



## Newsletter

May 2019

### Dear Parents and Carers

A recent rich list of UK musicians piqued my interest. Veteran stadium rockers generally dominated this. Paul McCartney, U2 and Elton John top the recent Sunday Times rich list. Naturally, I wrote a generic letter to the top 10 asking for support for our 'shovel ready' multi-functional performing arts facility. Planning permission and RIBA 4 costings are in place and already we have 40% of the final cost. So, for Grime artist Stormzy, on £16 million a week, the final amount for our project is small change and investment that would make a major difference.

My role as Headteacher has changed enormously from curriculum strategist to Mr Motivator to full time fundraiser. Simply put, this successful school is facing a financial crisis. Please have a look at the 'School Cuts' website to see the severity of funding cuts. In real terms, we have lost out on £1.2 million since 2015, equating to a loss of £319 per student – <https://schoolcuts.org.uk/schools/?chosenSchool=8854432>. To maintain our current curriculum offer, we need significant investment. My fury at the paralysis of Brexit, which affects your children, is that huge decisions are being postponed. Proper funding of education should be on every politician's manifesto and needs to be challenged at every opportunity.

Yet, we can succeed through our determined fundraising. Due to the efforts of the 'Friends' of the school and staff support, we have purchased a new minibus that is already creating new opportunities and wonderful experiences. The following are simple, cheap ways you can help our school and hopefully be part of our community. I, we need help and parental support:

- We've launched our lottery page as part of the Worcester Community Lottery with a better chance of winning than the National Lottery. We receive 50p for each ticket sold if you nominate us as your charity. Please support us: <https://www.worcesterlottery.org/support/christopher-whitehead-language-college>

- On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July, we are holding a 5K colour run at King's School playing fields. To register online by 1<sup>st</sup> June: <https://www.entrycentral.com/Colour-run-Worcester>. A number of competitive family and staff entries have already occurred.
- **Easyfundraising** – generate funds, which will not cost you anything, when you shop online. Thank you for the £551 raised so far by 64 supporters. <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/cwlc/>
- **Buy a Brick Appeal** – £25 per brick, **Buy a Block (6 bricks)** - £150 per block. We need 100,000 bricks for the new build. Please buy via [Parent Pay](#) or email your request to [paf@cwlc.email](mailto:paf@cwlc.email)

An additional 25p per £1 can be claimed by the school if you are a current UK taxpayer. Please download the [Gift Aid Declaration](#) from our website, fill it in and return to the finance department.

### Are you in need of a haircut/colour/restyle?

'Aspirations' is our student run level 2/ 3 hairdressing salon that a growing number of parents use. Opening times are Mondays 2.30pm – 6.00pm and Tuesdays 2.00pm – 7.00pm. Please book an appointment. £3.50 for a gent's cut is keeping me stylish! Please contact Debbie Plaskitt, 01905 423906 ext 332 or email [d.plaskitt@cwlc.email](mailto:d.plaskitt@cwlc.email)

I am immensely proud of some of our talented young people who are grasping their opportunities, the wonderful experiences that are on offer. The annual Battle of the Bands saw an array of musical talent perform in front of independent, national judges. The standard was phenomenal. The following winners were awarded their lovely prestigious prizes in front of a packed, supportive audience:

- Performing on the main stage at Mello Festival 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> May – Caitlin Dove Y8, Tom Price and Evie Cutler-Stevens Y12/Y8.
- Performing on the Severn Sounds stage at Mello Festival – Annie Callaghan Y12, Sophie Atkin Y10.
- Youthcomm Radio recording session sponsored by Muff Murfin – Emily Mustoe Y12, Kacey Anderson Y11.

- MAS Records recording session – Annie Hulbert, Sapphire Wilkinson Y10, James Taylor Y11.

From CWLC portacabin to big stage, what an opportunity and how kind of all our sponsors and judges. The money raised will be put back into key musical equipment.

Further performing arts expertise saw dancers audition for our specialist Y7-9 Dance Company, 'Kairos'. Their first performance is at the King's Festival on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

Mr Kent's dramatists performed at the Theatre Royal in Bath – an amazing experience.

Sporting talent continues to impress with:

- Our multi sports festival for five primary schools, seeing Y1/Y2 students take their first sporting steps supported by 40 Y8 PE teachers of the future.
- Gymnasts come in the top 12 of the national finals – a tremendous result.

Recent results have seen:

Y10 Boys' Football, TGW, Won 4 - 2  
 Y9 Boys' Football, St Augustine's, Lost 2 - 1  
 Y7 Boys' Football, Bishop Perowne, Won 3 - 2  
 Y11 Boys' Rugby, Blessed Edwards, Won 45 - 20  
 Y10 Boys' Cricket, Bishop Perowne, Won by 6 runs  
 Y9 Boys' Cricket, Bromsgrove, Lost by 100 runs  
 Y10 Boys' Tennis, Kings, Lost 7 games to 6  
 Y9/10 Girls' Football, Football Festival, Won 3 Lost 3  
 Y11 Girls' Rounders, Nunnery Wood, Lost 6.5 - 8.5  
 Y10 Girls' Rounders, Nunnery Wood, Lost 21.5 - 9  
 Y9 Girls' Rounders, Nunnery Wood, Won 9 - 5.5  
 Y8 Girls' Rounders, Nunnery Wood, Lost 8.5 - 6.5  
 Y7 Girls' Rounders, Nunnery Wood, Won 16 - 3

Touch Rugby saw our annual matches with the nationally recognised Homeless team, sixth form and an array of CWLC staff. The Worcester Warriors support the Homeless team and their work is essential in rebooting, restarting vulnerable people who need a second chance in life. Despite Mr Mobberley's try scoring efforts, the Warriors retained their title, beating the staff 2-0.

Get active, fit and involved is the obvious message. There is something for everyone with these activities:

#### After School

Monday	Badminton Academy – Mr Ingram (sports centre) Y7 cricket – Mr Cosh & Mr Helme (front astro) Y9/10 GCSE Athletics – Mr Stokes & Mrs Pugh
Tuesday	Y7/8 Rounders – Mrs Reeves & Mrs Glass (top playground)

Thursday	Y9/10/11 Rounders – Mrs Burgess / Mrs Pugh (top playground)
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#### Lunchtime

Monday	Y7/8/9 Boys' Tennis – Mr Cosh (tennis courts) Girls' Cricket – Mrs Burgess (front astro) Touch Rugby – Mr Stokes (sports centre astro)
Tuesday	Barbados Cricket Tour Squad – Mr Cosh (front astro)
Wednesday	Y8 Cricket – Mr Stokes (front astro) Tennis – Mrs Glass (tennis courts)
Thursday	Girls' Tennis – Mrs Reeves (tennis courts) Y9/10 Cricket – Mr Helme & Mr Cosh (front astro)
Friday	Y7 Rounders – Mrs Glass (front astro) Barbados Netball Tour Squad – Mrs Burgess (netball courts) Y10 GCSE Table Tennis – Mr Cosh (gym) Y9/10/11 Tennis – Mr Stokes (tennis courts)

The annual parent Kirkland Rowell Survey is a key anonymous questionnaire, which we do use and reflect upon in trying to get your child's school experience to be positive and successful. If you have received an email from us asking you to spare 10 minutes to complete the survey, please use the link and password in the email to start your survey.

Thank you to Mrs Taylor and all who ensured that Mental Health Week not only raised awareness and got even us men talking and listening, but was fun. A variety of structured activities took place, from time with the Cockerpoo puppies – everyone's favourite pastime, give a proper daily compliment, wearing purple to assemblies with key messages of how to stay safe, become resilient, keep calm and carry on. Key numbers that were given to students were: Childline 0800 1111, Say Something 116 000 and Samaritans 116 123.

The challenge for the next half term is **punctuality**. Get here on time, ready to learn has to be the message to help students develop life habits.

#### Dates for your Diary

Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June – Half Term Holiday		
Thu	06-Jun	Y7 Parents' Evening
Thu	20-Jun	Sports Presentation Evening
Fri	21-Jun	Y11 Leavers' Assembly, Y13 Pimms Evening
Fri	28-Jun	Valedictory Ball
Mon	01-Jul	New Intake Day – Y6 Transition
Tue	02-Jul	New Intake Day – Y6 Transition
Thu	04-Jul	New Intake Evening – 6.30pm start
Mon	08-Jul	Y12 Work Experience Week
Thu	11-Jul	Awards Evening
Fri	12-Jul	Sports Day
Fri	19-Jul	End of Term