

FRIDAY NEWS!

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



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Term 5 - No. 6

Headteacher's Message

As we prepare to break up for the half-term holiday, Year 11 and Year 13 have been enjoying their celebration events. These lovely occasions gave us a wonderful opportunity to let them know how impressed we have been with their outstanding contribution to the ethos of our school. The generous donation from our hard-working NPA meant that we could turn the Sports Hall and Sixth Form Common Room into bright, festive and welcoming party venues, complete with balloon arches!

During the course of next week, all families are encouraged to continue with the Lateral Flow Testing. If a positive case is identified, please e-mail office@newlandsgirls.co.uk letting us know the name of your daughter and her Form Group. Please note that this account will be checked once a day at 10.00 am and that any close contacts will be notified by e-mail.

Attached to this week's Friday News, you will see that we have included a Safety Bulletin, which provides lots of information for parents and carers to help keep their children safe. I strongly recommend that you read it through carefully.

I hope that everyone in our school community can enjoy a pleasant and restful week (with the possibility, I believe, of some sunshine!).

Dr L.V. Ceska

Carnegie Shadowing Group

The CILIP Carnegie Medal is one of the UK's oldest and best-loved children's book awards, which recognises outstanding reading experiences for young people. Every spring, CILIP (the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals) invites reading groups in libraries and schools to get involved with shadowing the judging for this award.

Ms Baker is leading a Carnegie Shadowing Group for Year 7 pupils in the Library. Girls will have the opportunity to read and discuss the exciting books shortlisted, and vote for their favourite to win the Shadowers' Choice Awards, which we look forward to hearing about!



Extra-Curricular Sports Clubs

We are delighted to offer a range of extra-curricular sports clubs after half term. The timetable is below and clubs are open to all year groups. If pupils wish to attend on a day when they do not have PE, they will just need to remember to pack their trainers and shorts so that they can take part. Year 7 lunchtime clubs will also continue until the end of the summer term.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
After School until 4.30pm	Year 7 Athletics	Y8 Athletics Y9 Tennis Y10 Tennis Y7 Rounders	Y7 tennis Y9 Athletics Y10 Athletics Y8 Rounders	Y8 tennis Y9 Rounders Y10 Rounders	



Student Focus Centre

School Holidays and Mental Health



For many of us the school holidays are a time to relax and have fun with friends and family, but for those struggling with mental health, this can present additional challenges.

Here are some tips from the NHS on how to make sure you get the most out of your free time:

- **Get planning** – Organise your day. Sometimes there may be things you want to do on your own, but remember to make the most of seeing friends and family.
- **Practice self-care** – Remember to be kind to yourself. Listen to your body and find time for the things that make you happy.
- **Enjoy the great outdoors** – Whether it's country walks or a stroll around town, time outside in the fresh air is brilliant for boosting mental health.
- **Stay connected** – Having company is important. Keep in touch with friends and family and if you know someone who is struggling with their mental health, make an extra effort to connect.

Maths Stars of the Week



The Stars of the week for Maths are:

KS3 - Molly Booth (Y9) – She has a great attitude and always makes an effort to contribute in class.

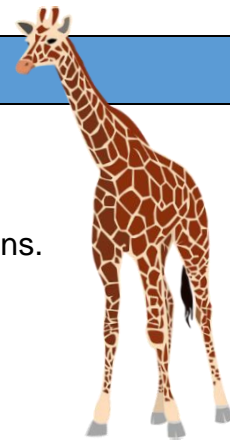
KS4 - Darcey Marshall (Y11) – Darcey's hard work is truly inspiring!

Maths riddle: Which tool is best suited for mathematics?
(Answer in next week's Friday News)

Answer to the riddle from last week: Why did the geometry student reach his school late? He took the rhombus.

Fun Science Facts of the Week

- The ostrich egg is the largest single cell.
- The giraffe has the same number of neck bones as humans.
- Mercury is the only planet without a moon.



Library News



The Library welcomes donations of good quality second hand books for children and young adults. If you have anything you would like to contribute, please ask students to bring them to the Library on their bubble day, or drop them off at Reception marked clearly for the Library.

Music Showcase Concert

Before the end of the summer term, we look forward to hosting a virtual concert. The Music Department is looking for students across all year groups, to submit a one-minute video of themselves playing an instrument or singing. Entries should be emailed to chrisbeach@newlandsgirls.co.uk. The deadline for submissions is **Monday 28th June**, after which, the very best performances will appear in our concert video and be available to view on the school website from during the first week of July.

Please see the attached poster for more information. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mr C. Beach
Acting Head of Music