

Principal's Newsletter

26 May 2023

Dear Parents,

Summer means cricket. And I have some breathless accounts of famous triumphs for you.

First up Mr Stamper describes the remarkable victory in the city championship of his Chapter 5/6 team.



They competed in the LSSP City Tournament on Tuesday, and it was remarkable to behold. They won all 5 league games (including a 198 - 10 victory in the final game), scoring 799 runs in the process while only conceding 138, giving us a 'run difference' of a frankly ridiculous +661 (the next best was +170),

The semi-finals and final were a little more closely fought, but we were still very worthy winners, and crowned City Champions for 2023. Every single member of the squad made telling and memorable contributions, but it wasn't just their skills. Their attitude was exemplary throughout, showing respect for their opponents and umpires, and generally playing the game positively without a whiff of arrogance despite some of the score lines.

I was honestly so proud of them, as we all should be as a school. We seem to have positioned ourselves as one of the strongest cricketing primary schools in the city, and long may this continue!

Then Mr Cook relates a truly tight finish to another match.

On Wednesday, the Chapter 9 cricket team entertained St Edwards College in a thriller. There were some impressive performers on the field led by captain Adam K. The College batted first and finished on 111 runs in 16 overs with Adam K getting 59 of those runs. St Edwards started brightly and were quickly closing in on the target until Ismail AH got the all-important wicket of the St Edwards opening batsman leaving them six runs short.



We began the last week of half term with a visit from British comic artist, Dave Gibbons. All primary pupils were busy with various projects developing a superhero specific to Liverpool College. Chapter 2 showed me their version, and their written explanations of the superpowers such a character possesses. The spirit was one of true enthusiasm for this project, across all the age groups. Mrs Williams (Chapter 2 Dean) explains further:



On Monday, Pre Prep and Prep enjoyed assemblies led by Dave Gibbons. We were inspired by some of Dave's childhood drawings, as well as lots of his published artwork, ranging from Dr Who to Star Wars to Superman. He also demonstrated how to elevate a simple stick figure into a more realistic drawing of a superhero. With this knowledge, the children went back to class to create their own comic strips. These will all be showcased in our very own Liverpool College Comics books, complete with this wonderful front cover designed especially for us. Dave visited Chapter 2 to help them design and draw their comic strips and the children took on board his advice on how to improve their drawings. Well done to all the children for their creativity, enthusiasm and thoughtful questions.

Mid-week we said farewell and see you soon to our Chapter 11 pupils. In glorious sunshine, parents and friends of the leavers strolled down Ibbotson's Lane to the chapel where we sang some hymns and were treated to recorded messages of encouragement and admiration from teachers as well as photographs from every stage of the educational journey. Most were in again the next day, now on study leave, to continue the seemingly endless diet of papers.

Examinations are now in full and total swing just as the weather is turning fine. There can be few scenes more glorious than the entire Pre Prep and Prep out on the fields playing football, cricket, rounders, frisbee, building dens and on one occasion today a "jungle park", which in the parlance of Chapter 1 consists of a frame made out of four sticks filled with every possible leaf, flower, and insect they can find.



Today the Prep School were also busy supporting North West Cancer Research with a sponsored fun run.

The Chapter 8 English Speaking Board examination were underway this week. The pupils have spent a great deal of time preparing for the Level 1 (Grade 2) Speech for Employability qualification, as part of their personal development lessons. We await the results in June. Mrs Hall (Dean of Chapter 8) would like to thank the Chapter 8 House mentors and especially Mrs Webb who gave up much of her own time to help us organise the event.

Mr Cook has some more sporting successes to highlight:

Special congratulations to Evan D in Chapter 1. Evan played in the Trent Alexander Arnold Football Tournament on Sunday for former Lerpooian Adam Anson's Club Football Performance Academy. Having only recently joined the club, Evan has fitted perfectly into the ethos of the club and scored six goals in the tournament as his team ended up as runners up, narrowly losing in the final. Evan has spent the past two Mondays after school training on the Upper School fields supported by Chapter Seven football Captain Thomas B.

Well done to Chapter 7 pupil Alex J who finished as runner up in last Sunday's Tennis

Tournament in Wavertree. A tremendous achievement.

Meanwhile Miss Yates reports that our Chapter 7 scientists are breaking out into song!

Chapter 7 students; Valentin, Sebastian and Max, have demonstrated excellent scientific and musical abilities by composing, writing and recording a song on the reactivity series which was enjoyed by the Science department this week. Vast amounts of passion and purpose displayed from the trio!

Our artist of the week this week is Dylan D (Ch12) with a portrait of Matty Healy of the 1975, painted in oil paints.



Mrs Doran reports that we have won an amazing 14 awards in this year's Engineering Leaders competition for Liverpool, Merseyside and Cheshire.

We have outright category winners in Ch3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11 and Ch12, with an additional 5 more highly commended (runners up).

Chapter 3	Hugo B (Winner)	Isabelle R (Highly Commended)	
Chapter 5	Alanah B (Winner)	Scarlett H (Winner)	
Chapter 6	Olivia L (Winner)	Julia VDH-G (Highly Commended)	
Chapter 7	Orla D (Winner)		
Chapter 8	Zak H (Winner)	Nirvana P (Winner)	Gabriella S (Highly Commended)
Chapter 10	Elise N (Highly Commended)		
Chapter 11	Zaeem K (Winner)	Paige M (Highly Commended)	
Chapter 12	Habeba H (Winner)		

We had a record 59 pupils with Distinction shortlisted in Ch5 the highest number ever given out in the competition's history. Across the whole school, between Chapter 3 – Chapter 12, we had 98 Distinctions awarded - which is the most ever given out to one school. An outstanding achievement.

We need a break but many members of staff will hardly get one. Mr Cook is off to the Netherlands with the footballers who will train with the Vitesse Arnhem academy while staying at the national sports centre. One Chapter 12 pupil said only DofE when she passed by me in the hallway. 5 days and 50 miles of expedition await her. I wonder if she is quite as enthused as I am about rising temperatures.

Mrs Crook (SENCO) has asked me to highlight that the Liverpool ASD Training Team are providing a series of virtual group drop-in advisory sessions via zoom over half term. They are for parents/carers who have any questions or concerns about their child, in regard to social communication difficulties or waiting an ASD assessment. It is also an opportunity to speak with an ASD trainer and other parents. Please [click here](#) to find out more information.

This week's maths challenges:

Q1. ABC is a triangle, and M is the midpoint of BC. P is on AB such that $AP:PB = k : 1$. Q is a point on PC such that AQM is a straight line. If $AQ : QM = f(k) : 1$, can you find $f(k)$?

Q2. A right triangle has legs with side lengths 15cm and 8cm. Can you find the length of the hypotenuse?

Answers to the last challenges:

Q1. 74	Q2. 6
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This is the time of year when we take all the feedback that comes to us from parents and pupils throughout the year and map our plans for improvement. Next half term I will be writing to you weekly about how we will make Liverpool College even better.

In the meantime, I wish you and yours a pleasant and warm half-term holiday.

Yours sincerely,

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