

FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The Dome Evening of Celebration - We had a wonderful evening on Monday celebrating all our students' achievements from sporting successes to academic attainment, rewarding charitable works and commitment to the school. We were especially impressed with the quality of the music and the performance of the Year 7 choir considering rehearsal time had been lost owing to the snow closure. Our guest of honour, Julie Etchingam, was particularly impressed with the pride shown by our students as they received their awards. Julie spoke eloquently about Catholic education and gave us a personal insight into her own education at the English Martyrs School in Leicester. Thank you to all friends and families who donated to our Christmas charity, The Martlets. We raised £771.

Clarence House - It was an honour to accompany Mr Goldup, Assistant Headteacher, Martha Sacree, Year 13 and Joshua Brown, Year 11 to Clarence House to speak at the Prince's Trust Institute Conference for Headteachers. (We hold the Charter Mark for Geography granted to us by the Institute). Mr Goldup, delivered a talk about the school's work in geography and Martha and Josh recounted their experience of studying geography at Cardinal Newman. They all spoke in front of Prince Charles and afterwards the four of us had a private meeting with His Royal Highness. Prince Charles was very kind and attentive to Martha and Josh and it is an experience they will never forget. We were thrilled to be able to tell him about all the good work that goes on in our school.

Last Day of Term - School finishes on *Friday, 17th December at 1.30pm* when students will be dismissed at the end of lesson 4. Food will be served in the dining room as usual between 1.30–2.00pm. If any student wishes to remain behind to catch a school bus, they should go to room 01 where they will be supervised until 3.00pm.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all
a very happy and peaceful Christmas.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on *Tuesday, 4th January 2011*.

CHAPLAINCY

ADVENT

Advent is an opportunity for us to renew and refresh our prayer lives. One of the best on line resources for doing this is the Sacred Space website at <http://sacredspace.ie/>. The reflection for this week is taken from that website.

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Something to think and pray about this week:

Waiting takes up a large part of our life. Often we see waiting as 'non-productive', as a waste of time, and are frustrated. But in fact waiting, and indeed the helplessness of it, can be more meaningful and fruitful than all the achieving we feel will give us status and fulfilment. A mother waits the birth of her child. I wait for the homecoming of someone I cherish and love. I wait, when all human efforts run out, for what is right and just. Advent shows how beautiful waiting is. Years ago W.H. Vanstone wrote, 'The Stature of Waiting' (London, Darton, Longman and Todd, 1982), on the meaning and fruitfulness of waiting. Much further back, John Henry Newman preached one of his most evocative Oxford sermons for Advent, entitled, 'Watching', on how we as Christians are called in all things to 'look out' for Christ, to 'watch', and be alert for his coming, in the midst of our daily lives, as well as at the end. Our prayer especially can have that element to it, of 'being on the watch', as Jesus puts it in the Gospel. Lord, let me be prayerful, and watchful, this Advent.

Maths Club



- Puzzles.
- Games.
- Code Cracking Challenge.
- Maths help.

Every Thursday after school till 4pm in CG9

LATE TO SCHOOL

When students are late to school, please give them a written note as to the reason why.

The student must sign in at the Records Office when they arrive at school and complete a 'signing in slip'.

Parents/Carers are only requested to telephone if the student is absent all day.

LEAVING SCHOOL EARLY

Should a student require to leave school early, would Parents/Carers please supply a letter to the student in order for them to sign out at the Records Office. Where possible please avoid telephoning the school in order to prevent lessons unnecessarily being interrupted.

STUDENT ABSENCE

Please call the School on 558551, option 1, on the 1st day of absence and any subsequent days, before 9.00am.

DRAMA CLUB

FOR YEARS 7 AND 8

ON A TUESDAY

3.10pm-4.00pm

IN THE THEATRE WORKSHOP

Cardinal Newman Catholic School
welcomes you to

5 Lessons & Carols



Advent Carol Service

16th December 2010

7.00pm in the Chapel

followed by mince pies!

FREE TICKETS AVAILABLE FROM RECORDS

A collection will be taken to support Project Antifreeze

Giving Tree

Pick
a star and
buy a present
for someone who
hasn't got as much
Be a Star!!
Brighton up someone's
Christmas

Supporting Project AntiFreeze

Giving Tree

Project Anti-Freeze supports hundreds of homeless men and women all through the year. We can help them by collecting essential items which can be given as gifts to people who will not be receiving gifts from others.

During the coming week each student will be invited to take a slip of paper on which will be written a list of items required. They will commit to buy one of the listed items to give, as a gift, to a homeless person.

