

FRIDAY NEWS!

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



Friday 5th November 2021
Term 2 - No. 1

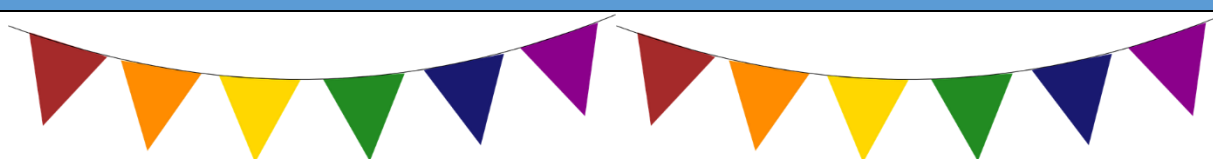
Acting Co-Headteachers' Message

We have had a great start to the term and the girls have settled back into the adapted routines very well indeed. The canteen has a new queuing system (think Legoland but without the entertainment unfortunately!) and pupils are making good use of the sunny weather by continuing to get some fresh air and eating outside whenever possible. Please remember the importance of testing twice weekly and do encourage your daughter to ensure she has a mask and a spare with her during the day. You can read a blog from Nadhim Zahawi (The Secretary of State for Education) outlining the importance of testing [here](#). Assemblies have moved online seamlessly and though we miss the collective nature of being together in the Hall or the Gym, important messages are being delivered via Teams and this week our students heard from Mrs Allaway about the community and how we can best support each other for the benefit of all.



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

School Council



We are excited to announce the successful candidates for our Student Council. This pupil-elected group drives forward ideas and suggestions for improvement, helping to implement positive change across the school. The meetings are chaired by the Head Girls and responsibilities include, deciding which charities to support on our non-uniform days and representing their year groups in proposing developments they would most like to see.

7A - Madeleine Grocott
7F - Chloe Woods
8E - Niamh Maher
8F - Isla Farrell
9D - Tinaye Goremusandu
9F - Amelie Alexander

10E - Niamh Walsh
10E - Immie Bassett
11A - Khushi Johal
11E - Hanna Ali
12C - Dzhamilya Timaeva
12A - Jess Hallam

Inter-house Netball

Years 7, 8 and 9 took part in their Inter-house Netball competitions in the last week of Term 1. It was fantastic to see so many girls representing their Forms. All three competitions were hotly contested and a big thank you must also go to the Sixth Form captains and prefects who gave up their free time to umpire and run the competition.

A big congratulations to the 2021 Inter-house Netball winners:

Year 7 A team – Frank
Year 7 B team – Austen
Year 8 A team – Austen
Year 8 B team – Austen
Year 9 – Bronte

Michelle Claxton
Head of PE



Year 9 players

NPA Quiz

On Friday 15th October, we were delighted to run the NPA Quiz in school for the first time since October 2019. Thirteen teams competed to be Newlands Quiz champions! Questions on geography, film and music were complemented by more unusual genres, from the fluid 'It's your round!' to canine-themed 'pooch posers'.

Congratulations to the modestly named 2021 winners 'At least we're keen!', who scored a highly impressive 76 points out of a possible 90! Second place went to 'ManPrismy' after a tense tie-break question: How many episodes were ever made of *Friends*? Answer: 236.

Many thanks to our wonderful NPA, including quizmasters Mr and Mrs Cooke, for a very enjoyable and sociable evening! The event raised more than £1100, with every penny to be used to benefit pupils of the school. Some of the money raised is also being matched by Vodafone UK, thanks to a very kind parent in Year 7 who is supporting this.

We are grateful to all the parents who attended the quiz night. Thanks also go to Wendi Smith, the residents of Highway Road and Powney Road, Redpath Photography and Kalyani Verna for their very generous raffle prizes.



Library Second Hand Book Sale



On Wednesday 20th October 2021, the Student Librarians organised and ran a very successful second-hand book sale. We raised £127 towards new books for the Library and hope everyone enjoys their purchases.



Many thanks to everyone who was involved.

Student Focus Centre



Saturday 6th November 2021 is Stress Awareness Day. At Newlands, we are very lucky to have the company of Miss Capon's dog, Teal, every Friday. Teal is a beautiful working cocker spaniel. She is much loved by the team in the SFC and all the students who eagerly come to walk her!

Dogs are known to offer stress release and are proven to lower blood pressure. Pets also improve psychological well-being and self-esteem.

Poppy Bates and Alyssa Winterton in Year 7 love walking Teal. Poppy told us, "She's great company and helps me feel relaxed and happy" and Alyssa said, "I feel excited about coming to school when Teal is in. I love walking her as she makes me feel so happy".



Mr Henshaw, Miss Capon,
Poppy Bates and
Alyssa Winterton

NPA News

Bag2School – 13th November!



On Monday 15th November, Bag2School will be visiting Newlands to collect any unwanted clothes. For every kilogram of clothing donated, the NPA will receive a valuable boost to their funds. The clothes then make their way to developing countries, where they are cleaned, reused and sold.

Please do take the opportunity to sort through your wardrobes and consider donating any unwanted items to the scheme. You will have the opportunity to drop your bags off on **Saturday 13th November from 10am to 1pm** (a black bin liner is fine). Please turn in to the school car park and, when space becomes available, move forward to the bus lane, where members of the NPA will call you forward once more to receive your bags and store them in the bicycle shelter.

All funds raised through Bag2School will be used to support the learning and extra-curricular experiences of our students. It is also great to know that your unwanted clothing will be used sustainably to support communities across the world!

Please visit the Bag2School website for a list of what is accepted for collection:

<https://bag2school.com>

Stars of the Week



The stars of the week for Maths are:

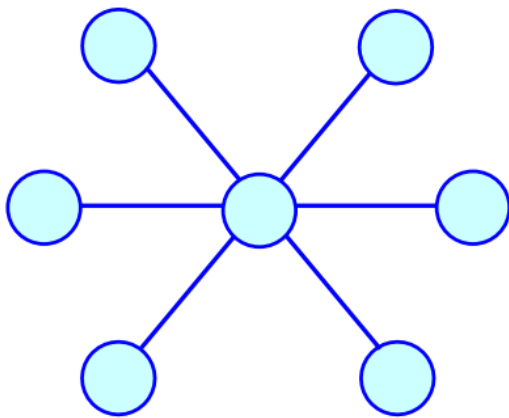
KS3 - Sidhi Avtar (Y8) – She willingly volunteers to answer questions and completes work to an excellent standard.

KS4 - Kirsten Millward (Y10) - She has shown a consistently excellent attitude and is always looking to challenge herself. This was reflected in her recent essentials test result, where she only dropped one mark.

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

Puzzle time

Seven up!



Put the numbers

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

in the circles so that each straight line of three numbers adds up to the same total.

Puzzle provided by
www.mathsphere.co.uk

Answer to the puzzle from last week:

Make a calculation totalling 910 using some or all of the numbers listed below with any of the four mathematical operations (+, -, x and ÷)

7, 8, 6, 5, 4, 3

$$(8+5) \times 7 \times (6+4) = 910$$

There are 13 other possible solutions!

St Mary's Church Celebration

Join us
歡迎大家來到Maidenhead!

A St Mary's Church celebration of the arrival of Hong Kongers with food, entertainment and a short talk.

Church Hall, 6 - 9pm Saturday 13th November

To book tickets: www.stmarysmaidenhead.org

