
LIVERPOOL COLLEGE

A School of Character

Principal's Newsletter

7 June 2024

Dear Parents,



It is the season of Prep School Sports Days. I was told at lunchtime by many excited Prep Schoolers that Ms Shackell has returned and that she had been sighted in the flesh on campus. As so it proved. As the sun began to shine, the parents and pupils gathered for the various races and events. Somehow, the facilities for this event seem constantly to improve with wind shelters, ice lollies, and a sophisticated organisation. Ms Shackell did not hide her Howard's past and tied it all together on the microphone. It was impressive to see how she remembered all the names of all the competitors.

Of course, this festival continues today, Friday, when Chapter 5 and 6 take to the field. As I look

out the window of my office, I have not yet spotted the arrival of the English summer but there is still time.

Like sports days, so field trips. The Chapter 10 geographers went out in two separate groups this week while this morning the Duke of Edinburgh backpacks were clear for all to see. Another expedition is heading to the hills. Earlier in the week the Chapter 3s had their first residential away at the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre as Mrs Hunter (Chapter 3 Dean) reports:

The Chapter 3 children have had a fantastic time on their residential trip to the Catalyst Science Discovery Centre. A number of them referred to it as 'the best day ever!' They took part in a 'Fantastic Plastic' workshop, melting plastic to create their own keyring and explored the galleries with lots of hands-on science activities. They enjoyed the light show, a highlight being the use of the UV camera and laser beams to complete a mission impossible! During their sleepover in the glass observatory, they watched a film and enjoyed the uninterrupted 360° views, including the iconic Runcorn and Mersey Gateway Bridges at night.



We are all travelling and moving and expediting it seems, except those taking examinations. This long season of exams just rolls on inexorably. I have not yet met a pupil who found a

paper impossible or mean. This is a good sign. One of the most annoying things about these exams is the time it will take to get one's result. One Chapter 13 pupil is done with all assessments and must now wait until August 15 to find out his fate. When I spoke to him, he seemed eager only to begin the celebrations, but later in the summer that date will come into view and the painful wait will begin.

Our **musicians of the week** nominated by Mr Bishop:



This week's musicians of the week are split into academic and practical performance. On the academic side, we were extremely impressed with Zaynab A and Ruaridh M (Ch8) who expertly led their respective groups during their Samba performance assessments this week.

On the performance side, James K (Ch8), pictured, took part in the Whit Friday competition at Saddleworth and Tameside. Over 100 brass bands from all over the UK and beyond took part. He was deputising for a 1st section band called Whitworth. They played in 8 contests and won a number of prizes. James also performed a stand-up solo in front of the band during one of these concerts. Well done!

Mr Bishop has also reported further success for our musicians - congratulations to Thomas H in Chapter 8. Thomas has been appointed head chorister of the Liverpool Anglican Cathedral, a real tribute to his musicianship and dedication to his work with the choir over a long period of time.

The LC's Got Talent show is in rehearsal. I know this because the drama room and surrounding pavements and corridors are full of troupes of dancers, singers, spinners and twirlers. The PTA sponsored show seems to grow in energy and scope. Thanks to Mrs Harper whose countenance betrayed the intensity of the organisational effort required to pull the show off. Advance warning: the date of the actual shows are Monday 1 July for Reception-Chapter 4 and Tuesday 2 July for Chapters 5-13. Further information about tickets and upcoming rehearsals for pupils taking part in the competition can be found in the PTA update at the end of this newsletter.

Congratulations to our Chapter 7 and 8 rounders teams for their performances at yesterday's tournament. Mrs Achilleos reports:

All played really well with very close wins from the 8s. The Chapter 7 team won two games and lost one. Special mention to Maria B and Lulu F who played up to the Chapter 8 team.

Players' player of the Chapter 7 tournament were: Millie C, who was awarded player of the match three times, Beau R, Georgiana D, Jaida L, Olivia G for her excellent bowling and Elise K for getting 4 players out on first base.

Players' player of the Chapter 8 tournament were: Connie F, Isabella M and Cori D.

Our **artist of the week** this week is Sophia C (Ch11):

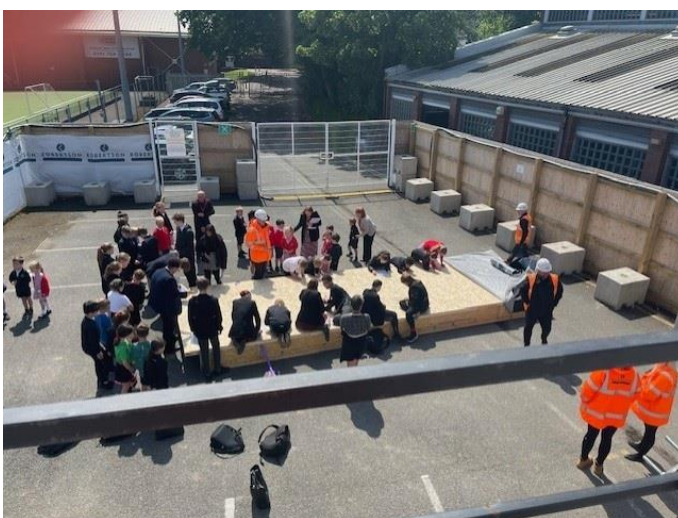


Title : *Other Worlds*

"This piece explores my love for literature. The journeys books take us on, and how they transform our minds through visions of imaginary worlds. From the candy worlds of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory to the weird and wonderful Alice in Wonderland"



Yesterday, primary and secondary pupils gathered on the usually hermetically sealed construction site of our new building, the Morris Building which will contain several much needed classrooms when it is completed at the beginning of 2025. We have all watched eagerly as this building is constructed using a massive crane. Recently, after months of work it has really shot up and the occasion this time was the topping out: the highest modules installation. Pupils and students were encouraged to write messages, memories, observations onto the last panel to form the roof before it was lifted to its position at the top of the building.



You will have received the first Careers newsletter through the app by which you also receive this letter. Our careers activity goes from strength to strength and I want to thank Mrs Drew (Careers Lead) for this clear communication of what is available to our pupils and students as well as providing helpful information for parents.

Mrs Crook (SENCO) has received information from the Liverpool ASD Training Team about a number of upcoming events for parents in June. Please click on the links below to find out more:

- [ASD Training Team advisory sessions](#)
- [ASD Course](#) (for parents whose child has an ASD diagnosis)
- [Social Communication and Social Behaviour Workshop](#)

May I wish you a dry, pleasant and sunny weekend.

Yours sincerely,

Mr H van Mourik Broekman
Principal



PTA Update - LC's Got Talent

Progress Rehearsal:

LC's Got Talent (LCGT) show 1 which consists of pupils from Reception to Chapter 4 - their progress rehearsal is on *Wednesday 12 June after school (3.15-3.30) till 5pm in Sutton Timmis Hall*. All pupils who are finalists are required to attend this rehearsal - they need to bring their props; parents are to send any music/background tracks to PTA via email. They can be picked up at 5pm from ST Hall.

All parents must confirm their child's attendance (even if you already have - sorry!) as this will be taken as consent.

Dress Rehearsal:

We will be doing a FULL dress rehearsal the Sunday before the shows. It is vital that everyone attends this so we can make sure the show runs smoothly and to give the acts a chance to run through their performances with everything set up.

Dress rehearsal for both shows is on Sunday 30 June

- Show One (Rec - Ch4): 10am-12pm

- Show Two (Ch5-Ch13): 12.30pm-3.30pm (this may go on till 4pm latest - just a heads up)

This will be in the MV Hall. Pick up and drop off is from there.

No electronics of any sort are allowed. This includes phones. Children are welcome to bring activities of other sorts to entertain themselves, a nut free snack and drink.

Tickets:

Tickets will go on sale next week. We will send a separate email out with the details for this. Each person with a ticket will be able to vote for the winning act, so make sure you get your tickets when they go on sale!