

FRIDAY NEWS!

Newlands Girls' School, Farm Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 5JB



Friday 1st October 2021
Term 1 - No. 4

Acting Co-Headteachers' Message

This week saw the re-launch of our very important School Council. This is a highly democratic process and once the voting process is complete, we hope there will be representatives from every year group meeting to discuss, and then enact change, within the school community. We are looking forward to seeing which issues our students would like to share with us in the coming months. We also had the opportunity to spend some time with our articulate and forward-thinking Head Girls, who lead the School Council.



In addition to the School Council, our 'Speak-Up' campaign is underway. We feel very strongly that following the 'Me Too' movement and the findings of the recent Ofsted report, which looked at peer-on-peer abuse in a variety of schools across the county, we want to develop further the culture of openness. We need to educate our student body further about the importance of voicing concerns around unwanted sexual attention without embarrassment. Please look out for more information about this coming soon.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Miss J. Capon and Mr M. Henshaw
Acting Co-Headteachers

Staff Charity Event



Over the past few years, we have held a Macmillan Coffee Morning, in support of this well-known and important charity. Last Friday break time, the staff room was filled with lots of beautiful cakes, giving staff the opportunity to get together and meet colleagues they don't usually work closely with, all in aid of a very worthy cause. The final amount raised was £204.22.

Macmillan provides support for anyone affected by cancer, including carers, family members, volunteers and community members.



<https://coffee.macmillan.org.uk>

Parental Reminders

- Could Parents and Carers please be respectful to residents of Newlands Drive and Farm Road when collecting and dropping off students.
- A reminder that Tuesday 5th October is our Open Evening. School will close at 12.30 p.m. and open a little later – 9.45 a.m. on Wednesday 6th October.
- We have been advised that there is a new national **119** telephone line now equipped to take queries from the public about the 12-15s vaccination programme.

Student Focus Centre

Upcycling



Creative projects are great for boosting your wellbeing. As it is National Recycling Week, why don't you try upcycling something you would normally throw away? You could make a bird feeder for the garden out of an empty plastic bottle or an old tea cup and saucer. Not only will the birds appreciate it, but surrounding yourself with nature is also great for your mental health!

Click on the link below for some more fun ideas from the National Trust.

www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/make-a-bird-feeder-from-recycled-materials

Safeguarding

Last year, we raised awareness in *Friday News* about 'cannabis edibles' and the dangers involved in taking them. This useful leaflet (see link below) has been shared with schools and contains information that parents and carers may find helpful. As always, if you are at all concerned then please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school.

[SYPSMS-Edibles-Information-for-Parents.pdf \(catch-22.org.uk\)](#)

Maths Stars of the Week



The stars of the week for Maths are:

KS3 - Lola Wescott-Youngs (Yr 7) - She works very hard in lessons and regularly attempts extension work.

KS4 - Ruby Palmer (Yr 11) - She has had an excellent start to the year! Ruby is very focused in lessons, completing lots of work and all homework tasks.

Maths puzzle: -
(Answer in next week's Friday News)

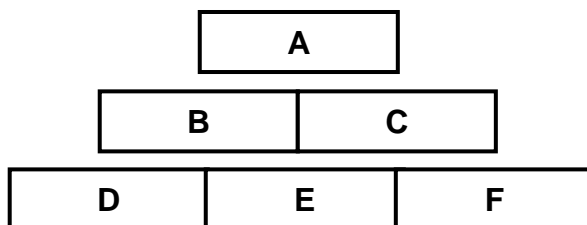
In this number pyramid, each letter represents a different positive whole number. Each number is the sum of the two numbers below it.

B is prime

C contains only straight lines when spelled out (eg 9 = NINE)

D, E and **F** all contain exactly five letters when spelled out.

Try and find all six numbers given that **A** has to be the largest possible two-digit number.



Copas Turkeys

With the festive season looming, the Newlands Parents' Association (NPA) are delighted to once again be taking part in the Copas Christmas scheme, for which we receive up to £10 cashback for each turkey ordered by 5th November.

Please visit <https://www.copasturkeys.co.uk/> and select your turkey, adding it to the shopping basket. Next, search for 'PTA' (which will show as a 'product') and add this to the basket. You will be able to choose Newlands from the drop-down list. When you check out, Copas will set aside an amount to release to the school in January.

Many thanks for your ongoing support!

Making Music!

Free Instrument Taster Lessons

The Music Department is delighted to have the opportunity to offer a free instrument taster lessons to students from **all** year groups, run by some of the Department's visiting teachers. This is a fantastic opportunity for students who are considering learning an instrument, but there are very limited spaces. Lessons will take place in the Music Department during the school day.

- Drum kit
- Guitar (electric & acoustic), ukulele & bass guitar
- Trumpet & trombone

In order to sign-up for a taster lesson on any of the above instruments, students can fill in their details on the sign-up sheets in the Music Department or alternatively, email Mr Beach with their full name, tutor group and the instrument that they are interested in learning.



NPA Reminders

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COPAS
VERY VERY SPECIAL TURKEYS

Up to £10 donated to the school for every turkey ordered.

Add "PTA Turkey Cashback" to your basket and select our school when you order!

COPASTURKEYS.CO.UK T: 01628 499 980

Newlands Girls' School Parents' Association
proudly presents, the return of the legendary...

QUIZ NIGHT!

Friday 15th October @ 7pm **LIVE** in the School Hall!

£25 for a team of 6 or £5 per person

Order tickets through money transfer to:
Newlands Parents / 13444082 / 20-78-58

Use your surname as reference

CASH BAR **BIG PRIZE RAFFLE**