
Principal's Newsletter

24 May 2019

Dear Parents,

We live, so the historians tell us, in an age of fury, rage and protest. That is certainly not what was on show when the Prep School undertook their Walk to School protest yesterday. In glorious sunshine, accompanied by Strider the mascot, and suitably spondaic chants accompanied by Mr Ainscough's guitar, pupils showed their displeasure at the thoughtless parking, lazy and dangerous driving, and general assault on their environment. They had made some great banners and signs, held aloft to the passing traffic. Congratulations to Ms Brown for empowering this very peaceful protest and march. One parent pointed out to me that the effect of the protest was an immediate improvement in traffic flow and parental driving behaviour. Shame, it seems, works.

Some congratulations are in order as we slide gracefully into half term. The Year 6, Year 11, and Year 13 candidates for public examinations have attended and conducted themselves brilliantly thus far. The "vibe" has been excellent. Now we have an opportunity to take a little rest and also to gird ourselves for the onslaught of the last few weeks of exams upon our return.

Congratulations to Mr Farnan whose inspiring Chapel talks, and running fundraising has delivered a whopping £1270 for the Alzheimer's Society. Also, Felix H (7 Howard's) has been selected by the Liverpool Cathedral Choir to take part in a 'Cathedral Choristers of Britain' concert on Thursday 13 June. The concert will be a gathering of 100 choristers from 40 cathedrals and choral foundations in Britain, and will be attended by John Rutter and The Duchess of Gloucester.

Tomorrow, Mr Cook takes his football tour to Madrid where we will be an advance landing party ahead of the full invasion the next weekend. The teams will play a number of matches as well as having training sessions with Real Madrid and will soak up the atmosphere of one of the world's great football cities.

We will be back in Spain with our musicians in Barcelona in the summer. 60 young musicians will make the trip including for the first time on a music tour several members of the Prep School.

The political with a small p maturity of our pupils continues to impress. In the Parliament of Houses there is a sense of moderation, humility, purpose and unity entirely lacking in the Palace of Westminster. The latest idea the pupils themselves suggested: assemblies conducted by members of the learning support team so that any stigma associated with having a learning difficulty would be eliminated. Very proud of that suggestion.

Mrs Doran's powers of organisation appear to have no bounds. The Prep School fields on Wednesday were filled with young pupils running quite literally their socks off in the fight against cancer. Some told me of their valiant efforts in some detail. I was amazed that some Year 4 and Year 5 pupils ran 5 km for the cause. One girl told me that she was certain that her older sister in Year 10 would not be able to run as far as she had because of her love of "fashion." This struck me as an example where sibling rivalry could lead to a charitable outcome.

Throughout the term, Wilton Scholars have powered ahead. Mrs Doran needs to get messages to scholars all the time because sessions occur during lunch and during special periods. Most recently the Year 9 Wilton Scholars enjoyed a masterclass with Ms Gimeno while the Year 10, Y11, Y12 scholars had a business talk led by the University of Liverpool. If you have a Wilton Scholar in the family make sure you download the app and choose the Wilton Scholars as one of your notification groups.

We are recruiting once again for the **Greek Academy**. This brings together interested pupils currently in Year 8 and above, from any school in the area, to learn Ancient Greek from beginners to GCSE in 2 years with some of the best possible teachers. Classes are free, thanks to funding from Classics for All, and lessons are every term time Saturday at Liverpool College. This is a fantastic intellectual challenge for a pupil and it has proven so popular that some early graduates of the academy are now about to embark on AS level Ancient Greek! For further information or to register interest, please contact Alice Case info@liverpoolclassicshub.co.uk

May I wish you and yours a happy and restful half term holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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