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# Newsletter

It's been another very busy and successful week at Cardinal Newman – it's difficult to choose the highlights, but I'll do my best! Most unusually, I have been blessed to accompany two school trips this week – I rarely have time to do this as Head, but it is always a privilege to share in the children's extra-curricular experiences.

This morning I drove the minibus to take our **Y5/6 Girls Football team to compete at the prestigious Fulham FC training ground**. The girls had the opportunity to meet an England Women's team player and chatted to her about the matches she had played and goals she had scored. Our team didn't win, being in their first tournament of this school year, but they played brilliantly, both scoring some excellent goals and saving some really tricky attempts by the opposition. I was very proud of them and look forward to seeing the team progress through the season.

**Year 4 (Opal Class) have had their Mission Week this week**, focussed on the theme of "Peace." They went to Mass at All Saints on Wednesday morning and shared their Mission Week assembly with parents and Key Stage 2 this morning. As part of their Mission Week, **they chose to serve the local community by making scones and entertaining the residents of Sherwood House** (a local care home) with their peace-themed poems and songs. I accompanied them yesterday and was proud of the service they undertook in our local community. The staff and residents of Sherwood House were delighted by the children's visit and on the way home the children were asking me, "Can we do this every week?" It is great that the visit created such mutual enjoyment and we have offered to take some KS2 children to sing Christmas carols next month.

From the core curriculum, there has been success in both Maths and English this week. Our Year 6 Mathematicians competed in the **Explore Maths Challenge** and have qualified for the next round of the competition. Well done to them! In the Elmbridge Writing Competition, we have had 11 children either placed 1st/2nd /3rd or receiving "Commended" or "Highly Commended" certificates, which is wonderful! Congratulations also to the many faces who have appeared at my door this week to share their fantastic writing. From Reception children proudly showing the sounds they have recognised and recorded to Year 6 celebrating four pages of detailed descriptive work, it has been exciting to share in their learning journeys and see their excellent progress!

Finally, this week, Bishop Richard shared his **Pastoral Plan for the Diocese** with our local deanery in Weybridge. He asked us to consider that we are the Church and that we have to look to ourselves to provide for the needs in our local community, rather than seeing the Church as some kind of "service provider." It was good to hear his emphasis on "formation for mission" – recognition that both clergy and lay people need time for their own spiritual development and reflection, before they can share their knowledge of God's love with the wider world.

Most welcome from a school point of view was the promise from the Bishop that all Catholic schools will have access to a lay chaplain – part-time – to support the school community – staff, children and families. We are blessed at Cardinal Newman with wonderful priests who are keen to be involved in the life of the school. Fr Bill is a school governor and is often here to say Mass and lead liturgy with the children. Fr Richard visits regularly on a Friday afternoon and has been going into classes to support learning in their RE topics. Fr Brendan, although no longer parish-based, is a great spiritual support and keeps the children and families of Cardinal Newman School in his daily prayers. A lay chaplain would have time to support this work further, facilitating our mission to enable our children and families to know that they are "uniquely created and loved by God." Thank you to all of our children who are singing at the Remembrance Service in Walton on Sunday – it will be great to have school representation there.

All best wishes for a wonderful weekend.

Catherine Burnham

**SAPPHIRE CLASS ASSEMBLY—FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER**

Sapphire Class parents are invited to their assembly next Friday at 9.00am.

**CHILDREN IN NEED—SAPPHIRE CLASS MISSION WEEK** Children in Sapphire Class will be raising funds for this year’s Children in Need appeal. Every day next week they will be in the playground selling keyrings, pin badges, Pudsey ears etc before and after school (prices £1 to £3.50). Please come along to support them. Thank you.

**CLUB NEWS**

Please note **Environmental Club will not be running on Monday 12 November.**

**Our KS2 Italian Club started on Tuesday.** There are still places if your child would like to join—please contact Lingua4Kids on 07791 001731.

**St Erconwald and All Saints Singers** will become very festive during the Wednesday after school practice sessions. From next week they will be singing carols all the way! They will be leading the music for Advent Sunday in Walton at 9:15 Mass on 2 December and of course will be singing and playing at church on Christmas Eve too. Please join them at Mass, at the practices or both!

**SHOEBOX COLLECTION**

A reminder that our shoebox collection for the Samaritan Purse’s Operation Christmas Child is from Thursday 15 November to 9am on Tuesday 20 November. Please don’t bring them earlier as we don’t have storage space. You can find out how to pack your boxes and make the project/shipping contribution via the link on our website. Thank you.

**ANTI BULLYING WEEK—12 TO 16 NOVEMBER**

On Monday 12 November children may wear an item of blue clothing with their uniform to mark Anti Bullying Day. The theme this year is “Choose respect” and during the week children will be taking part in a number of class activities.

**NATIONAL YOUNG MATHEMATICIANS’ AWARD** Congratulations to our team of Lara M, Nathan C, Matthew Y and Lilia B who won through to Round 2 after taking part in a competition on Wednesday. It was held at Explore Learning in Walton, who said “they were brilliant when challenging each other’s ideas and they showed great perseverance and determination as a team to get to their answers”.

**CYCLING TO SCHOOL** We’re delighted that a number of our children regularly cycle to school and we hope the recent Year 6 Bikeability course was helpful in keeping them safe on our busy roads. However, we are concerned that some are cycling without a helmet and would encourage them to always wear one when cycling to school. Thank you.

**HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL’S FUNDRAISING—REQUEST FOR HELP**

Holy Family School in Addlestone is raising money for a community sensory garden. They are asking for our help with collecting Tesco Community Project blue tokens. You will be able to do this at Tesco stores in Addlestone, Weybridge, Hershaw, Walton and Hurst Park. Thank you.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019**

Please remember that there will be a First Holy Communion meeting on 14 November at 8pm in St Erconwald's Church Hall. Parents for both sessions (All Saints 17.30 and St Erconwalds 11.15) should attend. Only one parent is needed at the meeting.

**FOOTBALL RESULT** Our Year 6 team lost 3-2 to Cleves last Friday, please see our website for all the results this term.

**PA NEWS** The Christmas Fair Newsletter is attached—please look to see how you can help.