

# FRIDAY NEWS!

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## Headteacher's Message

We are now in the final stages in preparing for the return of pupils next week. It will be lovely to see everyone back in their classrooms, enjoying face-to-face teaching once again.

We have had an excellent response with the return of Covid-19 test consent forms, but if yours is still lingering in your in-box, I would be very grateful if it could come our way today!

If you have questions about the return of pupils or the Covid-19 testing programme, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Have a great weekend.

Dr L.V. Ceska

## Languages Update

### Spanish trip to Barcelona - ¡Vivan las vacaciones!



For our final Spanish lesson of Term 3, we had the opportunity to make the most amazing cultural trip to Barcelona – online of course! Miss Neveu created an interactive presentation, filled with different landmarks to click on, which navigated us virtually through the city – an audio-visual tour of the Camp Nou stadium, a video of a busker playing flamenco on Las Ramblas and a guided visit to Gaudi's amazing Parc Güell amongst other experiences.

It was really nice to gather information and learn about the city, especially as we are currently unable to travel.

Izzy and I enjoyed the lesson because it was such a different and engaging way of studying and it brought back memories of my own family trip to Barcelona.

**By Lottie Mitchell and Izzy Burnard (Y9)**

## Engaging English

During this period of online learning, it is good to take a break and do something unusual. Recently, the girls in 7B were given a choice of 'creative Shakespearean activities', one of which included making a Shakespearean themed cake. Imogen Alderson baked this recreation of the Globe theatre.

Other activities included creating word searches and Kahoot quizzes, all on a Shakespearean theme. There was even a 'make a Shakespeare inspired Theme Park' task! It has been fantastic to see the enthusiasm and energy all students have invested in their work.



By Imogen Alderson

## Careers



*We continue our series of online event reviews with an article by Isabella Broccolo (Y11) who attended a webinar by M&S.*

Attending an online webinar hosted by M&S was a wonderful opportunity, helping me to gain a lot more clarity on my future career choices and making me feel much more at ease. Despite these uncertain times, there are still many events available to us.

Throughout, skilled employees and apprentices explained how they obtained their roles. The webinar covered fast track routes to managing your own department and looking after multi-million-pound budgets, to the coaching and mentoring on offer.

Learning about apprenticeships is very informative, even if you are not planning on this career pathway. I believe that it is a good idea to participate in any webinars that interest you, so that you can keep your options open. I would recommend this to all students!

**By Isabella Broccolo (Y11)**

If your daughter has any questions with regards to careers, please ask her to email [NataliaJandrell@Newlandsgirls.co.uk](mailto:NataliaJandrell@Newlandsgirls.co.uk)

## Student Focus Centre

### International Women's Day – 8<sup>th</sup> March

International Women's Day is celebrated every year on 8<sup>th</sup> March. It is day where the amazing achievements of women are recognised, for their courage and determination. The first International Women's Day was in 1911.



The theme this year is *Choose to Challenge*. “A challenged world is an alert world. Individually, we're all responsible for our own thoughts and actions.” Part of that challenge is to question bias and help to achieve equality in our world.

How can International Women's Day help your wellbeing? Talking about the achievements of others can help you feel more motivated to reach own your goals, regardless of gender. Celebrating the successes of others, can inspire us to feel positive and optimistic in our own lives.

## Maths Stars of the Week



The Stars of the week for Maths are:

**KS3 – Maryam Quereshi (Y8)** – She always wants to volunteer an answer and help others.

**KS4 – Ella Sethi (Y11)** – She has made an excellent effort with her past papers.

**Maths riddle:** what is the laziest number?  
(Answer in next week's Friday News)

**Answer to the riddle from last week:** what has 4 legs but only 1 foot? A bed!

## Parent Support

**Gingerbread**  
Single parents, equal families

Gingerbread is the leading national charity working with single parent families. Gingerbread's website has a page specifically set up to provide relevant, up-to-date information during this challenging time. It includes information on staying safe, support bubbles, going to work, benefits, mental health and Gingerbread groups.

The Gingerbread Single Parent Helpline provides support and expert advice on dealing with a break-up or going back to work, as well as how to sort out child maintenance, benefit or tax credit issues.

<https://www.gingerbread.org.uk/covid-19-response/>

**Helpline number: 0808 802 0925**