

FRIDAY NEWS!

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



Friday 2nd July 2021
Term 6 - No. 4

Headteacher's Message

This week, I would like to congratulate our school kitchen staff, who, once again, have secured the coveted 5-star rating for cleanliness and organisation. The unannounced inspection took place yesterday and we are all very proud of this excellent outcome.

Our new Head Girls, Anna and Lily, have already made a start on helping us all to improve the environment. E-mail reminders have gone out regarding the use of recycling bins and they have also taken the lead on upgrading the Sixth Form outside area. The picture below shows them enjoying the fruits of their labours!



To help parents with their planning, please note that, on the last day of term (Friday 16th July), we will take a traditional approach and finish at midday.

Thank you to all the parents who have already paid the £1.50 charitable donation for today's non-uniform fundraiser. If this is still on your 'to do list', can I ask that you go on to your daughter's Squid account and make the payment as soon as possible. The charity, chosen by our Head Girls, is 'Action Aid', which is working to help fight COVID in India.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that the Newlands Parents' Association are running a GANUS (Good as New Uniform Sale) on Thursday 8th July from 4.00 p.m. to 6.00 p.m. in the Year 7 outside covered area.

Have a lovely weekend.

Dr L.V. Ceska

Careers

Year 11 Careers event

On Thursday 17th June 2021, Year 11 were invited to attend a Virtual Careers Afternoon, which aimed at giving students some ideas about possible future options and how to reach their goals.

We began with a presentation from Mrs Jandrell, the school's Careers Leader, detailing the different post-16 and post-18 pathways. Students found out about which top employability skills companies are looking for and were encouraged to think about how they could gain and demonstrate those. Pupils were given an overview of various job sectors and sent resources to explore profiles and career opportunities within the area. Following this, girls had the chance to take a quiz, work on their CV and explore career insight events they might like to attend.



We finished with a Q&A session, which gave students the opportunity to ask anything they wanted to know about their own path or careers in general. It was great to see so many students participating and sharing their interests and aspirations.

A Day with Teal

Walking into school, I was greeted by Mrs Taylor, who was with the beautiful dog, Teal. Teal jumped up excitedly on my legs and I stroked her silky, chestnut fur and then walked with her into the SFC. She sniffed around and played with her toys, a very excitable and fun-loving dog indeed! Miss Capon came to check Teal had safely arrived. When she saw her beloved owner, the pup ran over to her wagging her tail. Teal stayed in the SFC for the rest of the day, having walks at breaktime and lunchtime and I was one of the lucky people to spend time with her.

Everyone enjoyed seeing Teal and gave her lots of cuddles - she loves the affection. At the end of lunch, I gave Teal back to Mrs Taylor and watched her settle down. After period 5, I was reluctant to say goodbye to Teal, but was reminded that she would be coming in again, so I said goodbye and left with a smile on my face.

By Rosie Larkin (Y7)



Student Focus Centre

Inspiration!

Some of you will be following the Euros at the moment, but many of you will not have heard of a truly inspirational female footballer, who is a clear example of what having a **positive mindset** can do.

Nadia Nadim is an Afghan-Danish footballer, now considered the most influential and greatest Afghan player of all time. Nadia was born in Afghanistan. Her father was killed by the Taliban when she was 11 years old, and her family then fled to Denmark. Nadia has scored 200 goals in her professional footballing career and has represented Denmark 98 times.



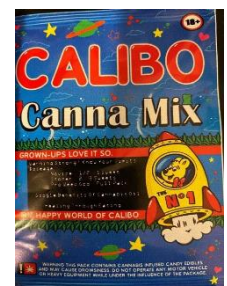
Not only has she had an amazing footballing career, Nadia has also put herself through medical school and plans to become a reconstructive surgeon when her footballing career ends. Nadia also speaks 9 languages and is currently ranked in the top 20 on the Forbes list of most Powerful Women in International Sports. I hope you agree that Nadia is an amazing role model.

Parental Guidance - 'Edibles' - Drug Awareness

The police have informed us that, in the local area, there is some concern around the use of cannabis edibles, which has resulted in several hospitalisations.

An edible sweet contains between 10-15mg of THC per sweet (THC is the substance that causes the 'high'). Unpleasant effects could be felt at around 5-10mg (which is less than one edible sweet). Feelings of psychosis, paranoia and sometimes hallucinations are commonly experienced. Often, these drugs are supplied in 500-600mg packs making accidental over-consumption highly likely.

Please be vigilant and look out for any wrappers of this nature. We advise an open discussion at home in relation to the dangers involved in experimenting with illegal drugs. Do not hesitate to contact the school if you would like further advice.



Maths Stars of the Week



The Stars of the week for Maths are:

KS3 - Manasi Vyas (Y 7) – Manasi works hard in and out of class. She volunteers lots of answers and asks for help when she needs it.

KS4 - Maria Guimaraes E Silva (Y10) - She has been consistently working really hard in class and has an excellent attitude towards her studies, with a desire to understand fully the content.

Maths riddle: how many sides does a circle have?
(Answer in next week's Friday News)

Answer to the riddle from last week: an odd job person was hired to do eight jobs around the house, why did he only do 4 of them? He only did the odd numbers - jobs 1, 3, 5 and 7!

Charity Fun Day!



IN AID OF PANCREATIC
CANCER ACTION

Saturday 10th July
From 11am till 3:30pm

Held at the North Maidenhead Cricket Club SL6 8SP

Bouncy castles • Kids Tombola • Guess the name of the teddy • Guess the number of sweets in the jar • Face painting • Cake stall • Food and drink available to order from the bar (must be sat at a table to order) • Raffle • Market Stalls • And more!

Raffle tickets are available to purchase ahead of the event, and for those not able to attend. Tickets are £1 each and there are over 40 prizes to be won.



As part of my EPQ in events planning and management, I am organising a charity event in aid of Pancreatic Cancer Action. This is taking place at the North Maidenhead Cricket Club on the 10th July from 11.00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

It will be a really family friendly event with bouncy castles, kids' tombola, face painting, market stalls, cake stall, a raffle and more! I'm also selling raffle tickets in advance which are £1 each and there are over 40 prizes to be won, such as massages, beauty treatments and meal vouchers. Raffle tickets are also available to purchase on the day.

Luz Dance – Sixth Form

  @charity_funday_in_aid_of_pca