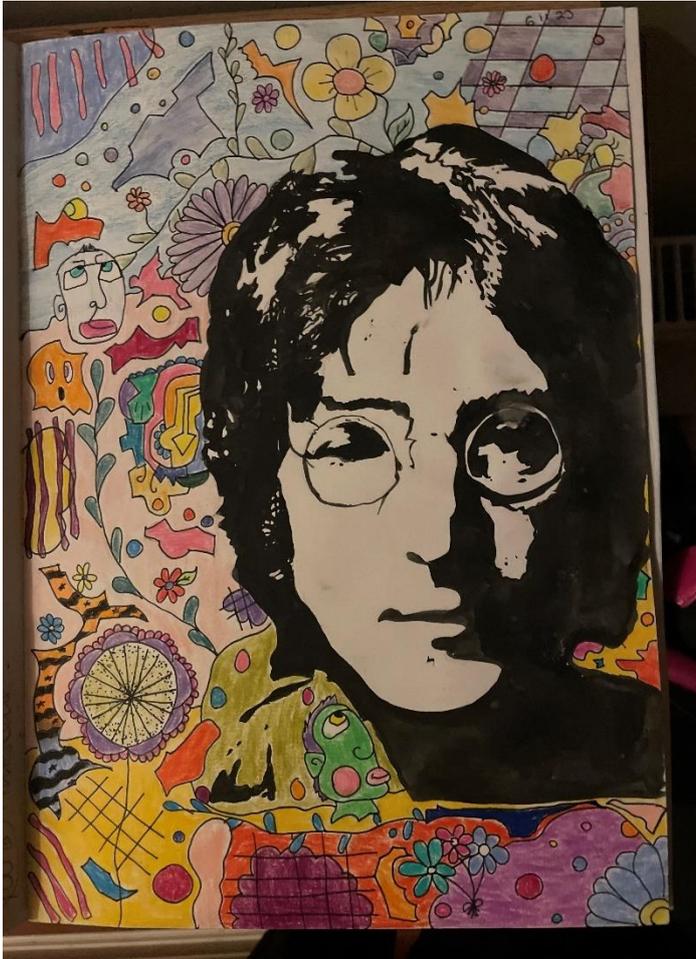
But this theme of pupil and student led assemblies and reflections also continued in this week. After last week's excellent China assemblies, this week we had a presentation from pupils in every year group about West Africa. These reflections are especially effective at tackling head on the stereotypical presentations of countries, peoples and cultures. These pupils did an excellent job describing aspects of the history of West Africa, its linguistic and cultural diversity, its current vibrancy and development. Thanks to Ms Kelly, the anti-racism group and the chaplaincy team these assemblies which are student prepared and led just keep coming.



Congratulations to the debate team. For once they did not advance but were instead rather bureaucratically removed from the ESU national final qualification due to a scoring system

which required them to not only win, which they did, but win by more points, a kind of goal difference rule. Mr Barnicoat is not entirely downhearted. They are through to other national finals this weekend in Oxford. This debating duo of Hannah S and Zaenab R is apparently a whirlwind force of forensic power. We are competing at the top there. We can also look forward to a massive European Youth Parliament competition at Hope University in July after making it through to the National Finals.

Our artist of the week is Poppy W (Ch9) with Mersey Arts Scene:



I created this image of John Lennon using the influence of David Setter a local artist from Flint.

Mrs Achilleos has shared the success of many of our teams this week:

The U14 netball team beat Blue Coat in the Merseyside schools semi-final on Monday in a very intense game. Unfortunately, the pupils missed out on first place by losing by 2 goals in the final against Rainhill. Players of the tournament were Rania W-P, Edith Q, Nancy A and Jemima L.

The U16/U15s girls handball team are through to the Merseyside final after beating Kings Leadership Academy 12-2 and placing second place with an overall highest score rating in the tournament. Players of the competition include Issy H, Elinor G and Phoebe H in goal.

The U14/U13s girls handball team are also through to the Merseyside final beating Blue Coat and Kings Leadership Academy. Players of the tournament include Abby L, Edith Q, Rania W-P, Ava S, Connie F and Scarlett A in goal.

We look forward to the U13s netball tournament on Monday and the boys U14/U13 Handball tournament on Wednesday.

Congratulations also to the Chapter 8B football team after a massive win over St Margaret's 3-0.

Miss Clark reports that tickets for High School Musical's evening shows sold out in 37 minutes! If you find yourself with a spare or extra ticket please contact Miss Clark / Mrs Herron asap so that these can be re issued to those who are waiting on tickets.

We have guests who arrived today. Our Spanish exchange with the Colegio Newman in Madrid is underway. Ten pupils and three members of staff will be with us for the next 10 days. Already pupils are struck by the excellent English skills of these pupils. It is an indication of the way that education systems in other countries prioritize the learning of other languages. In the NW of England only about 13% of boys actually sit and pass a foreign language GCSE with a good pass.

Update from the PTA:

Share Ramadan (Friday 15 March) – deadline for tickets for the event is Sunday at 5pm. [Click here](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.



LC's Got Talent Update

Congratulations to the Golden Buzzer winners from primary:

- Ella D (1P) hula hoop
- Double trouble girls (Chloe B and Hannah B) (3P) singing and dancing
- Francesca T (3P) gymnastics
- Patrick C (3Q) The Greatest Showman singing/dancing
- Florence W (3Q) Gymnastics and dance
- Eleanor F (3R) dancing
- Hearts (Esme and Avianna) dancing
- William L (4P) pogo stick
- Cool Kids (Isabelle R, Leah D, Amira H, Edith J, Nancy M, Sienna B, Sophia M, and Grace W) (4P) Dance
- Hairspray Girls (Isobelle F and Ella W) (4P) dancing and singing
- Jack C (4P) Les Mis singing/acting
- Noah HR (4P) singing with Mr Stamper

- Hayatt D (Ch5) poetry
- Something Sisters (Anna S, Elana E, Eva H and Alannah B) (6Q) dance
- The Zesty Mocktails (Keira-Lilly FS, Emmie, Mya T, Estela S, and Layla S)
- The TF Group (Jack L and Kai C) Seven nation army - drum and singing
- Dancing Sisters (Phoebe C, Ava D, Alice L, and Ella T-N) Don't lose your head (singing and dancing)
- The Ping Pongers (William G, Cherry W, Albert F) Somebody that I used to know singing
- Harriet S (5Q) Stick Season singing
- Poppy M-W (6P) Strictly Medley dancing

and the finalists from the secondary phase:

- The stags - band
- Logistical trolley collectors - band
- Eyad T
- Gabby S
- Isla D
- Sienna McN
- Myles McCM & Joseph D - band

Mr Harvey has sent through a save the date alert:

*The 2024 Organ Gala Concert will be held on **Tuesday 23 April 2024** at **7pm** in the School Chapel, where 8 local organists along with the College Brass Ensemble will play an enjoyable programme of music. It aims to be an entertaining evening! This concert is in aid of the Organ Restoration Fund project. For further information please do contact:*

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May I wish you and yours a pleasant and sunny weekend.

Yours sincerely,

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Principal