

# Newman News

November 2014

## Headteacher's Message

Dear Parent/Carer,

Life has been exceptionally busy during this term. There have been many events and activities which the students have participated in.

Year 11 spent the day at Alton Towers as a reward for hard work and good behavior. A sponsored run was held to raise money for a memorial for Mr. McEwan and Year 8 participated in a European day starting with a continental breakfast which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. All of our superstars, athletes and team players received recognition for their outstanding achievements at the Sports Awards Evening. The school was a sea of 'Pink' as we raised money for the Breast Cancer Appeal, clearly pink is an 'in' colour. A voluntary mass was held at Blessed John Henry Newman to celebrate our founders day followed by doughnuts. Team building was the main focus for Year 7 as they spent three days at Colomendy getting to know each other. This current half-term is looking busy too. We have held parent focus evenings based on E-safety and Post 16 choices, thank you to those of you who attended. On February 11th at 6pm the parents focus topic will be Behavior and Reward, I look forward to seeing you there.

*Mrs. Warburton (Headteacher)*

## Guardian Angels



We first heard about the Guardian Angels when Mrs Booth came into our assembly and told us what they are and what we would have to do. To become a Guardian Angel pupils had to write a letter of application to explain why you would like to be one and what skills you have. Many pupils applied but only a small number were successful. Training for all the trainees was an exciting experience. We did some ice breakers to get to know each other better and received a booklet that gave helpful advice on how to be the best Guardian Angel. We also had safeguarding training from Mrs McLoughlin. The training was intense because you had to absorb all the information. We were presented with certificates and badges in assembly.

The Guardian Angels are here for support and advice for all students particularly those who have difficulty making and maintaining friends. We have a notice board on the main corridor so you know who we are. We are here to help.

*Grace Mellor, Madison Mckie, Magdalena Lulek, Susan Hinds*



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## DO YOU HEAR THE PEOPLE SING?

*Year 9 pupil Emma Louise Jervis certainly did as she travelled to London for an extra special trip.*

One day more! The words (or rather song) spiralled around my brain as the eve before my big day arrived. I have loved musical theatre since I was a child and tomorrow I was going to watch my favourite musical of all time: 'Les Miserable'. The day had arrived and I was too excited to even speak. I couldn't believe I was going to London to see Les Miserable and that wasn't all; I was going back stage too.

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July was a day I will never forget as I was transported on a backstage tour; I was in awe: the lights, the costumes, the make-up, the magic of the theatre cascaded over me as the director stepped forward. He informed us very quietly that part of the day would be a dance workshop with the cast of Fame. Wow! I wanted to scream, shout and let it all out and I did. The workshop was amazing, an unforgettable experience as I whirled and whooshed across the dance floor.

It didn't stop there working with the fabulous 'Fame' cast made me realise that the West End is really hard work. I now have a clearer understanding of the commitment, hard work and dedication required to get on to the stage, this was especially poignant when the cast shared some of the challenges they had had to face. It would be enough to make Dorothy click her heels three times and say "there's no place like home". Following the workshop (I had had enough time to shine) it was time to watch the show - the reason I was here: Les Miserable. The show was enough to make even Javert cry. Every single word of the show is sung; not a word is spoken. You certainly hear the people sing in this musical. The most nerve wracking moment was the singing of 'The End of The Day'; the show's opening song. It is so difficult to blend the numerous different voices perfectly yet they did it without fault reaching the dizzy heights of singing success. It was awe inspiring.

Inspirational moments continued to captivate us one such moment was evident when the men went to war marked by the song 'Red and Black' the song signalled the climax of the play as the men fought for freedom and equality. The men who had to play 'dead' following the battle scenes were awe inspiring as they had to maintain their focus for extended periods.

However the real awe inspiring moment came in the form of a young boy, a young boy who was killed as a result of the bloody revolution. This scene was a real tear jerker; not a dry eye in the house. It was a stunning yet believable performance; a moral tale which addressed the injustice of society.

My favourite actress in the play was Fantine a victim of the poverty that struck France in the 19th century she dreams of a better life and her anthem 'I Dreamed a Dream' was spine chillingly good – so good it left me thinking of my dreams and whether or not they would transport me to the West End one day.

## Macmillan Cake Sale

The kitchens of students in year 11 ended up covered in flour as they all got out the baking equipment to bake for Macmillan Cancer Support. Break time on 26th September saw biscuits, cupcakes, brownies and flapjacks selling faster than hot cakes in 11C's Macmillan bake sale. Raising an incredible total of £121 in support of people affected by cancer. Well done to everyone who helped put it together and thank you to everyone who bought cake for Macmillan.

*Ellie Abbey 11C*

## The Effects of One Dead Man

In the huge chain of events leading up to the First World War, one certainly kicked things off. The shooting of Franz Ferdinand was one of the decisions that was disastrous!



Archduke Ferdinand was heir to the throne of Austria-Hungary. He went for a military visit to Sarajevo with his wife. What he didn't know was there were seven Serb students from Bosnia planning to assassinate him as he drove through the main road in Sarajevo.

The first of the seven threw a bomb at Franz's car. He missed and was arrested. The archduke knew something was wrong and decided to abandon the visit and return home on a different route than planned but he didn't tell the driver so the driver turned along the published route. Franz told him about the change a little too late and as the driver stopped to turn around, Princip, a Serb student, pulled out a gun and shot and killed Franz and his wife. One simple pull of a trigger. The spark that ignited the World War One.

*Alisha Dutton 9C.*

## Library News

A new era in the School Library, Mr Darbyshire has taken over and is at the helm with his trusty Librarian team. We have already made changes and new books are arriving every day. Please come along and take a look and if there is a book you would like us to order in we can do that as well.

We have already held a book sale which was hugely successful raising £48, which Mrs Warburton is doubling. The money is being used to make improvements and buy new books.

Year 7's and 8's get behind the Accelerated Reading scheme. Score 90% on five books at your level and you will obtain our bronze award. Score 90% on eight books and you will receive our silver award and be entered into a chocolate raffle. Finally score 90% on twelve books and you will get our gold award and be invited to a free breakfast. This runs termly, so get down to the library and pick up a book.

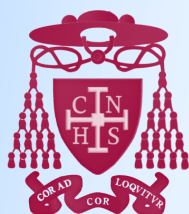
A huge plea to all, we still have a large amount of books overdue, if you could return them then that would be fantastic. We also are on the lookout for unwanted books that we can use in the library, Praise Points will be given for book donations. *Mr. Darbyshire.*

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“Together we can make a difference. Everyone in our school is valued.”



## School Website

“To foster a successful partnership with parents, carers, the church and community”

One of the main aims we have as a school is to be as inclusive as possible with parents and carers. The school acknowledges the privilege it has in helping parents to educate children, and is always looking for ways to improve communication. We are fortunate to have a linguistically diverse community and so have made it a key feature to incorporate a translation button at the top left hand part of the screen on the new school web site. This should now make it easier for parents and children to access more information; read letters home in various languages and feel a greater participation in school life.

We would like to make you aware too of the many courses now being offered by the Warrington Collegiate ([www.warrington.ac.uk](http://www.warrington.ac.uk)) on English for speakers of another language. Experienced, qualified, native speaker teachers are available in the office at the Museum Street Campus (WA1 1HU) every Wednesday in term time from 12.30-2.30pm to assess and give advice on the best course for you. Alternatively, ring (01925 494220/494494) to make an appointment for an assessment and they will arrange a time convenient for you to be assessed and discuss the courses suitable for you. There is also financial help for some courses depending on the individual's situation.

## Science Club

Where to begin about Science Club?.... Well it's really fun and interesting; you get to experiment with chemicals and fire, you could say it's explosive, however safety is always a priority and we have to wear protective goggles and overalls. There are a range of activities to choose from, such as, bottle rockets to pyrotechnics (posh for fireworks). There is never a dull moment with this club. Last week we got a pick and mix of chemicals to do a flame test, making coloured flames and sparklers! So why don't you come down to S5 on Wednesdays between 3.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m. and become a part our fabulous Science Club?

*John Simister 9H.*

