



## Monthly Mail - December

Dear parent/carer,

### Joint Advent Service and Christmas Fayre

On Wed 9<sup>th</sup> December pupils and staff from CW took part in two community events. The beautiful joint Advent Service with Maryvale Catholic Primary School took place in the church. The spiritual readings and stunning musical performances really set the tone for advent.



We also organised a joint Christmas Fayre with a range of stalls from Cardinal Wiseman, our PTFA, Maryvale Catholic Primary School and the local parish as well as some outside traders. The fayre was buzzing with excitement and allowed us to come together as a community. A whopping £419.62 was raised in total and the money will go towards supplementing the Year 11 pupil's trip to World Youth Day in Krakov, Poland next summer. Many thanks to everyone who attended and supported this great festive event. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



### School Admissions

The Consultation on Proposed School Admissions Arrangements for the 2017/18 Academic Year is available to view at: <http://www.birmingham.gov.uk/2017admissions>

# School Council Elections

Elections took place across the school in November for this year's School Council. Well done to all students who stood for election. Tutors were highly impressed with the quality of speeches that they had prepared. Congratulations to those who were elected.



Head Boy	Head Girl	Deputy Head Boy	Deputy Head Girl
Thomas Lafferty	Mary <u>Dosumu</u>	Kwame <u>Oteng-Adusei</u>	Mary Ann <u>Swoffer</u>

	<b>Bernadette</b>	<b><u>Bosco</u></b>	<b>Newman</b>	<b>Teresa</b>
7	Julianne Peralta	Jake <u>Yarnell</u>	<u>Tayla Judge</u>	Joseph Holmes
8	Nigel <u>Madva</u>	Alicia Fagan	Andre McLeish	Marcel <u>Poznanski</u>
9	<u>Rebeca Karaliunaite</u>	Kelly Grant	<u>Oliwia Bednarek</u>	Breakthrough <u>Akanbi</u>
10	Tania <u>Mfumba</u>	Yves <u>Zahouo</u>	Lucy Morris	Lucy <u>Burbridge</u>

# Successful Sounds



December has seen a number of Cardinal Wiseman Students performing to audiences of over 500 people in the Adrian Boulton Hall at Birmingham Conservatoire in the City Centre. On Sunday 6th December Ethan Bailey (Year 7) and Yamikani Ajuti (Year 8) both played trumpet with the Birmingham Training Brass Band. This ensemble features 60 of the best young brass players in the city and students have to pass an audition to be offered a place in this band. Earlier in the day in a separate performance Ethan Bailey (trumpet) and Kelston Carty (trombone) played with the Subito Orchestra. This orchestra of 120 players had only 6 brass instrumentalists and so it was very pleasing to see that two of them were Cardinal Wiseman players.

Then on Saturday 12th December J'Nai Clark and Perry Lindo (both Year 9), along with Hakim McKenzie who left last summer, performed with the Birmingham Schools Steel Band in a Music Service Christmas Concert again to a sell-out audience at the Adrian Boulton Hall. Congratulations to Ethan, Kelston, Yamikani, J'Nai and Perry for being invited to perform at these great events and for representing our school so well.

## Support our student to be life-long learners - Home learning

As you know at Cardinal Wiseman we do our very best to support all of our students to become life-long learners. One way we do this is by supporting them to learn outside of school by setting them home-learning tasks to complete at home (this used to be known as homework). Therefore we have now set up a Home learning support club which is open Monday-Friday 3:15-4:15pm in room 13, this started on Monday 1st December 2015. Students will be invited to attend this club for one week at a time if they are failing to complete several home learning tasks for several subjects. This is compulsory for the students to attend and you will receive a letter in the post on the Friday the week before to inform you of their requirement to attend. Research has shown that the more students learn at home the more they are successful in life and become life-long learners. Thank you for your support in this. Mr Kearns Assistant Head Teacher in charge of Home learning.

## Advice from the Police

The Perry Barr and Oscott neighbourhood policing team are seeing a slight increase in Burglary in the area. To try and combat this here is some advice regarding crime prevention:

- ✓ When your home is empty, make it look occupied, leave a light on.
- ✓ Invest in a house alarm and always use it.
- ✓ Look into external lighting, burglars do not want to be illuminated.
- ✓ If your house is surrounded by trees and bushes your neighbours can not see your house to keep an eye on it for you.
- ✓ Keep windows closed and locked using window locks.
- ✓ Ensure no garden tools, ladders or furniture are left in positions where they can assist someone in entering your home.
- ✓ Get into the habit of having a look out of the window to check on your neighbours houses, if you see any suspicious activity be sure to report it to Police.

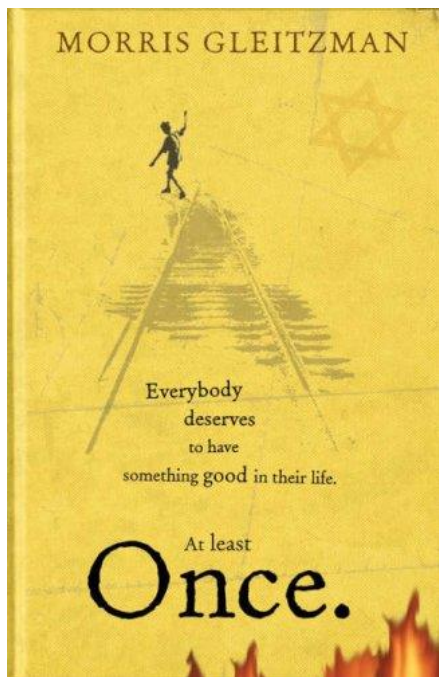


## Antisocial Acting

The Year 9 Drama class performed a slightly comical and hard hitting script called 'Bang Out of Order' about antisocial behaviour and the effect it has on different people. They took part in two performances. The first performance was to a selection of pupils in Years 7 or 8 followed by their final performance to the family and friends. For many of the pupils it was a nerve racking but fantastic experience. What was particularly impressive was the way in which the students supported each other throughout the rehearsals and performances. Well done to you all!

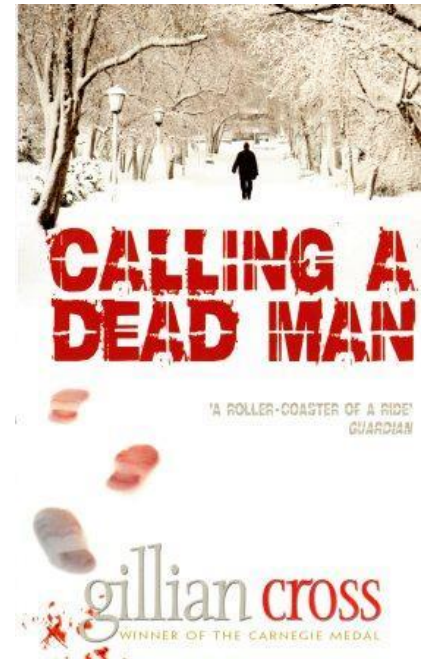
Mr Beckett and Mr Kearns.





# The Joy of Reading

Here at Cardinal Wiseman we take reading very seriously and constantly try to promote a love of reading. Over the last few weeks some of our pupils have been meeting with our librarian, Ms Bayley, to look at and discuss various books in reading workshops during DEAR. With this we hope to get some of our pupils to think outside the box and possibly explore books they would not have necessarily looked at before.



The workshops have been a success, and pupils are showing a love for the novels talked about and read during these sessions. These books include 'Once' by Morris Gleitzman and 'Dead man calling' by Gillian Cross.

Below we have some comments from pupils who have recently been involved:

"The library workshop was amazing, it was such a good session. It gave us information and made us realise how amazing the library is. It introduced us to the many books in the library, which is at least 500 and has made me want to read a wider range of books." (Lewis Smith, Year 7)

"I enjoyed the workshop session because we got to sit together as a group and shared our own opinions and thoughts on books, reading and what we like. In addition to that I also liked how Ms Bayley showed us the cover of a book called *Once* (one of her personal favourite books) and asked us what we thought happened in the book. We all gave our opinion on the book and when Miss Bayley gave us a little more information on this book we wanted to read it all!" (Derrick Oyuvwi, Year 7)

We hope to see many more pupils in the library, sharing in our passion for reading.

Dates for your diary	
Term finishes at 12.30pm - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	
Year 11 Mock Exams – 4 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> January	
Teacher Training Day – Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> December – only Year 11 pupils in school.	
Term starts – Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January for Year 11 only. Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> for Years 7-10.	
Yr 9 & 10 Retreat @ The Briars - 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> January	
Year 11 Parents' Evening – Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	
Teacher Training Day – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	
Half term 15- 19 February	
<i>Please see the calendar on the school website for further dates and key events.</i>	

From all of the staff at Cardinal Wiseman, we hope that you and your family have a happy and holy Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Christina Stewardson



# Stars of the Month



## Headteachers' Stars

Pupil name	Year/Class	Award	Reason
Bethany Smith	11	<b>Business Star</b>	Consistently high standard of work throughout the year
Connor Greaney	11W	<b>Head of Year 11</b>	For having a consistently excellent attitude to learning across all subjects. Keep it up Connor!
Emily Hastings	10	<b>MFL Star</b>	Excellent presentation on work experience in front of her peers. Well done Emily!

Pupil name	Year/Class	Award	Reason
Leanna Graham	7Bo	<b>Reading Star</b>	For achieving 100% on reading quizzes 11 times since September! Well done Leanna!
Morgan Mulholland	10C	<b>Head of Year 10</b>	For showing maturity and passion in her beliefs during her lessons especially towards the topics relating to Paris attacks.
Nickita Kelleher Leanna Graham Amy Breen Hannah Melaney Jordan Williams Keavy Murdock		<b>Head of Year 7</b>	For gaining the most merits in the <b>school</b> over the course of their first term here. Amazing!
Katie Bowen	8Bo	<b>Science Star</b>	For an outstanding result in her recent science examination.
Steven Deathridge	10W	<b>RE Star</b>	For an outstanding attitude to learning and valuable contributions to debates and class discussions.
Petra Farbarova	10BE	<b>Geography Star</b>	Big improvement in Geography and especially with completing homework
Robin Aka-Onyeukwu	11	<b>Computing Star</b>	Showing initiative and reading ahead in Computer programming work
Chelsea Beet	10	<b>Child Dev. Star</b>	For her outstanding attitude to learning this term. Well done!
Connor Kirby	9	<b>Drama Star</b>	For performing to the best of his ability in front of pupils and parents. Well done Connor - we are proud of you! Mr Beckett and Mr Kearns.
Amy Jones	8	<b>Art Star</b>	Always demonstrating a positive attitude to learning and such a joy to teach

Steven Deathridge	10	<b>RM Star</b>	Always showing creativity and imagination in lessons
Kayla Barlow	8	<b>Food Star</b>	For her outstanding attitude and effort when teaching peers and helping others.
Hayley Teoh	7	<b>Music Star</b>	For her outstanding piano performance to her teaching group - Well done!
Bethany Pritchard	9Mag	<b>Dance Star</b>	For making outstanding progress in her technical skills, and always having a consistently positive attitude to her learning!
Calum Noonan	8	<b>Chaplaincy Star</b>	Outstanding contribution to the Catholic Life of the school. Calum has been living out the Wiseman Virtues with great energy, enthusiasm and selflessness. Well done :)