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Newsletter

Dear Parents

This week has been a very exciting week for Sports at Cardinal Newman, with children from across the school involved in a range of events. Today, the School Council have implemented a "Sports Activity Day" for children from all classes, with the emphasis on having fun and getting everyone involved! Although the weather conspired against us a little bit, there was a great deal of excitement and activity. The highlight may have been the netball matches where two staff teams played the Y5 and the Y6 team. Supported by very noisy onlookers (chanting variously for their class, their teacher and (especially loudly!) for Mr Sebo!) the teams had lots of fun and the children played exceptionally well. The legacy of this could be seen at lunchtime where there were many more netball matches going on than usual! Photos are on the website.

In addition to these whole school activities, representatives from Y3 and Y4 took part in an Archery and Fencing workshop on Monday, while on Tuesday, some members of Y5 were involved in our first ever Panathlon. Panathlon is a team sport which includes a plethora of skills-based events including: parachute popcorn, polybat, precision bean bag, new age kurling, boccia blast, flight path, Messi football skills and table cricket. It turns out that Cardinal Newman are good at skills-based sports events as the team won the event and came home sporting rather impressive gold medals! Well done to: Yasmine Hodkinson, Megan Shuttleworth, Josh Barham-Casey, Joe Regan, Layla Durant and Joseph Moreton-Dolman for bringing home our first victory in this event! We had more success on Thursday when Y4 and Y5 played in a football tournament at Royal Holloway. There are photos on the website. The team played extremely well, narrowly losing on penalties in the final to come second in the tournament! Well done to all who participated! Our thanks should go again to the PA and to the Governors Fund for funding our school minibus – the children travelled by minibus to all three events!

On Tuesday, we had the third of our BLP (Building Learning Power) days focussing on "Resourceful." The children thought about different ways we can use the tools and knowledge at our disposal to help our learning. Y3 enjoyed a fantastic afternoon using their tools and knowledge to design parachutes and containers to land an egg safely. Although the playground floor certainly showed that not everyone had immediate success, the children had a great time and really thought about their learning.

On Thursday, Reception had an exciting time at Brooklands Museum. They enjoyed seeing all the cars and aeroplanes, which featured heavily in their writing about the trip. Thank you to parents who supported the trip by leading a small group. We always need lots of helpers to facilitate trips, in the younger years especially, so thank you for helping us to give our children these opportunities.

We have had a very busy week in school with two class assemblies. Father Bill has been in school to celebrate a Y4 Class Mass for the Feast of St Bede, which was greatly appreciated by all who attended. The children sang beautifully and their understanding of the Mass was really enhanced by the simple and intimate format of the class Mass. We look forward to celebrating more of these Masses next year! As usual, the parental support for these events has been fantastic and the children are always excited to see their parents and grandparents in school for special events. Thank you as always for all your support for your children and for the school.

I wish you and your families a very happy and fun-filled Bank Holiday weekend and a wonderful half-term break.

All best wishes, Catherine Burnham

KS2 LUNCHES

Please book KS2 part or full time lunches by Monday 4 June. So that we order and charge for the correct number of lunches, you must let us know if your child is changing to or from school lunches. No bookings can be taken if there is an outstanding payment due for this half term.

CLUB NEWS

Sadly **Italian Club is now discontinued**. You can find a notice from COASIT, the organisers, on our website.

iRock will not be running on Wednesday 13 June.

Letters for **Surrey Football Coaching** after half term went home this week, a copy is on our website.

BAG2SCHOOL—FRIDAY 22 JUNE

Our next fabric recycling collection will be on Friday 22 June. Bags will be given out on Friday 8 June, please return them by **9.00am on collection day**.

Thank you to Mrs Kelly who has organised this for many years but will be leaving the school in the summer. She would love to hand over the organisation for this very effective fund raiser—if you are interested please email kerrypoulton@live.com.

LOST AND FOUND

We have 2 pairs of glasses and 2 watches in the office—please come and check if you think they might be yours. We are also looking for a pink Fit Pro watch—if you see it please bring it to the office. Thank you.

SPORT THIS WEEK

Our minibus has been busy taking children to three sporting events this week.

On Monday a group of six Year 3 children enjoyed a morning learning fencing and archery skills at Burhill School.

On Tuesday a team of six Years 4 and 5 children won the Panathlon competition held at Spelthorne Leisure Centre—please see photos on our website.

Congratulations to our boys' football team from Years 4 and 5 took part in the ERPSSA tournament at Royal Holloway yesterday. They were unbeaten and reached the final, only losing on penalties.

PA NEWS

Thanks to all those who attended the Fun Run and supported the PA who managed to raise over £300 from the event.

The **Year 4 Cake Sale has been moved to 8th June**.

The next **PA Meeting will be held on Friday 15 June** instead of 21 June.

Summer Fair Raffle Prizes—please help. The PA is continuing to raise money for the adventure playground and we are looking for local businesses to help support our lovely school. Could you donate a prize or service for our summer raffle? Any help would be great and hugely benefit the children at our school. We would be delighted to publicise your support to our parents and carers. Thank you very much in advance for any help you can offer. The Summer Fair is on 1 July from 12 pm - 3 pm.

Thank you. Reception Class Reps.