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# News Weekly

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## US election gets students voting and thinking

WLA students successfully predicted that Barack Obama would be the next President of the United States – two weeks before US voters went to the polls!

Encouraged to take an interest in and engage with world affairs, students from Years 7 to 11 were asked to vote in a US-themed election as part of their Citizenship studies.

The result was a resounding victory for Democratic candidate Obama, who defeated his Republican rival John McCain 496 votes to 65 in the WLA vote.

Mr Goodwin, who helped organise the election, said that “students participated enthusiastically in the vote and there were a number of interesting and thoughtful discussions on the day of the vote.”

With Obama storming to victory in the actual US election last Tuesday, WLA has proven to be politically ahead of the times. Gordon Brown take note!



### Congratulations to our new Senior Student Leader.

Danielle, Year 12, will be supporting all members of the Academy Leadership Team this year in her key, high profile role.

### Reminders

- High School Progress Day, 21st November 2008
- Shaved/clipped hair patterns are not to be worn by students in the Academy
- Extreme hairstyles are not acceptable for life in the Academy
- Extreme/unnatural hair colours are not to be worn
- Shoe laces should be black not coloured

### Year 7 Homework club

This will take place on a Wednesday evening after school between 3:30 and 4:30 in ST7. Students can drop in and stay for all, or part, of the time. There will be a member of staff on hand to assist.

There will also be access to computers and the internet should the students need to carry out any research work.

### SCIENCE CORNER WITH PROFESSOR WEEKLY

Good Morning Class! Time for your weekly quiz again!  
As always get your answers into Mr Gaza by Wednesday for your chance to win a fantastic prize at the end of term!



1. The blood vessel connecting heart and lung
2. An energy resource that will never run out
3. Bottom end of an animal's main body
4. Animal with no backbone
5. How long your body can exercise for
6. This happens whenever the Moon passes through some portion of the Earth's shadow

Your clue for this week is:

1	2	3	4	5	6	GOOD LUCK!
P	R	A	I	S	E	

The answers for last time were:  
1: salt, 2: property, 3: accelerate, 4: drag, 5: exhale

# MyBnk

My Money, our future.

**MyBnk is opening its doors next week!**  
**When:** Thursday Lunchtime, **Where:** Portacabin, **Why:** You can save money every week or take out loans for money-making, world-changing activities.

**Come talk to the MyBnkers every Thursday!**

## Attention Language Lovers!

The Spanish department is starting 3 brand new Clubs this term!  
Monday: lunchtime Culture Club (open to all)  
Tuesday: after school Homework Club (open to all)  
Wednesday: after school Language Leadership Club (restricted access)  
All Clubs are held in 8.1 and you need a pass for the lunchtime one.  
**Come and have some fun opening up your horizons and deepening you language skills!**  
More info from Ms Iksilara or Ms Ivko.



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# PRIMARY NEWS

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## Safety First!

Parents/carers in the interests of community health and safety, please be vigilant in the following ways:

- If someone other than yourself or a regular carer known to us needs to collect your child, please ensure you phone the primary office before 2pm on the day, so that we know well in advance and pass the information on to your child's teacher .
- Phase 1 parents can you please stand away from the doors on to the KSI playground when waiting to collect or deliver your children. It will be much easier to locate your child swiftly, if everyone obliged us by coming no further forward than the wooden shed.
- Encourage your children to wear reflective stickers or clothing, so that they are visible in the darker evenings and mornings.
- Please remind Year 6s who walk to school or home unaccompanied about road safety and appropriate places to cross roads and encourage them to walk with others rather than alone.
- If you see anything suspicious on the way to or from school, please report it to the Primary Office asap.

The School Photography Company (TSPC) will be in on the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November to photograph children from the Primary.

All children will be photographed unless you inform the office directly that you do not want your child/ren photographed.

Please make sure that your child/ren wear full school uniform on these days as usual.

## Forthcoming Events

**November is a busy month for the Primary Phase.**

Parent Consultation evenings are planned for Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> November, so watch out for the letter which will be sent out next week explaining how to sign up for appointments.

We are also planning Demonstration Problem solving lessons and a Numeracy curriculum evening for early December - so check your child's bag carefully for details to be sure you don't miss out.

Christmas Fayre - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2pm – 6pm  
Volunteers needed! Contact PSA via school office.

## At Dinner Time

There once was a boy, who was tall.  
There was a girl that made a fantastic twirl.  
Then there was lunch,  
That had a cracker of a crunch.  
It was so loud you couldn't hear Penny shout..  
"Eat your lunch!"

EAT YOUR  
LUNCH!



By Jemma, Rose class