



# CGS NEWS

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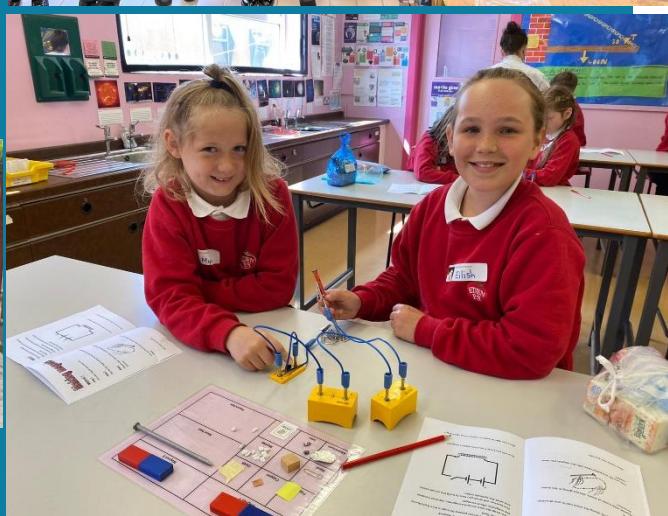
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## Local Primary School links at CGS

Last week Carrickfergus Grammar School was delighted to welcome over 600 P6 pupils to the school for a STEM (Science – Technology – Engineering – Mathematics) learning day. Pupils undertook fun, engaging lessons in Science, Maths, ICT, PE and Technology. In Maths they got to use the IZAK 9 resource, in ICT they learned how to programme a Microbit computer, in PE they mastered physical challenges, in Technology they made ladybirds using circuits and in Science they deepened their knowledge of magnetism. Pupils also got a taste and flavour of what ‘big school’ is like!

*We were thoroughly impressed by the enthusiasm and knowledge of the P6 pupils, and in June we look forward to welcoming Greenisland, Oakfield and Whitehead Primary Schools for their P6 Day!*



A total of nine medals were won at the NEBSSA Athletics Finals recently at Antrim Forum. The Finals bring together the best athletes from all schools in the North Eastern Board area so we are very proud of our students. #CGSAthletics



## School Employer Connections

Virtual work experience (VWEX) opportunities are available to students with over 1000 employers across N Ireland.

The list of contacts and work experience opportunities should be helpful to Year 13 pupils currently seeking placement opportunities for after their AS exams. If further information is required on any of these opportunities please get in contact with Mr McKittrick at [pmckittrick236@c2ken.net](mailto:pmckittrick236@c2ken.net)



## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May - HPV vaccinations (for those pupils in Years 9 and 10 whose parents have given permission).

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> & Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - Queen's Platinum Jubilee holiday, school closed.



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Preparing the Future Workforce

Find out more at: <http://www.schoolemployerconnections.org/>

# CGS Netball latest

It was great to host our first friendly Netball tournament in our new MUGA courts on May 16th.

We had over 100 girls attending from Carrickfergus Academy, Abbey Community College and Glengormley High School. This was great match practice for our girls in Years 8-10 who have been attending Netball practice this year. *We look forward to many more enjoyable events, such as this one, to come!*



Poem extract 'My Home Place' by Haley-Ocean Schmidt 9R

### Honey

The stars dance in the night's sky,  
The cherry blossoms are taken by  
the wind,  
I feel a burst of contentment and  
cheerfulness in my chest.  
The honey is sweet like the  
simpleness of childhood.

I long for the ill-feeling of sickeningly  
sweet honey to leave me alone,  
Something I could pass along.  
I wish the Cheshire Cat would come  
whisk me away  
to a time when the honey was  
sugary,  
a time when the honey in my mouth  
was still there.  
To a time of security.  
For all bitter things should come to  
an end.

One day, the honey will taste sweet  
again.  
The stars will resume their waltz and  
the blossoms will fly free once more.  
The honey will bring me home.

## U12 Cricket underway



Well done to our U12 cricketers who took on a strong Campbell College side last week. On the losing side by 6 wickets unfortunately, but lots of potential for the rest of the season. #cricket #teamwork

## Creative Writing Club 2021-2022



It has been a busy year for our Creative Writing Club; we have entered lots of competitions, received flattering feedback and certificates of merit from organisers and some of us have even been published! This year our young wordsmiths entered more competitions than ever: two organised by 'Young Writers', the BBC's 'Two Minute Tales', the Anansi Archive Writing Awards and Ulster University's 'My Home Place' poetry competition.

Currently, pupils are working on their entries for the 'Orwell Youth Prize', a competition that encourages pupils to take inspiration from the political writer George Orwell, who wrote movingly about the importance of our relationship with the natural world and the destruction of the environment. The theme pupils are grappling with is "Coming Up for Air: Writing the Climate Crisis". Inspired by Orwell, our young writers are encouraged to come up for air and look afresh at the way the climate crisis and the environment is discussed and reported today. **How can we confront this crisis in a way which is fair to everyone? What difficult decisions might need to be made to help save the planet? What is missing from the conversation? If you have something to add to the discussion, why not come along to our club? Creative Writing Club is open to all. Everyone is welcome. Friday Lunchtimes Week 1 in Room 39 with Mrs Taylor.**

LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY

# SUMMER UNIVERSITY

## 2022 Monday 18 July – Wednesday 20 July

We have a limited number\* of FREE fully-funded places for Year 13 students from Northern Ireland, including:

- Return flights to Liverpool
- A room in our approved city-centre student accommodation
- Meals and refreshments

**LIVERPOOL JOHN MOORES UNIVERSITY SUMMER UNIVERSITY 2022**

LJMU is the most popular university in Great Britain for Northern Irish students, and we would be delighted if you would join us at our Summer University taking place over Monday 18 July - Wednesday 20 July, when you will have the opportunity to:

- Attend live lectures and seminars with LJMU academics
- Enhance your university preparation
- Meet current LJMU students and sample university life in Liverpool
- Join sessions hosted by John Moores Students' Union (JMSU)
- Take part in fun activities outside of academic workshops
- Stay in the heart of Liverpool city centre

Students who fully complete this Summer University may be eligible for a reduced offer if they apply to LJMU for 2023 entry

Email [SummerUniversities@ljmu.ac.uk](mailto:SummerUniversities@ljmu.ac.uk) for enquiries

**TO REGISTER YOUR INTEREST IN THIS EVENT SCAN THE QR CODE**

\* We have a limited number of fully-funded places available for students from Northern Ireland, and we encourage you to register your interest as early as possible.