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Newsletter

It's been another exciting week at Cardinal Newman. For the School Council, the highlight was doubtless the trip to London on Tuesday (photos on the website). The children had a guided tour of the Houses of Parliament and even met local MP Dominic Raab coming out of 10 Downing Street! They observed the debate in the House of Commons from the public gallery; one child told me the following day, "They weren't very well behaved, Mrs Burnham. You wouldn't have liked it! They were shouting at each other and everything!" Not exactly how we encourage them to behave in School Council meetings! The children had a very rich learning experience and a thoroughly enjoyable trip —our thanks go to Mr Flower for organising it!

On Wednesday, some of our governors met children from Y1, Y3 and Y5 to talk about their experience of this year's "Building Learning Power" project. The children talked about the learning behaviours they have been working on: Resilience, Reciprocity, Risk-taking, Resourcefulness and Reflection. It was great to hear their examples of when they have used these behaviours to help their learning: "I didn't think I could do it and I was worried about getting it wrong, but I took a risk and tried it. I got it right!" "I found it really hard but I kept going and didn't give up. I got a sticker for being resilient." If you want to know more, the BLP characters are on the school website and of course, these learning behaviours are part of our "Celebration Certificates" for good learning too. The next BLP day is Tuesday 22nd May which will focus on Resourcefulness.

We have had some stunning Class Assemblies this week from Yellow Class and Coral Class. Our thanks especially to all the Y4 parents who made a special effort to get there on Thursday afternoon at the rescheduled time—we do appreciate your support for your children's school activities. From September, the Class Assemblies for parents will be timetabled for 9am on a Friday morning to make it a little bit easier for working parents to attend.

In their assembly, Y4 reminded us beautifully that May is the month of Mary and a time for us to focus especially on prayers to Our Lady. In our Monday assembly we talked about last weekend's Rosary on the Coast initiative which attracted around 30,000 people to say the rosary at coastal locations all around the UK. The Prayer Council will lead the rosary for our school community before school on Friday 18 May at 8:15am. Everyone is very welcome to join us for this time of quiet prayer. Next week, Fr Bill will celebrate the vigil Mass for the Feast of the Ascension in school on Wednesday 9 May at 2pm.

We wish you and your families a very happy Bank Holiday weekend!

Catherine Burnham

BANK HOLIDAY—MONDAY 7 MAY

Don't forget it is Bank Holiday weekend so the school will be closed on 7 May.

KS2 ATHLETICS CLUBS – THURSDAYS

Our Thursday Athletics Clubs with Mr Sebo run for Years 3 and 4 at lunchtime and Years 5 and 6 after school. The clubs will be working towards the District Athletics on 10 July and are free of charge (funded by the school's Sports Premium) and open to every KS2 child. If your child would like to join, please book a place via your Scopay account (tick the consent box, no payment required).

HELP REQUESTED

With our Sports Premium the school has bought 4 outdoor table tennis tables. We would be very grateful if parents could spare a couple of hours after drop off on Tuesday 8 May to help us install them. Please let us know. Thank you.

COMPUTING DAY –TUESDAY 12 JUNE

Over the last few years our Computing Days have been a great success with companies and parents running exciting and informative sessions. If you or your company would be interested in running a computing/coding talk or workshop, please contact Mrs Canning at lcanning@cardinalnewmanschool.co.uk. Thank you.

ROYAL WEDDING LUNCH (FOR CHILDREN IN ALL YEAR GROUPS)– FRIDAY 18 MAY

The deadline for booking this lunch for children who normally have packed lunch is Friday, 11 May. Please book via the website—link in today's Latest News. Thank you.

HAPPY SHOESDAY—TUESDAY 22 MAY

We are taking part again this year—children may wear their own shoes to school as part of the Living Streets charity's campaign to encourage children to walk to school. More news to follow. Find out more by following the link on our website.

SURREY YOUTH GAMES—23/24 JUNE

Please remember to look on our website for information about how to register for this year's Surrey Youth Games for children aged 7 to 16. It includes free sports coaching in a wide range of sports and the opportunity to represent Elmbridge at the Games in June.

SPORTS NEWS

We have had a busy couple of weeks of sports fixtures. Our Year 4 team (Luke, Thomas, Isla and Lucy) came third in their group at the Mini Tennis Tournament at Walton Tennis Club last Wednesday.

Our Year 5 netball team played very well despite losing 0-3 to Grovelands last Thursday. They are taking part in a rally today, results to follow next week.

On Saturday our Years 4 to 6 teams competed in the District Cross Country at Notre Dame—well done to our Year 5 boys' team (Billy, Thomas, Charles, Nathan and Luca) who came third. You can find a link to the photo gallery on our website.

ST ERCONWALD SINGERS will be leading Mass at 9.15am on Sunday 6 May. Children are very welcome to join them before Mass.

PA NEWS The Year 3 Cake Sale raised £133.

Tickets are available on Classlist for the Fun Run and picnic on Friday 18th May.