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# Newsletter

There is lots to share this week! Miss Hart has been leading a **“Learning Behaviours” project called “Building Learning Power” (BLP)**. Before Christmas, the children invented their own characters to support the learning skills they are trying to develop and these are now displayed in school to remind us to use them. They are also available on the school website (follow the link in the News section) if you would like to look at them. This half-term, the focus is on **Resilience** and Tuesday was a whole-school Resilience day to support the children’s understanding of what resilience is and why it is important to our learning. Classes took part in a range of activities to understand and further develop their resilience. **Why not talk to your child about what they learned and about how resilience can help them to succeed?**

Speaking of success, our **“Come Read With Us”** appeal in the parishes was highly successful, with many parishioners, including former parents and former pupils, volunteering to come and help with reading. It was lovely to meet some of them and hear their memories of their experiences at Cardinal Newman. We are looking forward to welcoming them into school to work together to support reading, especially on **Tuesday mornings and Friday afternoons**. If there are **any more parents who would be keen to volunteer**, please do let the office know.

As you know, our last RE inspection was over two years ago and we are expecting a visit from the diocese next half-term to see how our RE provision is progressing. This isn’t an inspection, just an opportunity to touch base with the RE Advisers. To give us a baseline for our self-evaluation, it would be really helpful to hear parent views about the Catholic life of the school and about the RE teaching. We are sending out an **RE questionnaire for parents** and it would be greatly appreciated if you could return it to school with your views. As always, if the questionnaire raises any queries for you, do please get in touch and I will be happy to chat about it.

Finally, we are developing a new display **celebrating children’s achievements outside of school**. This may be something **extra-curricular** outside school (e.g. swimming / Brownie badges / Player of the Match awards etc) or it may be something more **personal** (showing resilience / determination by climbing a mountain with your family on holiday or taking especially good care of a pet or being brave after an injury). Whatever it is, we would love to hear about it and to celebrate it in school on our Achievements Board – please do feel free to send into the office any certificates / photos / anything visual which can be pinned to our board. Trophies may require a photo please!

**Amethyst Class** will have their **Class Mass next Friday** – the first of this term – and parents are, as always, invited so do please come along next Friday. We look forward to celebrating with you then.

All best wishes Catherine Burnham

**RUBY CLASS ASSEMBLY—WEDNESDAY 24 JANUARY**

Ruby Class parents are invited to the class assembly at 9.00am

**AMETHYST CLASS MASS—FRIDAY 26 JANUARY**

Amethyst Class parents are invited to join them for Mass at 2.30pm.

**RE QUESTIONNAIRE**—You can complete this online (follow the link in the Latest News section) and we will also be sending by email if you prefer to return a paper copy.

**COMPUTING DAY**

We will be holding a Computing Day in June and are asking if parents who have internet safety, computing or coding expertise would like to be involved by doing a talk or workshop. If you are interested, or know of anyone who could assist, please contact Mrs Canning at [lcanning@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk](mailto:lcanning@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk). Thank you.

**RECEPTION STAY AND LEARN (MATHS) SESSIONS—29 TO 31 JANUARY**

You are now able to book for the next Stay and Learn sessions focussing on Maths. This time please book using our website instead of Tucasi/Scopay. You can find the link in the Latest News section and on the Reception page.

**CLUB NEWS—29 AND 30 JANUARY**

Please note that due to staff training the following school-run clubs will not be running: Environmental/Forest School (Monday 29 January), Irish Club and Fun with Fabric (Tuesday 30 January).

**UNIFORM** As you know we are in the process of changing our school uniform supplier to AlleyCatz school uniform shop in Hersham. We have agreed that they will start to supply our school uniform from Monday 19 March, and therefore after this date the school will no longer be providing the school uniform service which took place each Wednesday afternoon. Further details about AlleyCatz can be found on the uniform page of the school website.

**CHANGE4LIFE—FAMILY SNACK CHALLENGE**

Children in Reception and KS1 are bringing home a leaflet from Change4Life about their Family Snack Challenge to encourage healthy eating. There is also information about their new free Food Scanner app to see what's really inside your food and drink. There are also leaflets outside the school office.

**BOXES OF TISSUES**—the school office would be very grateful for any donations of tissues for children to use during the day. Thank you.

**PA NEWS**

**Quiz Night** tickets are still available (see attached)—please buy through Classlist.

**EFFORT AWARDS**

<b>Red</b>	Aisling B	Jacob S	<b>Ruby</b>	Kate B	Abi E
<b>Orange</b>	Raffy M	Clodagh B	<b>Coral</b>	Keeva J	Layla W
<b>Green</b>	Lily R	Georgia T	<b>Opal</b>	Evie C	Seren D
<b>Yellow</b>	Julia C	Samuel M	<b>Sapphire</b>	Mia S	Luella H
<b>Violet</b>	Jacob S	Sheena D	<b>Emerald</b>	Nia F	Ronak C
<b>Blue</b>	Grace B	Thomas M	<b>Garnet</b>	Laura T	Rebecca S
<b>Topaz</b>	Eny S	Archie B	<b>Amethyst</b>	Tia G	Richie B