

# Cardinal Newman High School Newsletter 2016



## HEAD TEACHER'S MESSAGE

It's been a fantastic year in Cardinal Newman High School!

This last term has afforded many opportunities for our pupils to celebrate their successes in wider achievement and in attainment. I am very grateful to the staff of the school for the outstanding effort they have made for all of our young people.

To our parents and carers, I say thank you for your very positive and generous support for all that we do in school. I hope this newsletter gives you a flavour of what this term has been all about!

Best wishes for a restful holiday.

Kenny Ross

Head Teacher



## Activities and News

First Year pupil, Keeley Higgins won First Overall in the Zodiak Floor and Vault Competition which took place in Dunfermline Sports Centre. Keeley came first place in the 12+ Intermediate competition. Keeley trains six hours per week in St.Andrew’s High School, Coat-bridge with her club—The Scottish Tumblers Gymnastics club. She has been a member for seven years. Keeley is now looking forward to her next competition which takes place in Bell’s Sports Centre, Perth in September. We all wish her every success in the future.



Two of our S3 girls were successfully selected to take part in the University of Strathclyde Girls into engineering summer school in June. The girls faced stiff competition to gain their places among the 50 available throughout Scotland.



**Parent Council:** S2 members of the pupil council presented the project and ideas about our vision and values to the Parent Council. The girls did so with confidence and showed off their considerable knowledge about this


Mrs Murray faculty head said ' I am delighted for the girls, this is a superb opportunity and I know that they will make the most of it'.



**Pupil Council:** Five of our pupil council were our voices today at a Young Scot “Creating a Healthier Scotland” event.

**Political Literacy:** Well done to Louisa McCearney who successfully campaigned to become the MSYP for Bellshill.


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**Vote for Louisa McCearney**

I am from Viewpark and I am a 5<sup>th</sup> year student at Cardinal Newman High School in Bellshill. It seems like adults are constantly making decisions for young people but how do they know what being a young person is like in 2016. In this campaign I will be fighting for a number of causes I believe will benefit young people in Scotland. I would like to focus on the following:

- Mandatory politics lessons in all high schools across Scotland, quality mental Health services for young people
- Public-funded sports facilities to reduce entry fees for young people to ensure they are affordable.



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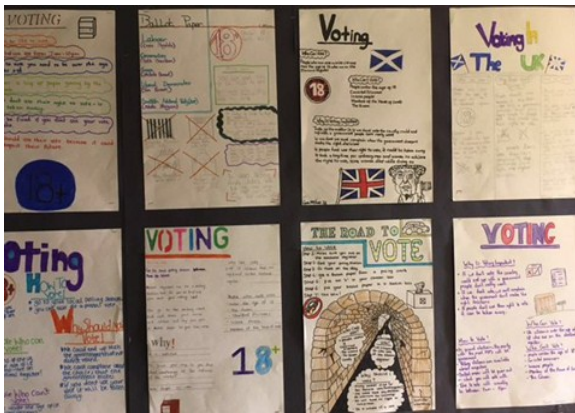
[www.voting.youngscot.org/Home/SelectElection](http://www.voting.youngscot.org/Home/SelectElection)

# Interesting Activities

**S1 Enterprise:** The parent coffee mornings were a delight with service from confident, pleasant and professional waiting and kitchen staff.

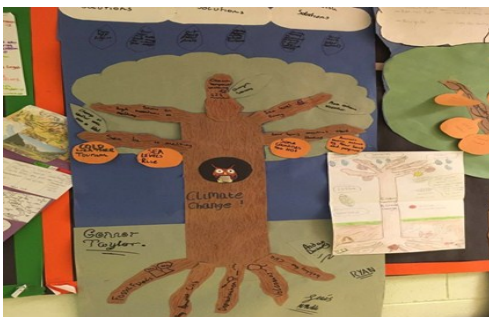


**Social Studies:** Super S3 Modern Studies voting posters put up by Natalie Cameron and Steven Dallas school involvement pupils.



**Short Story Competition:** First year class 1M entered the BBC Radio 2 Chris Evans 500 Word Short Story Writing Competition. They all received a certificate for their entries and are pictured proudly displaying them.

**Social Studies** Wonderful wall display of S2 Geography climate change topic put up by S6 Steven Dallas during school involvement.



## CHARITY EVENTS

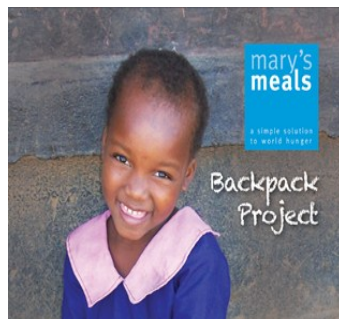
**Race for Life** : 6 teachers and 27 pupils gave up a Sunday morning and took part in the 5K Race for Life at Glasgow Green. Approximately £700 was raised for Cancer research. This was as a result of the girls undertaking a training programme since December as part of their Health & Wellbeing course. Well done to all.



### Mary's Meals

Our total stands at an amazing **50,655 pennies**. We are almost at our 5/8 of a mile target of 52, 800 pennies. Every penny makes a difference.

On Tuesday 14th June 2016 Mrs Greg, picked up 45 backpacks that the Backpack Club filled. Since June 2015 our club has sent 150 backpacks to Malawi.



### Ben Nevis Challenge

Well done to Mrs Maxton and seven S5 girls who on Saturday 4th June Climbed Ben Nevis in challenging very hot conditions. They have raised approximately £1800 for Airdrie Hospice. A fantastic achievement.



**Baby Bank** : S2 girls were involved in campaigning for the Lanarkshire baby bank and we collected an outstanding amount of toiletries, nappies and clothing.



**Clothing Bank:** our newest project is a uniform bank.

If you have any unwanted school uniforms (in good condition) for either primary children or secondary EU Church in Bellshill Main Street are collecting these items for their clothing bank.

All primary and secondary schools in the area have been notified that these items will be available from the clothing bank from 1st –5th August 10am –3.30 pm and 6th August 10am–2pm

Cardinal Newman High School  
 As an enhanced comprehensive school, we use the theme of enterprise to raise achievement, build the self-confidence of pupils and enhance teaching and learning in all areas. We use our status as an NLC enhanced comprehensive to improve facilities, widen pupil choice and introduce vocational courses, buy additional equipment and fund additional staff. These reports highlight the ways in which our work as a school community of teachers, pupils and parents impact on the achievements of all pupils, all departments and our partner agencies. Both reports comment:

**“Cardinal Newman High School is very successful in taking forward its vision of making a significant difference to the life choices of its pupils.”**

We will continue to encourage Gospel values and to develop attitudes that will equip our young people with the skills and attitudes needed for success in a fast-changing society and embrace curriculum for excellence.

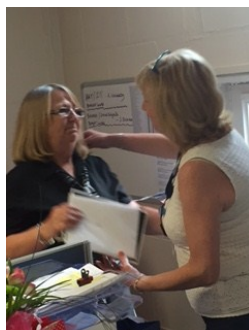
## Congratulations and Good Luck to those moving on to pastures

new.

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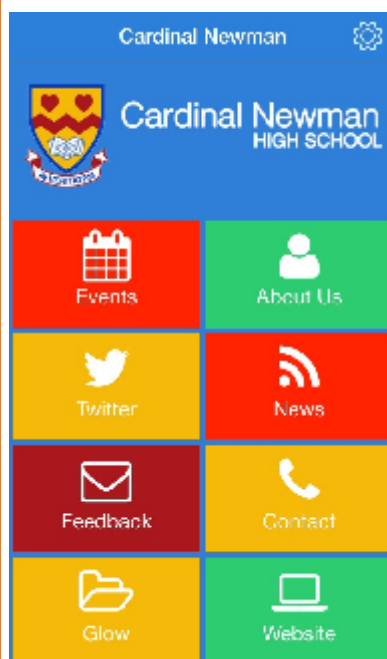


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Search: Cardinal Newman.

This allows access to the School Website, Twitter page, Calendar and Contact details all in the same place

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## Faith Life



In May 15 pupils from S3 took the opportunity to go Ravenscraig Sports complex to meet His Eminence, Cardinal Bo from Myanmar during his visit to Scotland.

Myanmar/Burma has faced enormous difficulties since it fell under the rule of a military junta between 1962 and 2011. The country has experienced decades of war and poverty, but is entering a new era and held its first general election in twenty years in 2010.

It was a unique and worthwhile opportunity for pupils to hear Cardinal Bo's story and to participate in workshops, interactive activities and music raising awareness for our young people and how they, as global Christian citizens, can help change the world.

Mercy and compassion were highlighted as an important part of the healing process that Myanmar has to undergo, especially highlighted during this year of mercy.

### Caritas Group

The Caritas group presented specially designed candles to the P7s to celebrate their Confirmation



### **Salesian Sisters**

The school had the great pleasure of hosting the Salesian Sisters who were here working with our S2 pupils on a retreat programme. Each pupil had a day off timetable to spend engaging in various activities with the Sisters and their volunteers on a programme called URspace. The Srs mission is simple,

*"We, Salesian Sisters, commit ourselves to the new evangelisation of youth. Impelled by our charism, we evangelise by educating. We open up new ways for the education of the young, deepening within them an attitude of respect for the dignity of the human person and an openness to life in all its forms. We commit ourselves to a community lifestyle which is simple, poor, welcoming, and able to create a new educative presence among youth."*

In fitting with our curriculum This Is Our Faith the programme was packed with craft, relaxing, games and reflection time. Every pupil who responded gave a positive response while not one pupil could offer any suggestions for improvement. Some of their responses were, Amazing! I enjoyed making candles.



I really enjoyed my retreat as I learned to relax. I would go back if I had another chance.

I really liked the Sisters, they were so cool These are in fitting with the tremendous reputation the Srs have nationally in schools. The pupils are keen for us to have

them back for further retreats. Watch this space!



## SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The science department held the first ever S1 STEM day on 2nd June 2016. S1 pupils were engaged in an engineering project to build a bridge that would hold over 100g. They had to work as a team to plan, design and cost their bridge before purchasing materials and carrying out the building and testing. We were lucky to have 7 engineers from various industries with us on the day. Our keynote speaker on the day was Stephen McFadden from Renfrewshire council. Stephen Beveridge from Roadbridge Scotland and Iain Johnston from Morgan

Sindall sponsored the event with prizes for the pupils. We also had representatives from Mouchel and Transport Scotland. The day was a great success and thanks goes to our sponsor, visitors and staff .



Stem Day kicked off with a talk on areas civil engineers are involved in eg Raith interchange & changes to the M8



S1 Planning and Building



A big thank you and well done from the science department especially faculty head Mrs Murray to our first ever S6 Science ambassadors. The pupils worked hard within the department helping younger pupils working with staff engaging with pupils of all levels and organising the S1 science club for which the S1 pupils achieved a saltire award. The S6 pupils involved gained a dynamic youth award for their efforts. Pupils involved were, Hannah McCulloch, Chloe Christie, Nadine Formosa, Padrig Gallacher and Matthew Staitis.



### Celebrating Success

S2 celebrating success at M&D's pupils and guidance team enjoying a great day out.



## SPORTING EVENTS

### Man City V Stoke City match

Thirty-four pupils from Cardinal Newman High School attended the Man City V Stoke City match in April at the Etihad stadium. The match did not disappoint, with the game finishing in an enthralling 4 Nile victory to the home side. Everybody who attended the trip enjoyed the experience!



### St Andrew's Hospice Tinto Hill Climb

Well done to all S3 pupils who took part in the Tinto Hill climb for St Andrew's Hospice.



### S1 Regional Football Finals

Congratulations to the S1 boys' football team who reached the regional finals of the SSFA 7 aside tournament and finished 3<sup>rd</sup> overall from the central region. The boys reached the finals by progressing through the North Lanarkshire group stage, finishing in 1<sup>st</sup> place in style! Well done to all those involved within the team who all have played a part throughout the year, onwards and upwards for next season.



S2: County sports Silver medallist, Ben Cogan. what an achievement—well done for putting CNHS on the winners podium

### Lanarkshire Golf Championships

Congratulations to Tony  
Cunningham S5 who won the  
Stableford Competition

Cardinal Newman HS team: Gerard Casey,  
Mark McMillan and Tony Cunningham who  
finished third overall





# Technologies

**S2 Textiles & Graphics:** Pupils took part in a visit to a Knitting and Stitching Exhibition. Pupils enjoyed a day trip to the show where they were able to see a wide range of textile exhibits and products. Some new products were purchased to try out in textiles class. All the girls had a great day out and stall holders were very complimentary of our pupils.



On June 14th 24 Textile pupils visited Clyde college to take part in 'Make it in Fashion' workshops. They made fashion items in the college's sewing rooms to bring back



This Fantastic minion was designed and made by S1 pupil Keira Gallacher.



## Baking Club

Last instalment of baking club was held on Tuesday 31 May when our S1 and S2 pupils had a go at making their own cake pops. Hopefully some parents may have managed to sample cake pops at home, if not the pupils definitely enjoyed them.

**Fashion and Textile** pupils show off their wonderful school banner. Fabulous effort.



**Hospitality:** The pupils in the N5 Practical Cake Craft class did themselves proud this year with fabulous designs which looked professionally made.



**Construction:** fabulous garden ornamental wall structures made by the S5 class—very impressive.




**BGE Award Ceremony:** A fantastic event with a full house of happy parents, pupils and staff celebrating the achievements of our young people.





**SSVP:** Tuesday 07 June 2016 was the National Youth day for SSVP in St Bride's Hall, Motherwell. Seven S3 pupils accompanied by Mrs Callaghan attended this day with around 70 pupils from all over Scotland. The day was filled with thoughtful activities and fun filled games reflecting on the corporate acts of Mercy and how these are lived by St Vincent de Paul parish groups and school groups across the country.

Cardinal Newman High School

**Fiesta del Corpus Christi y la santa cruz**







A Tribute to  
Canon Glackin

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 7pm

**Graduation:** Wednesday 22nd of June was our annual graduation ceremony to celebrate the achievements of our S6 leavers. Apart from everyone receiving graduation scrolls, prayers and a message from the Head Teacher; Anne Timmons, Nadine Formosa, Chloe Bryce, Chloe McStravock and Charlotte Kirkwood all received special awards.



**Fiesta:** The highlight video form this years fiesta was featured on the Vatican's Facebook page—this generated a lot of excitement from all those involved. Don't forget to order your copy from Mrs Dolan.

**Caritas:** On Monday June 6, 1040 young people from across the country received the Pope Benedict XVI Caritas Award in recognition of their dedicated service to their school and faith communities.

In a special greeting and Apostolic Blessing, Pope Francis urged the young people "to courageously witness to the love that God has for every individual person".



## CHAPLAINCY



The Chaplaincy Office of Cardinal Newman High School is opened from Tuesday to Friday during school hours to pupils, staff and parents, and everyone is warmly welcomed. We have had varieties of activities from the Months of April to June, 2016

On 28 April, 2016 we had a farewell Mass for S6 pupils and their tutors, which was celebrated at the Theatre and the chief

### **Fr. Thomas K. Wilberforce CSSp.**

celebrant was Fr. Thomas (Chaplain) and assisted by Deacon Mario (Assistant Chaplain). It was a great joy to celebrate together and lunch was provided by the school for everyone after the Mass. On 29 April, 2016, thanksgiving Mass was celebrated for S4 and S5 pupils at the Theatre. The pupils were very pleased to have had the Mass before beginning their exams.

On the Solemnity of Ascension Thursday on 5 May, 2016, the school chaplain, assisted by Deacon Mario celebrated Mass at the Theatre for the staff at 12:00 noon and it was well attended.

Retreats were organised for S2 pupils on 19, 20, 25 and 26 May, 2016. The retreats were ran by Salesian Sisters (Sr. Pauline Clark and Sr. Gill McCambridge) and their volunteers (Miss Liz Suarez and Miss Theresa Ngueyen). The pupils had great time together and it was a spirit-filled journey and experience for many of them, as some expressed that, that was their first time to be on retreat of such kind.

As the year goes by many pupils met the school Chaplain for Spiritual Accompaniment and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. They expressed that they found these spiritual exercises absolutely helpful.

Lower School Awards Ceremony (S1, S2 and S3) Mass was celebrated on 20 June, 2016. The celebration took place at the School Sport Hall where it was filled to its capacity and the school choir sang beautifully for the Liturgical celebration of which Deacon Mario gave an amazing Homily. S6 Graduation/Awards Mass also took place on 22 June, 2016 at the same venue and the school choir led the liturgical singing during the Mass and everyone appreciated the celebration.

We had beautiful End of Year Thanksgiving Mass celebration on 21 June, 2016 and both the pupils and the staff, and the parents who were present enjoyed it. It was a spirit filled celebration. The academic year ended successfully. To God be the Glory,

**Fr. Thomas K. Wilberforce CSSp. (Chaplain)**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### August 2016

In-service day: Monday 15 August 2016  
In-service day: Tuesday 16 August 2016  
Pupils return to school: Wednesday 17 August 2016

### September 2016

September weekend holidays: Friday 23 September 2016 and Monday 26 September 2016

### October 2016

October break: Monday 17 October 2016 to Friday 21 October 2016

### November 2016

In-service day: Monday 21 November 2016

### December 2016 - January 2017

Christmas and New Year holidays: Monday 26 December 2016 to Friday 6 January 2017

### February 2017

Mid-term break: Monday 13 February and Tuesday 14 February 2017  
In-service day: Wednesday 15 February

### April 2017

Spring break: Monday 3 April to Monday 17 April 2017 (inclusive)\*  
\*Good Friday 14 April 2017 and Easter Monday 17 April 2017

### May 2017

May day holiday: Monday 1 May 2017  
In-service day: Thursday 4 May 2017  
Mid-term holiday: Friday 26 and Monday 29 May 2017

### June 2017

School closes Wednesday 28 June 2017

### Chaplaincy Dates

**Class Masses are celebrated in the Oratory throughout the year.**

- Monday** - Eucharistic Adoration  
Class Visit  
Spiritual Accompaniment
- Tuesday** - Class Visit  
Holy Mass  
Open Forum/Discussions
- Wednesday** - Eucharistic Adoration  
Reconciliation  
Spiritual Accompaniment
- Thursday** - Holy Mass 12.40 pm  
Open Forum/Discussions  
Class Visit
- Friday** - Eucharistic Adoration  
Reconciliation  
Spiritual Accompaniment