

FRIDAY NEWS!

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



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Term 1 - No. 6

Acting Co-Headteachers' Message



We were delighted to welcome Wayne Dixon back to school this week to deliver our assemblies. Wayne has a long-standing association with Newlands and the way in which he engages the pupils, involving them by bringing a sense of fun and energy to the morning has been missed by us all! He did not disappoint and it was a delight to see the girls enjoying the assemblies while listening to important messages about forgiveness, friendship and being special, delivered with real passion.

In addition, the School Council elections have happened this week. We are looking forward to seeing what the agreed priorities are from the point of view of our pupils, and reporting updates to parents and carers as the year goes on.

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

Library News

Newlands E-Library



In addition to our well-stocked shelves, the Library has a small selection of e-books. This includes a range of fiction aimed at Years 7-9, books on careers and some historical content. If students want something extra to read at home, we would encourage them to take a look. If you require help in accessing this resource, please speak to the Librarian.

Second Hand Book Sale

On Wednesday 20th October, the Library is holding a second-hand book sale. All items will cost 50p and the money raised will go towards new books for the Library!



Drama News

Theatre Trip!

On Thursday 30th September, fifty-six Year 11 GCSE Drama students went to see *Matilda The Musical* at the Cambridge Theatre in London.

Matilda the Musical is adapted from Roald Dahl's much-loved 1988 children's novel, *Matilda*. The music and lyrics are by Tim Minchin and book by Dennis Kelly. The story follows childhood genius Matilda Wormwood as she dreams of escaping to a life very different from her own. Neglected by her parents, Matilda finds solace in books and her love of literature. On her journey, she is confronted by the menacing headmistress Miss Trunchbull – nicknamed 'The Trunchbull' – with the former athlete single-handedly running a reign of terror across the school. However, despite being misunderstood by her family and the hardship she faces, Matilda finds a friend in her teacher Miss Honey and discovers that she has the power to change her destiny.



Lottie Harrison, Bella Sternheim, Eloise Bull and Brooke Hanley

A big thank you needs to go to Mr Beach, Miss Young, Mrs Nuttycombe, Miss Ash and Miss Suttie for accompanying the girls and allowing the trip to happen. We all had a great time and look forward to many more visits to the theatre in the future.

Drama Students of the Month (September)

Year 7 - Holly Nash (7F)

Year 8 - Kit Paldi (8C)

Year 9 - Dani Di Cioccio (9B)

Year 10 - Eva Moore (10B)

Year 11 - Lottie Harrison (11C)



Mrs Vanessa Hine

Head of Drama and Theatre Studies

What is Black History Month?

Black History Month is a celebrated event that aims to:

- Promote knowledge of black history and experience
- Increase the confidence and awareness of black people in their cultural heritage

Black History Month gives schools an opportunity to enrich their curriculum by celebrating the achievements of black minorities and ethnic people through lessons and assemblies. It also provides opportunities to explore issues of identity, racism and belonging.

When is Black History Month?

Black History Month (2021) takes place from Friday, 1st October until Sunday, 31st October.



Why is black history month celebrated?

Black history month was created to focus on contributions of African Americans to the United States. It honours all black people from around the world from all periods of history from enslavement to people living freely today. Learning this is good for all ethnicities as it helps educate us on racism.

Why is Black History month important to recognise at Newlands Girls' school?

Newlands Girls' School is a diverse community and we believe that your race doesn't determine who you are or what you are entitled to. We aim to enlighten our community on the issues facing us today.

"As a black student attending Newlands, Black History is a sensitive subject as some students can lack knowledge about the whole topic. In the modern day we are now more aware of black history and racism. This article was created not to end racism but to make it a normal day to day conversation without it being overlooked. Personally, I have never experienced racism in school as the members of staff are welcoming and never make me feel like I am less or different from anyone else".

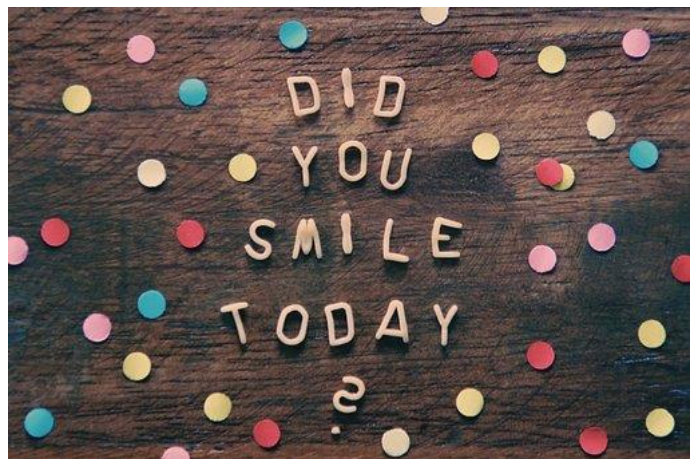
Tosin Adebuseye Y10

Written by Tara Da Silva Faloon and Tosin Adebuseye 10F

Student Focus Centre

The Power of a Smile

Charles Darwin first suggested that our expressions may actually intensify our feelings. Therefore, smiling can actually make us feel happier or a joke seem funnier. Smiling can even trick your brain into believing you are happy, which in turn creates actual feelings of happiness, reduces stress and lowers your heart rate. Even 'faking it 'till you make it' can still flood your body with feel-good endorphins.



Remember, a smile is highly contagious, so go and spread your smile!

Breast Cancer Awareness Month

In order to mark Breast Cancer Awareness Month girls will be permitted to wear an item of pink accessory on the last day of term, Friday 22nd October. This could be a pink ribbon, a pink hair band or pink socks.

Maths Stars of the Week



The stars of the week for Maths are:

KS3 - Akshaiya Thirupathy (Yr 7) - Akshaiya is very enthusiastic about Maths. She participates in every lesson and has even completed extra work above and beyond what is asked of her. Well done, Akshaiya!

KS4 - Zoya Mahmood (Yr 11) – She consistently works hard in Maths and always tries her best. Her focus and dedication is always 100%! Well done for achieving a top score in her recent test!

Maths Puzzle ***(Answer in next week's Friday News)***

This calculation puzzle is a more difficult challenge! Using some, or all, of the six smallest prime numbers (listed below) with any of the four standard mathematical operations (+, -, x, ÷), make a calculation to produce the highest three-digit prime number of 997.

2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13

Answer to Maths puzzle from previous week: -

Make a calculation totalling the figure on the right using some or all of the numbers listed on the left. You may use any of the four standard mathematical operations (+, -, x and ÷).

3 5 7 10 25 75 = 414
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Answer - $(75 \times 5) + 25 + 10 + 7 - 3$

There could be more than one solution!

Safeguarding Update

Thames Valley Police is raising awareness of exploitation and 'County Lines'.

'County Lines' is a term used to describe organised criminal networks involved in exporting illegal drugs into one or more areas within the UK, using dedicated mobile phone 'lines'. A process of grooming is used to entice a child into acts of criminality. This may include promises of something the child needs or wants, such as money, expensive clothes and shoes, power and status or a sense of belonging.

Exploited young people do not always look or act vulnerable and we are asking that everyone looks closer for signs, some of which could be the following:

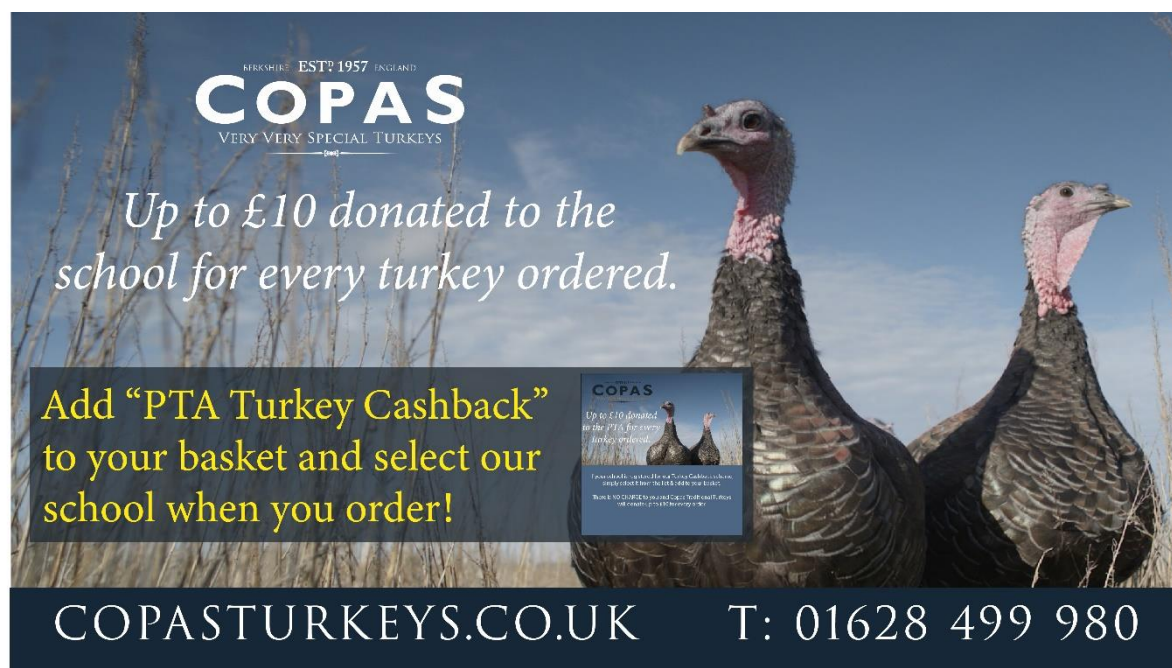
- Truancy
- Anxious, frightened, angry or displaying other behaviours that are out of character
- In possession of more than one phone
- Having unexplained money or belongings, or buying new things
- Taking drugs or abusing alcohol
- Unexplained injuries and refusing to talk about it
- Hanging around with older people
- Going missing from home, staying out late or travelling for unexplained reasons
- Spending more time on phone and being secretive about who they are calling or texting

If you spot any of these signs, speak to your child and let them know that help is available.

If you are concerned about a child and think it's an emergency please dial 999, otherwise please dial 101. If you would rather remain anonymous, you can contact the independent charity Crimestoppers online or call 0800 555 111.

More information can be found at childrenssociety.org.uk/lookcloser

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