

FRIDAY NEWS!

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



Friday 11th June 2021
Term 6 - No. 1

Headteacher's Message

It was lovely to welcome everybody back after the half-term break, especially given that the sun has decided to share a few rays with us!

Thank you to all our Year 7 parents, who joined us for the on-line Parents' Evening last night. Unfortunately, there were a few technical hitches that affected some of the sessions. We will now do some follow-up telephone calls to make sure that families don't miss out. We are very happy with the progress of this cohort and enjoy sharing the good news about how well they are doing in their first year of secondary education.

Finally, I am very pleased to report that we continue to have no Covid-19 cases.

Student Focus Centre Visitor

The SFC had a visitor! Miss Capon's lovely dog Teal came to keep us all company for the day. The students really enjoyed walking her responsibly, and having lots of cuddles. Teal made herself at home, especially under Mrs Taylor's desk!



"I got to walk Teal and she was so good and adorable! She stayed in the SFC for the day and it was so lovely to see her."

Mayah Fiferman, Y7



**Rosie Larkin and
Manasi Vyas (Yr 7)**

Teal will be coming to visit again very soon.

Good Luck to our Dance Teams!



Four dance teams involving pupils from Years 8, 9, 10 and the Sixth Form will soon be taking part in a virtual competition organised by *The Great Big Dance Off*. Each team has been working hard during lunchtime rehearsals to choreograph a new routine, following the cancellation of the original event just days before the performance.



Year 8 – Maddie Evans, Alice Miles, Tatenda Mashonganyika, Alexia Richardson, Sophie McMaster, Dani Di Cioccio, Imogen Wendland, Emily Stewart, Isla Bristow, Dylan Garrard, Amelie Wardle and Hailey Marufu.

Year 9 – Amelie Checkley, Eva Moore, Clemmie Harris, Freya Cleeton, Eva-Maria Sumner, Natalia Romero, Lottie Mitchell, Mia Maskell, Sophie Padfield, Lauren Evans, Lexi Keegan, Kate McAdam and Maddie Barrett.

Year 10 – Olivia Leedham, Ruby Qureshi, Anna Staszewski, Hannah Simcock, Simone Stirzaker, Olivia Dartnell, Grace Stuart, Helen Cooper, Issy Holmes, Caitlin Bickford, Lottie Harrison, Fotini Kerkyra and Jess Hurst

Sixth Form – Lily Faulkner, Amy Henley, Isla Viner, Maisie Gibson, Anna Robinson, Amber McCarthy and Megan Wiard.

Good luck to everyone involved and we look forward to letting you know how the participants get on!

<https://www.thegreatbigdanceoff.com/>

Library Time

When the weather was poor before half term, what better way to spend a lunchtime than playing chess in the Library? Chess improves your memory and problem-solving skills and boosts concentration! Mr Bilsborough from the English Department is often available on Year 9 Bubble Days to provide advice and encouragement.



**Isabelle Gorf and
Aavishi Krishnatrya (Y9)**

Student Focus Centre

Grow your Own!



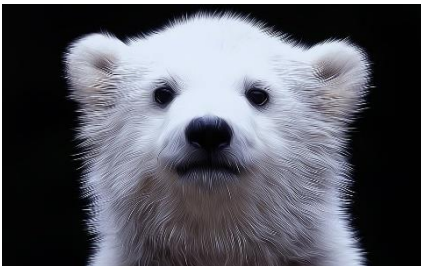
7th – 13th June is *Growing for Wellbeing* week. According to the Gardening Therapy Organisation, planting improves our mental health by providing us with an opportunity to connect with nature, learn new skills, escape our thoughts, and enjoy the great outdoors.

You don't need a big garden, a few pots or a window box will provide enough space to grow a variety of flowers and vegetables.

Share pictures of what you have grown @GYOforWellbeing and with us at wellbeing@newlandsgirls.co.uk.



Fun Science Facts



- Venus is the only planet to spin clockwise.
- Polar bears have black skin.
- Only 12 men have walked on the moon.

Maidenhead Bikeathon

Maidenhead Rotary Club's 2021 Bikeathon is going ahead!

The date for this popular cycling event is **July 11th 2021** and it is hoped that many individuals, families and clubs will take part. The Bikeathon is not a race – there are three different routes for all ages and abilities. Everyone is welcome! More information can be found on their website:

<https://maidenheadbikeathon.co.uk/>



Maths Stars of the Week



The Stars of the week for Maths are:

KS3 - Amelie Fenna-Sprackling (Y8) – She works incredibly hard in lessons and is supportive to her peers.

KS4 - Chloe Williams (Y10) – Her homework is completed 100% on time and she always catches up on any work missed. Chloe is very polite, respectful and participates well in class.

Maths riddle: how are the moon and a dollar similar?
(Answer in next week's Friday News)

Answer to the riddle from last week: which tool is best suited for mathematics?
Multi-pliers!