



Dear Parents and Carers,

Incredibly, we find ourselves at the end of another school year, looking forward to what I hope will be a very happy, sunny and relaxing summer holiday.

The past year has been full of amazing achievements and wonderful teamwork. As always, the positive welcoming and inclusive spirit of Childwall Abbey School has been reflected in lots of academic, social and emotional learning opportunities.

We are especially proud of the new quality marks we have gained, accreditation added to our offer and a number of events and experiences our pupils and staff have enjoyed.

C.A.S. now holds proudly the Liverpool Writing Quality Mark at Gold level. This is an outstanding achievement, the result of determined leadership by Miss Groves and a lot of hard work and effort by all our pupils and staff. We love to write and the love really showed when we submitted our work to be reviewed. We were given so many compliments by the assessors and are now an exemplar school in the Local Authority.

The calm, safe and welcoming atmosphere of C.A.S. has also been recognised, as we have been awarded the prestigious School of Sanctuary Quality Mark. Michelle, our Learning Mentor took the lead enthusiastically, supported by pupils and staff. We always make our visitors and new members of our community feel welcome. Liverpool is a very diverse city and this award gave us the opportunity to reflect on how we could be even better at this key life skill.

The latest visit by Jonny, our assessor from the National Autistic Society, went extremely well. He reported that he is very happy with our provision for the many members of our C.A.S. community who are on the Autism Spectrum. He really enjoyed spending the day with us, monitoring our routines and more importantly, spending time listening to our pupils' thoughts and opinions on what we do well and how we might be even better.

As always, our budding mathematicians were excited to take part in the annual "Dragon's Den" maths competition. After a keenly contested selection competition, which saw lots of pupils putting forward creative ideas for maths games, our representatives were selected. Mr Watkins reported that they competed with real panache and pride. I was contacted by Ms Elaine Rees, CEO of the Liverpool Learning

Partnership, who commended our group for their hard work, the creativity of their submission and wonderful manners and behaviour on a challenging day.

We had a similar commendation for a group of our pupils who represented C.A.S. with Mr Blackmore at an amazing "Drone Day" at Toxteth Annexe.

This year has been an amazing success for the many outward-bound activities we offer our pupils. One area in particular stands out, the Duke of Edinburgh Award, ably led by Mr Morrow. For the first time, our Year 10 pupils were able to take part in the Bronze Award. This involved not only lots of in-house activities but also a two nights expedition to Barnstondale. For many pupils, this was their first time away from home. Everyone rose to the challenge, with the unwavering support of their staff. The Awards Evening in June was a very happy and emotional event, we were so proud of all our Year 10s!

Our Sixth-form also achieved great things, including Duke of Edinburgh Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. We were delighted to welcome the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Merseyside to present the awards. Everyone had made a real effort. Many thanks must go again to all the staff who supported pupils through the sections of the award, including the brave souls who attended the camping expedition to Lancashire. Earlier in the summer, Mr Morrow and I had the great privilege of travelling to Buckingham Palace to support our first ever group of Gold Award recipients. The sun shone, the gardens were beautiful and our students beamed and spoke eloquently when they received their awards from Princess Eugenie.

Another first for C.A.S. took place in May. Our Year 9 classes had an overnight stay at Barnstondale, to prepare for next year's Duke of Edinburgh Bronze. I visited them that evening and was delighted to see lots of tired but happy faces, including the Year 9 staff team, who again deserve many thanks for giving up their time.

The Year 8s had a special, activity packed trip to Barnstondale too, so everyone at C.A.S. is beginning to feel that they can be comfortable in what is rapidly becoming our outdoor "home from home".

Forest Schools has continued to be an activity our Year 7 pupils love. It enables us to make full use of the wonderful resource of Childwall Woods, to encourage a love of the outdoors and greater resilience in all our pupils.

This year's Work Experience was another resounding success, for the Year 11 pupils who have now left our school to move on to college placements in September. Thanks go to Mrs Wilson and Mrs Spencer for supporting our pupils and to the many local organisations who kindly offered placements. Pupils who are returning in September, to our Sixth-form provision, had a very positive week of Transition Preparation activities.

Exams went well this year, with many thanks going to Mrs Hunt for steering us all through this challenging time safely. We wish all our Year 11 students success and commend them for their hard work and persistence.

Our campaign to obtain a new mini-bus (before the old one gives up!), continues apace. We have raised £1,000 so far. Prize winners from the latest raffle were -

A.H. Year 8 - Rally adventure voucher

L.D. Year 7 - Odeon/Pizza Express voucher

T.J. Year 8 - Odeon/Pizza Express voucher

L.M. - Y11 - Tastecard voucher

L.D. - Y7 - Wine hamper

E.P. - Y9 - Chocs/biscuits

T.T. - Y9 - Chocs/biscuits

J.S. Y10 - Chocs/biscuits

D.C. - Sixth form - Prosecco

C.W. - kitchen staff - Prosecco

Thank you to everyone who kindly provided prizes or purchased tickets and to School Council for running the draw. Our buses are vital, if we are to be able to continue to support our pupils in enjoying as many off-site activities as possible.

Thanks also go to the many parents and carers who have attended school this year for a variety of coffee mornings and our Parents' Evenings, as well as for very special occasions such as the visit to school by the poet Levi Tafari and our infamous, hilarious Christmas Pantomime!

Sports Day marks the end of our busy year. Well done to all the competitors and thank you very much to all their many supporters. The sunshine was perfect and as always, the crowd cheered and encouraged everyone to "have a go". It was wonderful to celebrate the arrival of the holiday together in such a fun way. Thanks Mr Turley!

At the end of this school year, we say goodbye to some staff members and give a rousing welcome to others who will be new to the C.A.S. family in September.

Our three N.Q.T. teachers have all successfully completed their first year of teaching, thanks in no small part to the generous support of Mrs Hunt (their mentor for the year), Mrs Shaw (our SENDCo) and many other colleagues. We welcome them as fully-fledged members of the teaching profession! We wish Miss Zobenica and Miss Storey well, as they move on to pastures new. We are delighted that Mr Murray is remaining as a form teacher and DT co-ordinator at C.A.S..

Our caretaker, Mr Conlon has moved on this term. We thank him very much for his service over the years and wish him well.

We have many new colleagues arriving in September -

Ms K Barrett joins us as co-ordinator for Art with a Year 10 form.

Miss B Bates joins as Humanities co-ordinator with a Year 7 form.

Mrs Mason is moving from her current LSO role, to become form teacher in Year 8 and MFL co-ordinator

We have a number of new LSO colleagues from September - Mr B Moorcroft, Miss E Craven, Miss L Halliday, Mrs R Ali, Mr J Childs and Miss G McGinnigle and two new Admin staff, Mrs L Churchill and Mrs B McHugh (part-time).

Governors were delighted to interview and appoint three current staff members to new Senior Teacher roles. Mrs McCombs takes up leadership of the Sixth-form, Miss Groves is responsible for Curriculum across the school and Mr Watkins is Assessment and Exams lead. Mr Morrow steps up to manage all Duke of Edinburgh, Forest Schools and outward-bound activities full-time. Mrs Shaw takes on the Assistant Head (SENDCo) role, on Mondays and Fridays acting as Deputy Head, as Mrs Hunt reduces her time in school to three days a week.

This is a very exciting time in the life of our school. We welcome our new colleagues to the C.A.S. team, congratulate those who have achieved promotion and look forward to being even better equipped to meet the needs of our pupils.

Sincere thanks go to all the many parents and carers who have sent good wishes, cards and gifts to staff. Your support and your thoughtfulness are appreciated.

Once again may I wish all of the members of our C.A.S. community a very happy holiday.

Kind regards,

Mrs Piercy.

(Please note= School re-opens for pupils on Wednesday 4th September 2019. Keep an eye on our twitter "handle" @childwall_abbey for summer updates.)







Summer Search

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