



SPORT RELIEF **Friday 18 March**



Get kitted out and take part in the fun run mile organised by the PE Department in support of Sport Relief on Friday 18 March.

As a non school uniform day students and staff are encouraged to wear red and white (Sport Relief colours) and also to come in wearing trainers ready to take part in running or walking the mile challenge.

Parents Invited

The format of the day will have students in Years 7 – 9 and Sixth Form taking part. Parents/carers are invited to join in and complete the mile during their child's session, as timetabled below. Parents attending must park on Fifth Road and access the Luker field from the footpath adjacent to the school's exit drive. Toilet facilities are located in the pavilion. Parents will not have access to the school.

Timetable

Period 1 (8.50-9.50am) – Year 9

Period 2 (9.50-10.50am) – Year 7

Period 3 (11.10am-12.10pm) – Year 8EP and Sixth Form (please note students in Year 8CD are out of school on a school trip)

Donations

Donations of £1 per student for non school uniform are requested and there will be a bucket collection on the field during the morning's fun run events.

Please note the PE changing rooms will not be open during the day; students need to bring water and suitable running footwear.

BBC SCHOOL REPORT DAY **Year 8 Students Took Part**

On Thursday 10 March, Rebecca Lane, Frankie Lochhead, Sophie González, Cerys Hutchins, Theo Loxton, Jack Clarkson, Clara Gilmour and Wiktorija Maj wrote articles for BBC School Report Day. We had been elected by our English teachers to become BBC journalists for the day.



First we analysed newspaper reports and chose the news story which we would ask the general public's opinion on. We were separated into two groups; one group decided to report on the library closures and the other group wrote their article on the Splash Park being built in Victoria Park, also considering the impact of the removal of the Wharf toilets and Tourist Information Centre service.

We went into Newbury town and asked the general public their views and opinions on these topics. The general public seemed to be supporting the libraries and disappointed that the public toilets were being closed down.

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After that, we came back to the school and wrote up the articles based on the quotes and facts that we had found out. We also contacted the press officer at the Council to get a statement about the library closures.



We were Tweeting all day to let the school community know what we've been up to. Now our newly written reports have been put up on the BBC school report website - <http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport>.



To put it in a nutshell; we all got a taste of a journalist's life and learned a lot more about how journalists gather their information for their reports.

By Rebecca Lane 8C3 and Frankie Lochhead 8E3

**EXAM STRESS
PARENTS' SESSION**
Wednesday 23 March 2016
6.00pm in the Hall

Delivered by Kate Pike and Amy Law –
Educational Psychologists

THE WONDERS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Our Year 13 intrepid English Language explorers braved the early morning traffic to be in school for an eye-watering 7.45am on Tuesday 8 March! We were off to London to visit Dr Johnson's House, just off Fleet Street. Whilst in his house, we completed a number of challenges in order to fully understand the impact Dr Johnson and his dictionary had on the English Language and lexicography. In spite of the fact his definitions were not always that useful – oats being eaten by horses in England but the people in Scotland (#burn) – his 42,000 word tome was rather revolutionary in its approach. Quite impressive when you consider he was half blind and in poor health for most of the nine years it took to write, six years over his initial commission.



Despite being shocked at the price of the cake – £3 for a small slice – we had an equally useful experience exploring the Treasures Gallery and a Language Change workshop in the British Library. We came away with plenty of examples which will stand us in good stead for the exam in a few months' time.

Year 13 English Language students

OLD NEWBURIANS' ASSOCIATION BALL



SATURDAY 16 APRIL 2016
7.00pm for 7.30pm Dinner

At St Bart's, Hall and Dining Room

**All staff and friends
of the school community are
welcome**

Three course meal and coffee
Cash Bar
Black Tie/Lounge Suit

To purchase tickets email Tricia
president@oldnewburians.co.uk
by 23 March latest (dinner and dance)

Tickets £30 for dinner and dance
Disco only tickets £10 (book by 15 April)

DIARY DATES



- Thurs 17 Mar Easter Concert, Hall, 7pm
(date change from calendar)
- Fri 18 Mar Patterson House Evening, 7pm
- Sat 19 Mar ONA Lacrosse, Netball and
Football Matches v 1st and 2nd
Teams
- Thur 24 Mar Term Ends, 3.30pm
- Mon 11 April Staff Training Day
- Tues 12 April Term Starts for all Students,
Normal school day

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GIRLS' PE

Gymnastics – 24 and 25 February

We had a great opportunity for nine Year 7 and 8 girls who put themselves forward to help judge at a primary schools Key Steps gymnastics competition. All the girls are keen gymnasts and part of KD gymnastics, so welcomed the chance to take part in some judging as opposed to performing.

On the Wednesday after school the girls went to St Gabriel's for a two hour training slot. We were greeted by Maxine Smiles Cooke who gave us our instructions and then we were paired up with St Gabriel's students and given our stations.

The competition had nine stations so we had one station each and were taught how to judge each performance and what the competitors were expected to do.

After going through all of the paperwork we set up the hall in preparation for the competition the next morning.

On the Thursday we met in the hall to add the finishing touches to the organisation of the equipment before the competition began. At each of our stations we had lots of equipment for both the judges and the competitors, to score the performances. The competitors all had learnt routines for the three different stations they were performing at, going from log rolls to round offs. They were scored out of 10 and the winners are now going on to perform in the county finals at Bisham Abbey. The three groups going through to the next round are Key Steps 1 Spurcroft, Key Steps 2 Spurcroft and Key Steps 3 Theale.

It was a great experience which we all thoroughly enjoyed.

E MacIndoe, K Butt, RB Duarte, E Proudfoot, S Sahoo, J Scourfield, E Atherton, E Crane. Report by E Crane

Netball News

Well done to the Year 10 netball team, beating Willink in a league fixture 23-5. Beth Pinfold was awarded player of the match.

The Year 7, 8 and 9 netball teams played a friendly fixture against St Gabriel's last week.

Results and players of the match were:

Y7 won 9-5 Nora Shields

Y8 won 17-9 Daisy Dijksman

Y9 lost 34-3 Sophie Stancombe

Netball League Fixtures

Last week Years 10 and 11 played netball league fixtures against Park House.

Results and players of the match were:

Y10 won 19-18, Niamh Watson

Y11 lost 25-5 Susie Drake

ATTENDANCE HOTLINE

If your child is absent please remember to report this on the attendance hotline.

This is for students in all years, including Sixth Form.

Tel: 01635 576372