

FRIDAY NEWS!

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



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Term 4 - No. 4

Headteacher's Message

Another successful week has gone by at Newlands! The school-based Covid-19 testing was brought to a smooth close (with no positive cases identified) and pupils are now collecting kits to take home.

All year groups are studying hard and it is impressive to see every class focussed, engaged and making great progress.

We have been asked by RBWM to let parents know about a Primary School consultation. If you would like to take part, please click on the link below.

<https://surveys.achievingforchildren.org.uk/s/MaidenheadPrimary/>

Many thanks for your continuing support.

Dr L.V. Ceska

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 26th March 2021

We will be holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 26th March 2021**. The charity 'Save The Children' has been chosen by our Sixth Form students.

Students are asked to make a donation of £1.50 to wear their own clothes. Please log on to your daughter's sQuid account and click on "Non School Uniform day – 26th March 2021" to make the £1.50 payment.

Girls are welcome to wear an outfit of their choice, but we do not allow high fashion items. Please also note that the rules regarding hair, jewellery and make-up remain as normal. If your daughter has PE, please ensure that she is wearing suitable sports trainers.



[Save the Children UK | Global Children's Charity](https://www.savethechildren.org.uk/)

Thank you!

We would like to say a big **thank you** to all the fantastic volunteers who helped organise LFD testing at Newlands. They were calm, organised and professional, which ensured that everything ran very smoothly.

The students took the whole process in their stride and behaved in an exemplary fashion throughout. A member of staff made the following observation:

From Year 13 through to Year 7 the girls' response and commitment to the testing protocols has been exceptional and for me, uplifting. I have monitored the girls arriving for testing and without exception the girls have been calm, co-operative and exceptionally well-behaved. They have completely taken in their stride the procedures that are required to make their testing go as smoothly as it has.

From next week, testing will take place at home and pupils have been provided with the necessary kits. We are always happy to help with any queries: office@newlandsgirls.co.uk



PE Update

During lockdown, exercise was harder due to a lack of motivation and some people missed the routine of going to scheduled classes at the gym. PE lessons were helpful and walking with a friend or in some cases, like mine, going on dog walks with family kept my spirits up.

For key worker children, PE took place in the Gym or the Sports Hall. It was more difficult for those with less room at home. Luckily, the PE teachers tried as hard as they could to make it easy for all, whilst providing physical activities to help challenge us during lockdown. These included juggling, hip-hop routines, athletics and scavenger hunts.

Everyone is looking forward to participating in lots of different sports now we are back at school.



Jay Scott (Y9)

This term, pupils will be participating in a range of sports including cricket, lacrosse and netball. A focus will be not only on skill development in these sports, which may be new to many of them, but also on teamwork and cooperation, and of course, getting outside and having some fun in the fresh air!

Cross Country Results

Due to the Covid pandemic, the Berkshire Schools' Cross-Country event had to be held virtually this year. We had 8 girls submit their best performances to the competition. With over 500 students across Berkshire entering the competition, we had some excellent results, including **Eva Bartlett** who came 9th in the U15 age group with an amazing 12:18 for her 3K!

Everyone who entered should be proud of their achievements and also their commitment to training for a virtual event. All students have been emailed information about the National Virtual Cross-Country competition, which will be running from 15th – 28th March 2021. This is open to all girls, not just those who have participated in the County event. Further information can be found at www.esaa.net.

Michelle Claxton
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Student Focus Centre

Resilience

Resilience helps us deal with stress and when things that don't quite go to plan. By building our resilience, we can manage problems and issues more effectively.

Try these tips which might help you:

1. Identify your strengths and how you can use them.
2. Think of three times in the past when you have coped well with a problem or stress and write down what you did.
3. Each night, note down three achievements from that day.
4. Keep a track of all the good things in your life and write them in a gratitude journal. This will help you to see all the positives in your life.



Maths Stars of the Week



The Stars of the week for Maths are:

KS3 - Lucy Freeland (Y9) - She worked exceptionally hard over the last month during online lessons and completed a lot of work outside lessons. She also has a consistently excellent attitude to learning.

KS4 - Ella Sethi (Y11) - She worked really hard throughout the whole period of lockdown.

Maths riddle: after a sheepdog chased all the sheep into the pen, he told the farmer: “All 40 accounted for.” The farmer replied, “but I only have 36 sheep.” The sheepdog said: “I know, but I

(Answer in next week's Friday News)

Answer to the riddle from last week: how do you make the number one disappear? Add the letter 'G' and it becomes Gone!

Cooking Crazy?

Many Newlands students have been improving their cookery skills during lockdown. If you, or someone you know, is aged 9-15 and loves baking, why don't you apply for the next series of **Junior Bake Off**? They are looking for talented youngsters to impress the judges.

Who knows, you could end up baking in the world-famous tent later this year!

<https://thegreatbritishbakeoff.co.uk/apply-for-junior-bake-off-2021/>

