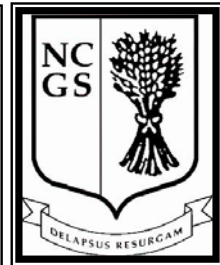


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THURSDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2012



HALF TERM HOLIDAY

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 3.30pm ON **FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY**
AND RETURNS ON **TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY** AT 8.50am

**YEAR 9 VERSUS THE GRANGE SCHOOL
AWAY.**

This fixture will unfortunately be remembered for the five players failing to turn up or let the School Team know they would not be arriving to play or even answering their mobile phones. As such the team were significantly delayed and the match started behind schedule. The nine boys who turned up; Joe Smith, Gavan Sangha, Elliot Connelly, Zane Dahou, Andrew Pickard, Aaron Johal, Lewis Richardson, Tom Cox & Reece Moffatt gave their all, producing an excellent effort and attitude towards the game. This approach, coupled with very good ability, caused a huge upset, with North Cestrian winning 4-3. There were so many fine performances, including students who took some heavy knocks but battled on regardless. Andrew Pickard was a prime example; he struggled with an early knock, but plenty of rubbing helped. Reece Moffatt, up front on his own, was superb and held the ball up well, strong and direct in possession and at times very clever, linking the ball up with midfield. He was a thorn in the side of The Grange. Zane Dahou, Tom Cox and Aaron Johal ran their socks off up and down the field. Gavan Sangha and Elliot Connolly were strong in defence and maintained their composure under pressure. Joe Smith produced two excellent saves at vital times. Two goals came in the first half from Reece Moffatt and a well struck free kick from Aaron Johal, somehow crept in at the near post. Although The Grange managed to equalise, the boys were not disheartened and at the start of the second half, excellent chasing and harassing from Tom Cox, eventually led to him being hacked down in the box and, further to convince the ref, Tom managed a lovely swallow dive! However, the resultant penalty was missed but it did spur them on and they scored two further goals in a number of minutes. Reece Moffatt scored his second from close range, after some excellent wing play, Aaron Johal, scored his second. Some persistent closing down and excellent pressing led to a fine goal from Aaron who scored the fourth goal to take a two goal lead. However, the Grange scored with two minutes to go and it was finger nail stuff. The final whistle led to rapturous scenes and a fully deserved victory. Congratulations to all, you were magnificent and goes down as one of the finest victories this season.

The team voted Reece Moffatt man of the match.

FORTHCOMING PARENTS' CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Year 10

Wednesday 22nd February

Year 9

Tuesday 6th March

"A" Level and Post 16 Evening

Wednesday 14th March

ISA NORTH CROSS COUNTRY CHAMPIONSHIPS FRIDAY 27TH JANUARY 2012

It seemed that Miss Davies' optimistic comment made in the staff room at break ("looks like it's going to be a nice day!") was the proverbial kiss of death, as soon after the hail, rain and sleet came teeming down. This continued on and off throughout the afternoon once at the venue, Scarisbrick Hall, Ormskirk.

Despite the conditions, the Cestrians showed impressive resilience, and gave their best efforts to record some excellent results. The first race involved the Year Eight and Nine boys; as usual Adam Poole made his way to the leading pack early in the race, and maintained a good position throughout, ploughing through the mud to achieve a fantastic 3rd place. In support was Conor Howard in 19th, closely followed by twin brother Max in 20th, and the youngest Cestrian team member Tom Graham, in a pleasing 25th.

The Year Nine and Ten girls' race followed, with Year Nine Georgia Plant "in the mix" from the beginning. She soon made her mark on the race, coming out of the forest section in first place. Georgia showed impressive determination to maintain the lead, and came home a deserving gold-medal winner! Following her in was Charlie Linas (in 22nd a good position testament to a great second lap), and Emily Whelan, in her first competitive cross-country race finishing 46th.

The Year Nine and Ten boys' race also yielded some great results. Jimmy Hooper, pushing himself all the way through the worst down-pours of the afternoon finished in 3rd, with Danny Crerand in 22nd, Dimitar Mitkov in 23rd, Michael Sixsmith in 34th, Henry Richardson in 35th, Tom Cox in 39th and Cathal Mc Cosker in 48th. Another good team performance!

After last year's fantastic senior (Year Eleven and Sixth Form) performance here, the pressure was on for this year's team to emulate that success. They put up a great challenge. Max Meakins contended with the (by now extremely cut-up) undulating course to finish in an impressive 4th position. He was followed by Michael King (7th), Harry Evans (11th), Joe Harris (12th), Tom Withers (19th) and James Smith (28th).

The runners did the School proud, and deserve praise for their efforts.

GOOD LUCK TO OUR RUGBY SQUAD

On Saturday 28th January, five of our Year nine boys played for Trafford in a triangular competition between Salford and Manchester.

They did not win the games but all played very well. The competition was attended by Salford City Reds talent scouts and players, to pick potential talent for a ten week academy course. The results have not yet been published yet but we are hopeful one or two of our boys might be selected.

The boys were: Lucas Rankin (9A) Elliot Connelly (9P) Danny Crofton (9P) George Lawton (9X) Joe Rogers (9X)

Special credit to Elliot who played football for the school in the morning and then went straight to the rugby.



YEAR 8 FOOTBALL

‘A difficult statistic to match’

On Saturday 28th January 2012 the North Cestrian Year 8 football team journeyed to Northwich to play the Grange School. The team played exceptionally well even though they had fewer players than the opposition. We would like to mention six players on the team who did North Cestrian really proud individually; Jordan Turnbull who took up the role of captain, Adam Poole and Rizwan Sabeer for their excellent roles both in defence and also on the right wing, Richard Bullman who made some fantastic saves and read the game well enabling him to make essential clearances also; Matthew Pacini played effectively on the left wing and Jake Tasker who was a crucial link player and certainly the best goal of the match even though we lost to the Grange. The parents always deliver and this is the statistics which we think will be difficult to beat in future. The ratio of North Cestrian parents to players at the football match was 1 to 3. Thank you all.

TRAFFORD SCHOOLS GIRLS' FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT- WEEK TWO

Under 16 team

Juilane Achenbach, Lucinda Siu, Georgia Plant, Charlie Linas, Alannah McNicholas, Maeve Bruce.

In the first match, against Blessed Thomas Holford (BTH), it became apparent that the opposition had a number of strong and experienced players. Due to the Cestrian girls' relative inexperience (most of whom have never played in a competitive match before last week's first round of games), BTH achieved an emphatic victory.

In game two, against local rivals Altrincham Girls' Grammar School, the Cestrian girls were determined to make amends- and make amends they did! With excellent team play throughout, and goals from Georgia Plant (2), Maeve Bruce and Charlie Linas, the Cestrian players achieved their first victory- a 4-0 win! An excellent result, and hopefully one that will be repeated in next Thursday's final game.

Under 14 team

Erica Emmott, Sofia Rodrigo-Bonet, Georgia Plant, Lucy Faulkner, Raiyanne Mohammed-Brown.

The first match of the evening was played against Saint Antony's, who had a few good players who were able to dominate; North Cestrian eventually lost the match 4-0. Before the second game, the importance of keeping possession was emphasised.

Match two was against Stretford Grammar School, and the girls put in a much improved performance. Their passing was better and they proved tough opposition for Stretford, who despite Georgia Plant's goal, were just strong enough to overcome us 3-1.

The next game also finished 3-1, with another goal from Georgia, with the victors this time Flixton Girls' school. This was the closest game though, and the Cestrian girls had shown good progress throughout each of the matches. Unfortunately, the results were not enough to take us into the Finals next week, but the most important thing is that the girls experienced competitive football for the first time, and enjoyed it. Hopefully we will be back next year to gain some improved results. Credit must also be given to the under 14 team, as they showed commitment by attending the fixture on a day when all their other school friends were at home due to Entrance Exam day!

BIG THANKS JOE SMITH

Thanks to Joe Smith who ably stood in for the Junior Captain, George Webb, who unfortunately was unable to fulfil his duties due to illness.

Thanks also to Junior Deputy Captain, Anna McMahon, and her team of Junior School assistants: Max Mamelok, Harry Talbot, Alex Frith, Harvey Bowcock and Christopher Burgess, who all were a credit to the School on this very important day.

SAFETY IN SCHOOL

Mr Cruxton is in charge of fire protection and health and safety issues in School. If you see anything that concerns you tell him or inform your form tutor who will pass on your concerns.

FREE CRICKET COACHING!

On Sunday 26th February, SA Sports Coaching will be running a free cricket coaching session at North Cestrian Grammar School. The session is open to cricketers up to the age of 14 and will run from 1pm - 2.30pm. Coaches will be Sam Anderson (ecb level 3 coach) and James Finch (ex professional cricketer with Yorkshire CCC) and the session will be fun and innovative with the hope that participants will take some new ideas away with them. Even though the session is free it is important to register before the session, you can do this by calling James Finch 07854596959 or e mailing sam@sasportscoaching.com.

Urgent plea from the Parents' Association

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PEEL2SAVE CAMPAIGN

Deadline extension to Monday 6th February which means you have the weekend to see if friends and family would like to join in, in our money saving scheme.

Sell 3 or more cards and your child will be entered into the draw where we have 10 cash prizes from £40 to £10, so you could end up getting your money back.

The top seller gets £50, this currently stands at 4, so get selling!!!

Remember you can save £100's in Altrincham, Sale or Warrington by purchasing our Peel2Save card.

It costs £10 and £5 of that goes towards the funds we are raising this year for a new minibus. Order form attached or available from school.

If you want to know more about how the vouchers work our Peel2Save representative has posted a short film on youtube. Just follow the link.

> http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=li_VPWUHRQw

Just a few of the vouchers available on the card

Shop	No of vouchers	Discount offer on each sticker
McDonalds	4	1.99 burger and chips
Pizza Hut	4	20% off main meals
Franki and Benny	4	20% off food
Dominoes Pizza	4	Buy one get one free
Pizza Express	4	Starter and main for £10
La Famiglia	4	Free bottle of house wine with 4 dining
Dilli	4	2 for 1 on a la carte starters and main
La Vina	4	25% off food
Hale Kitchen	4	25% off food bill
Scissorhand	1	10% off haircut
Total Fitness	2	Free 1 day trial (£15) x 2 (1 per person)
Total Fitness	1	2 for 1 joining fee (25)
Toni & Guy	1	£10 off colour
Toni & Guy	2	£5 off cut & blowdry

Thanks for your support.

School Order Form

PUPIL'S NAME: _____

FORM: _____

MY GOAL: £ _____



* Please tick to indicate card required

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Buy your Peel2Save card today for just £10 & access 64 fab local offers that fit neatly in your wallet or purse so they are handy when you need 'em!

Cash or Cheque made payable to NCGS

www.peel2save.co.uk

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken Tikka Pie Tortilla Wraps, Mexican Rice and Shredded Salad	Oven Cooked Salmon Fish Cakes & Tomato Relish Grilled Sausage	Savoury Minced Beef with Pasta Shells Chicken Madras	Pasta Bolognese Oven Baked Meatballs & Beans	Wholemeal Breaded Cod baked in oven Grilled Beef Burger on a Wholemeal Bap
Cheese & Onion Pasty	Quorn Sausage	Vegetable Curried Samosas	Pasta Bolognese	Quorn Burger
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French Fries Jacket Wedges Sweetcorn Green Beans	Macaroni Cheese Boiled Potatoes Garden Peas Cauliflower	Boiled Rice Naan Bread Fresh Baton Carrots Broccoli	Baked Jacket Potato Sweetcorn Country Veg	Chunky Chips Jacket Wedges Mixed Vegetables Mushy Peas
Chocolate Chip Flapjack Fresh Blueberries & Sponge Assorted Low Fat Yoghurts Fresh Fruit	Fruit Jelly Syrup Roly Poly Assorted Low Fat Yoghurts Fresh Fruit	Triple Chocolate Cake Apple & Blackberry Crumble & Custard Assorted Low Fat Yoghurts Fresh Fruit	Jam Doughnuts Rainbow Sponge & Custard Assorted Low Fat Yoghurts Fresh Fruit	Shortbread Chocolate & Orange Roll & Custard Assorted Low Fat Yoghurts Fresh Fruit

DINNER MENU WEEK COMMENCING 6th FEBRUARY