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## Principal's Newsletter

15 November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,



As we near the end of another busy week at Liverpool College I want to take the opportunity to thank parents and carers for their ongoing support for the school. This was very much evident in the turnout for the PTA fireworks display last Friday evening where the crowds were once again entertained by an impressive pyrotechnic display. Thank you to all the volunteers and especially the PTA for their hard work and commitment to the event.



Parents, governors, staff and Old Lerpoolians also showed their support for the College at our Remembrance Service event last Sunday. The school CCF cadets set the tone with their proud parading in the Prep square playground and the carrying of the colours into the Chapel. A beautiful service with the choir and congregation in full voice was made all the more poignant by Valentin B's (Ch9) impressive trumpet rendition of the Last Post and the Reveille. Our thanks to Mr Newton (CCF Contingent Commander), his staff officers, NCOs, and all the pupils who participated in the act of remembrance. On Monday, I was delighted to also join Mr Newton and members of the CCF Colour Party at the original Liverpool College on Shaw Street for a Remembrance Service held by the Liverpool Collegiate Old Boys.



You may not be aware that we have a Classics Library here at the College which is situated in Godwyn House and is called The Douglas Cashin Library. We were therefore especially delighted to welcome Mr Cashin back to the school this week with some members of his family who were visiting Liverpool.

Mr Cashin was by all accounts a very inspiring teacher who taught Classics at Alsop before joining Liverpool College. As well as having taught our very own Mr Thorley (pictured here in the library with Mr Cashin), he also taught Professor Llewelyn Morgan who is currently Head of Classics at Oxford University and (at Alsop) Jimmy Mulville, Founder of Hat Trick Productions who produce Derry Girls and Have I Got News for You. All three credit Mr Cashin with their success! This was Mr Cashin's first visit back to Liverpool College and he thoroughly enjoyed himself, commenting on the warm welcome he received and the wonderful library.

Mrs Odita-Sani has shared some of the work she has done in school to celebrate Black History Month and involve pupils across the school:

*This week, Chapter 4 pupils were invited to the Upper School to take part in activities to celebrate Black History Month. The fun display features various (willing!) members of staff wearing face masks of black people who have made a positive contribution to society. The research the pupils conducted provided an insight into the way that values have changed over time and showed the importance of challenging racism and discrimination wherever we find it in order to bring about change and a more inclusive society.*



Mrs Drew reports on some of the opportunities our pupils participated in this week through our LC+ curriculum:

### Smashed Live!



*On Tuesday afternoon Ch 7 & 8 attended a performance of Smashed live; a drama performance and interactive workshop based around the themes of underage drinking and peer pressure, as part of their PSHE education. The pupils really enjoyed the performance and taking part in the workshop. Feedback from the performers was fantastic with them commenting that our pupils were so well behaved and were not afraid to get involved; a credit to our school.*

## Chapter 8 careers talk



*As part of the LC+ curriculum, pupils in each chapter attend careers talks each term. Through our link with the LCR Careers Hub, we gain access to volunteers from a wide range of careers and fields. We feel it is important to introduce pupils to different careers as early as possible. On Thursday Chapter 8 attended a talk from Belinda Bambrick, an Associate of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. Belinda has had a different route into her current profession, which included living in Australia and gaining a Law degree. Her current role involves quantity*

*surveying and property development; a field not many of our Chapter 8 pupils knew about or understood when asked. The talk was really informative and gave Chapter 8 an insight into this field.*

We are delighted that Liverpool College is now part of the Safer Schools Police Programme run by Merseyside Police and this week we welcomed our Safer Schools Police Officer onto site. This programme aims to support young people across Merseyside through education. PC Kris will be joining us in the secondary phase each Wednesday and will be supporting us to educate our pupils about how they can keep safe in the community. PC Kris will be supporting our PSHE programme in the secondary phase by delivering assemblies, engaging with pupils during break and lunch, attending some extra-curricular activities and speaking with pupils.

This week's **musicians of the week** are the on stage kids group in *School of Rock* for working extremely hard in rehearsal, learning really quite tricky close harmonies. Look out for tickets which will be on sale in January!

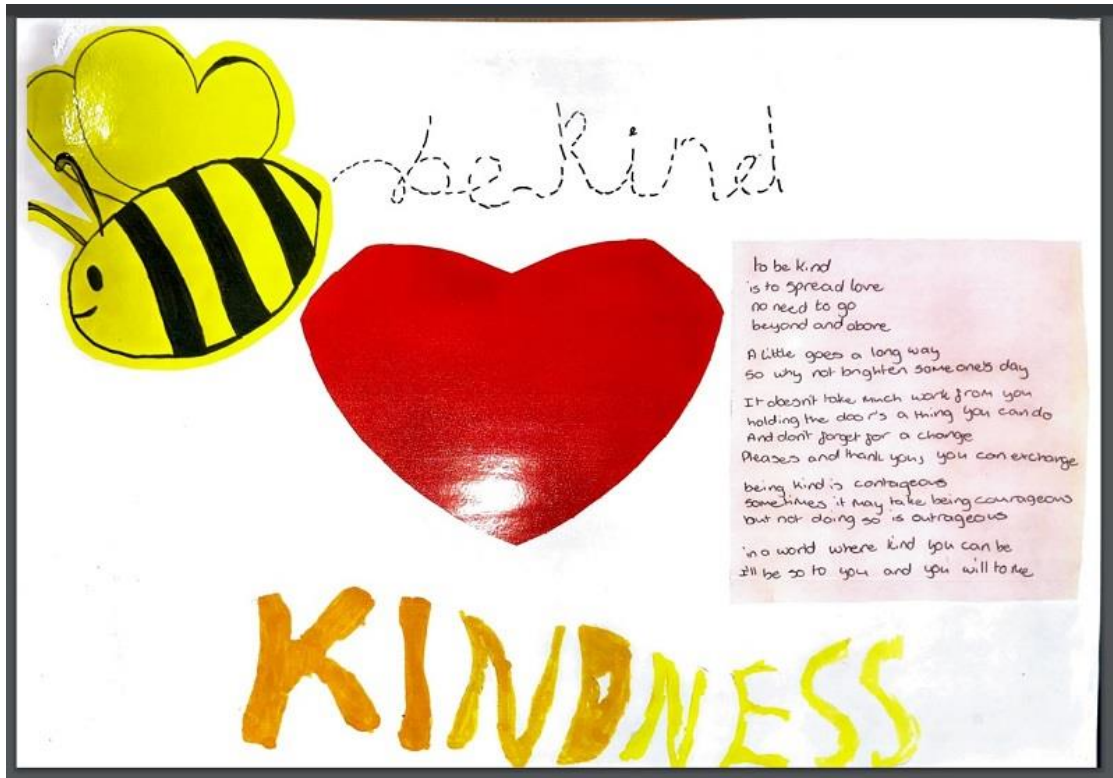


I enjoyed my first visit to the new build site this week with Mrs Cassidy (Senior Vice Principal). We were able to see first hand just how close to completion we are with our new classroom block. It will be a great addition to the campus!



Our **artist of the week** this week is Chrysa S (Ch12) with her portrait of Claudette Colvin as part of Ch12 Art work celebrating pioneers in black history.

Miss Pye has reported that to celebrate World Kindness Day on Wednesday, our kindness leaders in the secondary phase made some fantastic posters. We celebrated the day by playing kindness bingo, bracelet making and sharing a kind message to one another. It well and truly highlighted that in a world where you can be anything, be kind.



And finally, can I draw your attention to my letter sent via MCAS this afternoon regarding the end of term closure of school. Due to a complete electricity outage across the whole campus, necessary to enable the new build to be occupied at the start of the Lent Term 2025, the campus will close at 12pm on Wednesday 18th December 2024, rather than the planned 12pm on Friday 20th December. It is with great regret that we have to close and appreciate the inconvenience that this will cause to parents and carers across the College.

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

**Yours sincerely,**

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Haynes." The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H'.

**Mrs A Haynes**  
**Principal**