



# School Newsletter

December 2018

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A joyful, light filled Advent service was enjoyed by many at St. Mary's Church, Fleetwood on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. Our pupils were excellent; reading, leading the congregation in prayer, singing, acting, and playing music. We were pleased to join forces with St Mary's Primary School, Fleetwood. Their Year 6 pupils also sang and read fantastically. It was a wonderful reflection on the meaning behind the season of Advent.



Up to date news items, reminders and comments relevant to the education of our pupils and our work in the community.

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# Pupil Absence

Please let us know as soon as possible if your child is ill or has an appointment. Please call the school by 9.30am at the latest. Please phone the school number (01253 872659) then select option 1. Please **DO NOT** send an email as these may not be picked up straight away.

# Making Appointments with Staff Members

We take pride in the fact that, together with our parents and carers, we have fostered and developed excellent relationships. There have, however, been a number of occasions when a very small number of parents/carers have conducted themselves in a less than courteous manner. To help maintain and develop our relationships, could I remind you of the following:

- If you wish to make an appointment with a member of staff please contact the Main Office for a mutually convenient date and time. Please appreciate that it is not usually possible to speak to staff immediately due to their work commitments.
- The Office Staff have to deal with many queries and may not be able to resolve your particular worry/concern/issue immediately. Please be assured that the appropriate member of staff will contact you as soon as is possible for them to discuss the matter you have raised.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

## Make the world better with a sweater

It's the most magical time of the year – fairy lights and baubles, snowmen and Christmas trees. And on the 14<sup>th</sup> December we did it all – on a jumper!

For the fifth year running, CACHS have taken part in the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. All over the country, thousands of people donned their daftest, most wonderful woollies – all for a great cause. You would be surprised at just how many of your colleagues, classmates, neighbours, friends and family were looking for an excuse to flaunt their fabulous knits! Everyone who joined in the fun and took part made the world better with a sweater!

On this day, we also wear our jumper with pride to support local children being cared for by our local children's hospice, Brian House. The school council once again voted to amalgamate the two events and split the money raised between the two charities.



The We Are Reading in Lancashire schools campaign was launched in Preston in March of this year and the year-long campaign will run until World Book Day, 2019. The campaign aims to encourage schools to sign a pledge urging pupils to read.

By taking part in the campaign Cardinal Allen has pledged their commitment to:

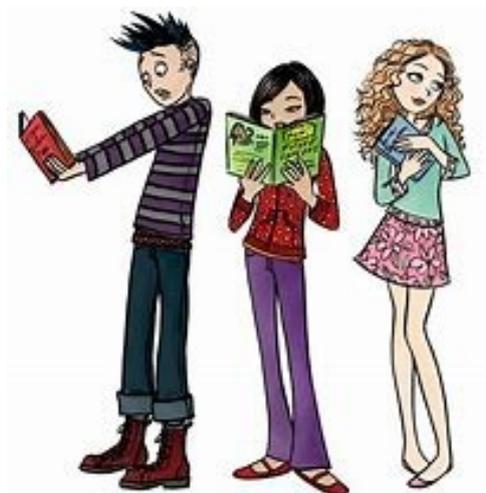
- Become a reading school;
- Seek out every opportunity to improve standards in reading at school;
- Encourage reading for pleasure;
- Enable children to read in-depth in a wide range of subjects, deepening their knowledge and understanding across the curriculum;
- Work with other schools, local libraries and other partners to promote reading as a life-long skill.

This term we are engaging in a multi school/cross curricular project where Year 7 students from all four partner schools will decorate pebbles with a book character/title/theme or scene.

Mrs Glaister and Mrs Olver-Duffy from our fabulous Art Department will be assisting with this task so a big thank you to them! These pebbles will then be swapped with the other schools and hidden in the school grounds. Students will then hunt for the pebbles and bring them to the school library where they will be added to a “Reading Rocks” display.

For January we are excited to be hosting author Curtis Jobling who will be speaking to the Year 7’s on his experiences as a writer. Curtis is the author of “Haunt Dead Scared”, one of the Bookbuzz books recently chosen by some Year 7’s, as well as the designer of worldwide television show “Bob the Builder”.

In the spring term we will be taking part in a reading conference with various activities – more to follow on this!



# CHAPLAIN

## MASS CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated Mass in the Chapel for the feast of All Saints with Fr. Alf, and are very grateful to some of our deanery priests for coming in to celebrate Mass on a Friday morning at ten past eight.



## LAUNCH OF THE YEAR OF THE EUCHARIST

We held a day of Eucharistic Adoration in school on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> November to launch a year long initiative from Bishop Paul—the Year of the Eucharist. Years 7 – 10 came down to the Chapel throughout the day and spent quiet time in reflection and prayer. Our pupils were respectful and reverent of the Blessed Sacrament and we are looking forward to spending more time like this in the Chapel over the next year.

## YOUTH MASS/FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

A number of our students were involved with the Youth Sunday Mass at St Wulstan's Church on the Feast of Christ the King. The music, drama and readings that were produced by the young people were fantastic! Many of the parishioners commented on how wonderful the Mass was thanks to their input.



## CONFIRMATIONS

After months of preparation, it was a great joy to watch as some of our pupils from Years 8, 9 and 10 were confirmed by the Bishop at St Wulstan's on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

## ADVENT

During the lead up to Christmas, form groups have been involved in Advent Liturgies in the Chapel. We have focused on the themes of Hope, Peace and Joy. Year 7s have enjoyed making some advent crafts, banners and peace paperchains, whilst the other years have reflected on how we can each choose to bring hope and peace into our individual classrooms and homes this Christmas season.

## CHAPLAINCY THROUGHOUT SCHOOL

Many pupils are coming into the Chapel during lunchtimes to spend as much time as they want in a quiet and reflective environment. There is calm colouring, candle lighting, journalling, praying every Monday, Wednesday and Friday lunchtimes and all pupils are very welcome. Many students comment on the peaceful atmosphere and enjoy taking a few minutes out of their busy days to spend in peace and quiet.

## YOUTH ALPHA

We will be launching a 'Youth Alpha' course open to pupils in Years 8 & 9. The Alpha course is a series of sessions that explores the Christian faith. Each session looks at a different question around faith and is designed to create conversation and encourage people to ask some of those trickier questions. Look out for more information after Christmas!



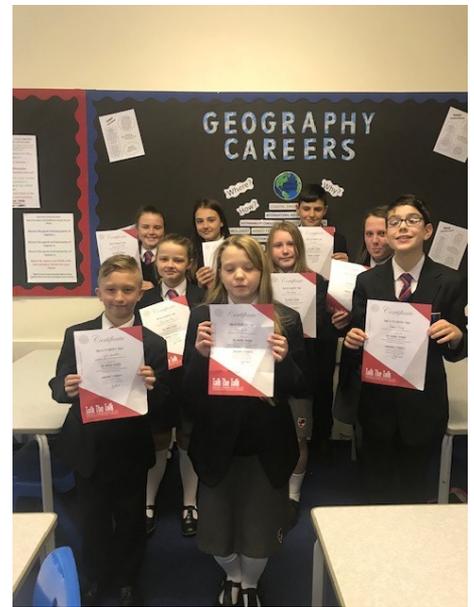
# ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

## Year 7 Talk the Talk

In October, 55 Year 7 pupils took part in oracy workshops run by a national organization 'Talk the Talk'. The workshops, based on the topic of the transition between primary and secondary schools, focussed on enhancing pupils' speaking and listening skills and building their confidence in these areas.



Working in groups, the pupils reflected on how they have settled into Cardinal Allen, as well as discussing any challenges they face and how they might overcome these. They then had to prepare and deliver a presentation to the rest of the group in which they explained their goals for the rest of the academic year. It was an enjoyable and productive day and it was pleasing to see the youngsters grow in confidence throughout the sessions.



## GCSE Revision

It is extremely important that pupils revise for their English Language and English Literature exams. In order to avoid a last-minute panic, they should start early and aim to do some independent revision every week. If your son or daughter is unsure how to revise, here are a few useful tips:

- Make a list of each topic and break it down into sub-topics. For example, for each literature text, make notes on the plot, themes, characters etc;
- Re-read the literature texts and write down important parts of the text to learn as quotations;
- Write quotations on Post-It Notes and stick them around their bedroom;
- Make flash cards that they can give you to test them on the information;
- Present information in a form that is most useful and helpful to them, e.g mindmaps, diagrams, pictures, lists;
- Re-read revision notes frequently;
- Use knowledge organisers or create their own;
- Summarise information from revision guides and write it in their own words;
- Look at past exam papers. They could plan responses to questions and have a go at answering some in timed conditions;
- Use Seneca learning.

There are many useful revision websites, such as GCSE Bitesize, Shmoop and mrbruff.com. The English guru Mr Bruff is also excellent; his videos on almost all Language and Literature topics can be found on Youtube.

Further information and advice on how to revise can be found on our school website through the link <http://www.cardinalallen.co.uk/revision-support/>

## Year 11 Revision

Year 11 revision takes place every Monday lunch time in room 7 and after school in room 5.

## Seneca Learning

Pupils in Years 10 and 11 are using the Seneca Learning website to revise for their Literature GCSE. Seneca advertises itself as the 'world's first accelerated learning system for online revision and learning' and claims that pupils learn two times faster using their system. Once pupils have signed up for a free account, they can use the site for independent revision for the different Literature topics. They can monitor their own progress and track how long they have spent on their revision activities. Please note that the site needs to be used through Google Chrome or Safari.

## The Melbourne Mail

Look out for the December edition of our school magazine run by a dedicated group of budding writers and journalists. Copies are available in the library and office, and you can also read online by following our Twitter feed.



**Did you know, the English department at Cardinal Allen has its own Twitter account?**

**Follow us to keep up to date with all things**

**English: help with revision,  
competitions and more!**



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# ART DEPARTMENT

## EDUCATION AWARDS

We were delighted to hear that Hansa achieved the "High Commended Award" at the recent Gazette Education Awards ceremony, which acknowledged her excellent artistic flair and skill. This was thoroughly deserved as Hansa is working significantly above her target level and has demonstrated particularly excellent drawing skills! Well done, Hansa!



## ART CLUB MONDAY 3:05-4:05PM

If you need extra help with Art classwork or homework, or simply want to try a new skill then come to Art Club!



## KNIT & NATTER

Can you knit or crochet? Or would you like to learn? If so come and join 'Knit & Natter'

Wednesday – Aquinas centre



This term we have been learning the basics of crocheting as well as experimenting with different textile activities such as mini woolly hats; the ideal accessory for any teddy bear.



## [POPPY DISPLAY](#)

The Art Department would like to thank Martina Dioletta-Brett & Katie Parker who kindly give their time to planning and delivering activities with the 'Knit & Natter' group. These two ladies along with a number of staff; Ms Gianfrancesco, Mrs Sumner, Mrs Abra, Mrs Webster, Mrs Olver-Duffy & Mrs Glaister also took the time to create handmade crochet or textile poppies. These wonderful creations then went on display for the centenary and were sold to raise money for The British Legion. Many thanks to all who supported and purchased these unique handmade poppies.



## [GCSE CATCH UP SESSION](#)

Thursday 3:05-4:05PM

## [REMINDER OF LUNCHTIME SESSIONS](#)

Monday 1:15-1:45pm - KS3 Homework Club.

Tuesday 1:15-1:45pm – KS3 – Art room 1 only.

Wednesday- Closed.

Thursday 1:15-1:45pm – GCSE Catch-up.

Friday – Closed.



# Community News December 2018



## [Homecoming Parade](#)

Cardinal Allen was represented by 60 of our students in the Fleetwood Homecoming Parade to commemorate 100 years from the end of World War 1. All those involved were moved by the stories they heard.



## [Interact WE Day X](#)

Our Interact group delivered a WE Day X concert to our KS3 students to raise awareness on water issues around the world. The audience were entertained by performances from X factor finalist Chloe Moyle and local rock group 'All We Know' as well as speeches from members of Interact and dancing from the Dreamers - our school dance group. Our school is very lucky to have students who are not only passionate about inequalities in the world but are empowered to do something about it.



## [Blackpool WE summit](#)

Members of our Interact group recently attended the first Blackpool WE summit. It was great to hear Courtenay Manning, one of our former students, confidently address the audience as guest speaker and to learn that our school is considered to be the top school of over 2,000 that the charity works with.

## [Bees](#)

Our Eco Group are celebrating securing funding from the Greg's Environmental Fund to introduce a beehive to our school grounds. We are looking forward to producing our first jars of 'Cardy Honey'.

## [International Schools](#)

Cardinal Allen has secured funding from the British Council to develop international links with schools from Nepal and Tanzania. Collaborative Projects to be embarked on include: Families; Festivals and Living Together; and the Future of the Earth.



### Senior Citizens party

47 of our local senior citizens enjoyed this year's Christmas party. Following entertainment provided by our school choir and band, Santa arrived and passed on hampers for them to enjoy over Christmas. A big thank you for all the groceries sent in to enable each Form to produce a hamper. It was really pleasing to receive many positive comments about the care given by our students.



### Community Christmas tree

Our Interact Group entry for the Trinity Christmas Tree Festival this year investigates the issue of pollution on our beaches. Good Luck!



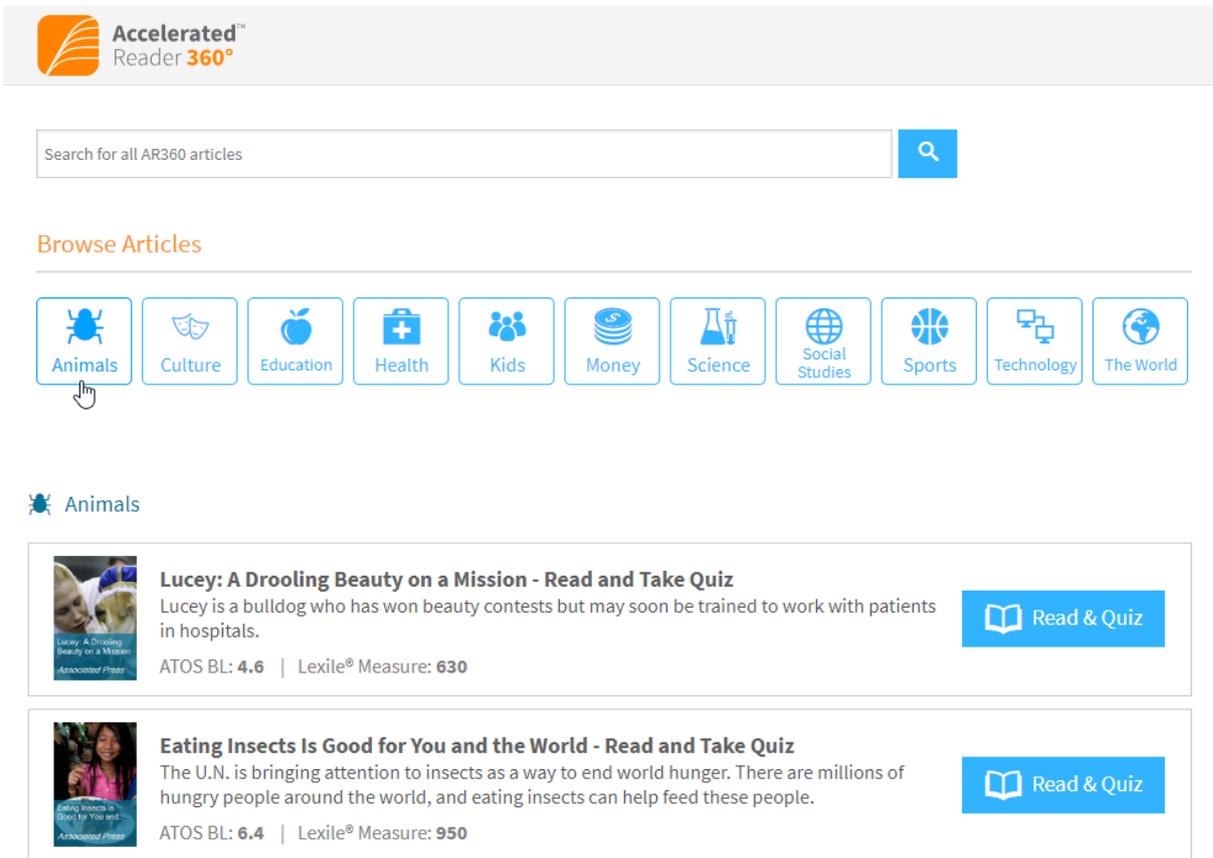
### Eco Group Snake update

Members of our Eco Team have recently been interviewed on BBC Radio Lancashire whilst completing stone carving workshops at Beacon Fell. The walking snake sculpture is now nearing completion and promises to be an iconic Lancashire landmark. The people of Lancashire are lucky that the Cardinal Allen students have worked so hard to replace it.



For the past five years, Year 7 and 8 students at Cardinal Allen have successfully participated in the Accelerated Reader programme, a powerful tool for monitoring and managing independent reading practice and reading for pleasure. Once a book has been read, the student takes an online quiz to demonstrate their understanding. The programme will then set appropriate reading targets and total the number of words read to date.

As well as quizzing on fiction titles, Accelerated Reader now also includes high-interest non-fiction articles and short quizzes about those articles. When students log in, they will now see an extra icon labelled as below and will be able to read and quiz on thousands of new articles.



**Accelerated Reader 360°**

Search for all AR360 articles

**Browse Articles**

Animals Culture Education Health Kids Money Science Social Studies Sports Technology The World

**Animals**

**Lucey: A Drooling Beauty on a Mission - Read and Take Quiz**  
Lucey is a bulldog who has won beauty contests but may soon be trained to work with patients in hospitals.  
ATOS BL: 4.6 | Lexile® Measure: 630

**Eating Insects Is Good for You and the World - Read and Take Quiz**  
The U.N. is bringing attention to insects as a way to end world hunger. There are millions of hungry people around the world, and eating insects can help feed these people.  
ATOS BL: 6.4 | Lexile® Measure: 950

During Library Lessons, students will be given the opportunity to read and quiz on these new articles.



## [DYSLEXIA AWARENESS DAY – 4<sup>th</sup> October 2018](#)

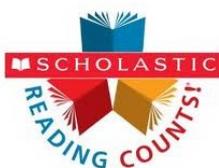
Dyslexia Awareness Week (DAW) is always a good opportunity to raise awareness and understanding of dyslexia and help to bring about positive change. This year The Aquinas Centre showcased a fabulous selection of brand new Dyslexia-friendly fiction books. A list of these books can be found at [www.arbookfind.co.uk](http://www.arbookfind.co.uk). Just key in the school code of IF875127 and click on Teacher Lists. All books shown are available for your child to borrow from the school library.



## [LANCASHIRE LIBRARY E-SERVICE](#)

Did you know that if you have a valid Lancashire postcode and are a member of your local library, you can download digital eBooks and eAudiobooks using the BorrowBox app on your Tablet/Smartphone devices? You will need your library card, PIN number and an email address to get you started. All you have to do is go to your device's App Store, search for BorrowBox and install the App. You then log in with your borrower library number and pin and register to use the service. This will take you to your Book Shelf where you will be able to see your loans, reservations and loan history. You now have access to over 11,000 audio and ebooks and it's FREE! Further information can be found at:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/media/906704/ebooks-and-eaudio-on-tablets-and-phones.pdf>



## [SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – 12<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> December 2018](#)

As we go to print the Aquinas Centre was once again hosting their annual Scholastic Book Fair to create a reading extravaganza!

With **over 200 titles** for students to choose from, and with prices starting from **only £1.49**, there's sure to be a book for everyone to enjoy! Don't forget that every book purchased at the Book Fair benefits our school and helps us to earn **FREE BOOKS** for our library and classrooms.

This year all books are being offered at **half the recommended price**. Scholastic Book Fairs are a wonderful way to get children excited about books and reading and the perfect opportunity for your child to find a book they will love.

Merry Christmas!



## [LIBRARIES WEEK 2018](#)

This year, with a focus on **wellbeing**, libraries across the country showcased how they bring communities together, combat loneliness, provide a space for reading and creativity and support people with their mental health. The school library, also known as the Aquinas Centre, was no exception to this and launched into a very eventful week with various activities to improve our wellbeing. Apart from our love of words and books, lots of students took part in activities such as Chess Club, Book Club and Knit and Natter. Students had fun with a variety of board games such as Monopoly and Scrabble, tested their patience at chess club followed by a few days of some very puzzling jigsaws that required a lot of patience! The week ended with various competitions that tested their literacy skills.

Thank you to all staff and students who took part in a very busy and entertaining week to celebrate the range of activities on offer at our school library!



## [BOOKBUZZ READING INITIATIVE YEAR 7](#)

### **Your child has just received a book from Bookbuzz!**

Bookbuzz is a reading programme which gives schools the opportunity to offer their students the choice of a book from a list of 17 specially selected titles. The aim of Bookbuzz is to inspire excitement about reading for pleasure and discovering new books and authors. The programme is run by BookTrust, the UK's largest reading charity that transforms lives by getting children and families reading. Each year BookTrust reaches 3.4 million children across the UK with books, resources and support. To find out more about BookTrust visit [booktrust.org.uk](http://booktrust.org.uk)

During library lessons with Miss Shirreffs, our Year 7 students watched a film where authors and publishers talked about their books. Students were then given the opportunity to choose a book of their choice.

To find out more about this year's titles, and other books that your child might enjoy, do visit the website where you can also find useful links about reading and writing, and fun writing activities that you can do at home with your child: [www.bookbuzz.org.uk](http://www.bookbuzz.org.uk)

Here are some tips on how parents can get involved:

- 1. Get talking!** The easiest way to get involved is to talk to your child about books and reading. What books do you love? What books does your child love? You can also check out the Bookbuzz recommended reads on the website to find out more about other great books you can share: <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/booklists/s/suggested-reading-for-year-7--year-8-autumn-term/>
- 2. Which one did they choose?** Bookbuzz gives students the opportunity to choose and keep their own book from a list of 17 amazing titles so don't forget to talk to them about their choice. What was it that made them choose the book? Was it the cover/the blurb/a review from a friend or their teacher? Are they pleased with their choice?
- 3. What will they read next?** When they've finished their Bookbuzz book, the fun doesn't need to stop there! No matter what their interests are, there are thousands of fantastic books out there to discover and capture their imagination! They could choose to read another Bookbuzz book from the selection by visiting their school library or why not use BookTrust's bookfinder to help them pick their next book? It's a really quick and easy way for you to find great books together that relate to their age and interests: [www.booktrust.org.uk/bookfinder](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/bookfinder)

4. **Get Advice.** If you're stuck for ideas about how to support your child with reading, do visit the BookTrust website for some advice and book recommendations: [www.booktrust.org.uk/books/](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/books/) You could also ask a librarian or your local book shop for more advice. They love to talk about good books and will be happy to help.

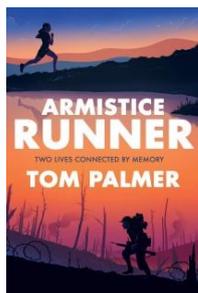
5. **Check out the Bookbuzz website.** You can find lots of fun activities on the Bookbuzz website to share and enjoy with your child including videos and blogs from the Bookbuzz authors, reading challenges, quizzes, and competitions. Just visit: [www.booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz](http://www.booktrust.org.uk/bookbuzz)

6. **Keep updated on social media.** You can follow @Booktrust on Twitter to find out more about the best new books, and how you can continue to encourage reading for pleasure at home. Why not share your experiences of Bookbuzz by using the hashtag #MyBookbuzz

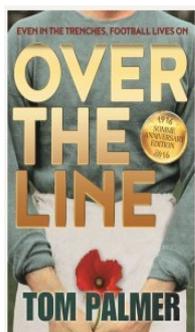
## ["THE BOOKLINGS" YEAR 7 READING CLUB IN THE AQUINAS CENTRE](#)

If you love reading, come along to our Reading Club every Tuesday where age and experience is irrelevant but love of books is key!!

With the WW1 Centenary this year, we have been exploring some new historical fiction such as "Armistice Runner" and "Over the Line" by author Tom Palmer.



**Armistice Runner** - Lily has lots of worries. She's struggling to compete in her fell-running races and, worse, she's losing her gran to Alzheimer's. But then she discovers her great-great-grandfather's diaries from the First World War. Could his incredible story of bravery help her reconnect with her gran and even give her the inspiration she needs to push through and win?

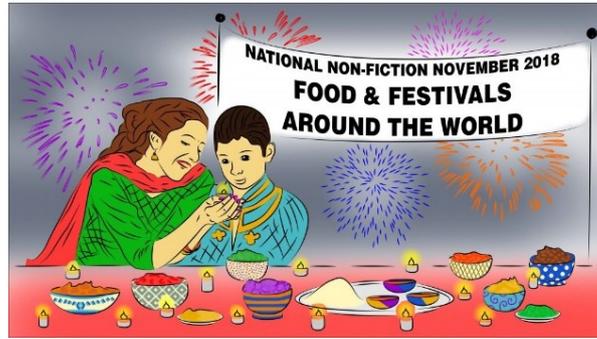


**Over The Line** - A powerful historical novel about one footballer's experience in the First World War. It's 1914 and Jack is making his debut as a professional footballer. But the match is marred by a demonstration demanding that the players sign up to do their duty in France. It is not long before Jack is bound for the trenches with the Footballers' Battalion.

Both books are available to borrow from the school library.

Tom also sent us some lovely signed resources along with some fabulous signed bookmarks and bookplates.

## NON-FICTION NOVEMBER



What is National Non-Fiction November?

National Non-Fiction November is an annual celebration of all things factual, created by the Federation of Children's Book Groups.

Non-fiction can be a great way to boost your child's love of books, even if they are a reluctant reader. For some children, reading about the real world is far more appealing than made-up stories. As a genre it covers an enormous range of topics – anything and everything factual. A non-fiction book could be about chemistry, Ancient Egypt, skateboarding, LEGO and everything in-between!

This year was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary year and the theme chosen was “Food and Festivals Around the World”. Students were encouraged to look more closely at the world around them and explore the everyday food enjoyed at home and by different cultures, in addition to finding out about the special foods associated with the festivals of the major religions.

## NATIONAL POETRY DAY—COMPETITION

National Poetry Day is a UK-wide celebration of poetry taking place every October. In 2018 the theme was Change.

With this in mind, students in KS3 were asked to consider how they experience change in their everyday lives and how they can bring this theme to the poetry they read, write and perform. Some beautiful poems were submitted and the winners were Melody – 7CO, Halle – 7GR and Amber – 9AM. Melody's poem spoke about the change students experience when moving from Year 6 to Year 7. Halle wrote about how we experience different seasons of the year and Amber wrote a very poignant poem about significant changes that we all go through as we age. Well done to all entrants and to the winners who received a lovely new book of their choice.



## PUPILCOUNCIL2018/2019

Student voice has a high priority within schools these days and we hope that our newly elected Pupil Council will make a huge contribution to many different aspects of school life. Student voice gives students a sense of ownership of their school, promotes a feeling of responsibility among young people and increases motivation and achievement.

Students are encouraged to put forward any ideas or suggestions they would like mentioned. Suggestions can be forwarded to Miss Shirreffs in the Aquinas Centre.



## MAKE YOUR MARK CAMPAIGN 2018

This year's Make your Mark campaign saw 1,106,788 young people take part, making it one of the largest youth consultations of its kind in UK history, with 1 in 5 of all young people aged 11-18 taking part.

Students voted for their top issue from a shortlist of ten on the ballot paper, ranging from A Curriculum to prepare us for life, Transport, and Mental Health issues. Knife Crime was declared the top priority for young people living in the UK with knife crime rising by 12% in one year.

This year the five issues that have been prioritised are:

- Put an end to Knife Crime
- Mental Health
- Equal Pay, Equal Work
- Tackling Homelessness
- Votes at 16



These issues were discussed with the chamber on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> November during the UK Youth Parliament's eighth sitting in the House of Commons. Further information can be found at [www.youthparliament.org.uk](http://www.youthparliament.org.uk).



## Advent Doors

This Advent, staff have been counting down to Christmas with a Living Advent calendar around school – we have been putting up Advent Doors! The idea was that staff – not just teachers – could choose one of the days of Advent and, each day, put up a display on their door on the theme of a Christmas carol or song. Staff at school have really got into the spirit of this and the displays that are going up are really brightening up the school and adding to a festive atmosphere as the end of term approaches. Doors for 17<sup>th</sup> through to 24<sup>th</sup> are going up on Monday 17<sup>th</sup>, so that we don't miss out on the days at the end of Advent! Year 7 pupils have been given an 'Advent Bingo' card to fill in with the names of the different songs or carols for a small chocolate treat at the end of term!

Wishing you a Blessed Advent.

Mrs McMahon





## WWI Centenary Commemorations

The History department at Cardinal Allen had been planning the Centenary commemorations for some time and, with the invaluable support of CAFCA, Mr Harding and our chaplain, Sarah Morton, the Centenary commemoration week was very successful. As Armistice Day fell on a Sunday, it was decided that Cardinal Allen would have their commemorations on 8<sup>th</sup> November. Mrs McMahon ran reflections in the chapel for all KS3 pupils, during which time the pupils were each given the name of a Fleetwood casualty and invited to remember them on a poppy, which formed a display that can still be seen in the chapel and foyer of the school. Pupils were also invited to plant poppy seeds in the new Centenary Garden, the newest part of the school memorial garden. Mrs McMahon's Centenary Committee consisting of Year 10 pupils Max Swarbrick, Ryan Lucas, Daniel Rawcliffe, Martina Dioletta-Brett, Katy Parker and Max Duffy worked tirelessly raising funds towards a 'Tommy' statue, from the 'There but not There' project and also very ably assisted in the chapel throughout the day. Throughout the day, the staff around the school adapted their lessons to have a WWI theme – for example, war poetry was studied in English, new inventions in Science and DT, the concept of a 'World War' in Geography and so many more throughout the school. The Art department led the making of poppy pins, all proceeds going to the



British Legion and these formed a striking display at the front of the chapel. All pupils were respectful and engaged and were, as always, a real credit to themselves and to the school. A wonderful reflection and commemoration of this important day.



# Christmas Lunch ~ served by Santa's elves

On Friday 14th December our wonderful Catering and Welfare staff prepared and served Christmas dinner to our pupils and staff and fully embraced our Christmas non-uniform day!

It was great to see so many pupils and staff enjoying their Christmas lunch and joining in with the seasonal festivities. Significant thanks to Denise and her team not only for all of the additional work that goes into organising such an event, but also for their enthusiasm in creating a festive atmosphere.



**A reminder to all parents and pupils that the school will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 21st December at 12.20pm. School re-opens in the New Year for all pupils on Monday 7th January 2019.**

## Christmas Wishes

I would like to thank pupils and staff for their hard work throughout the year, and I am certain that they are looking forward to a well earned break.

I would also like to thank our families for your support – we don't get everything right, but by working together we can make a huge difference. I hope that once you have purchased that final present, and completed the big Christmas food shop, you have the opportunity to relax and enjoy the spirit of Christmas.

It just remains for me to wish you and your families a very happy and holy Christmas and all God's blessings for 2019.

