



# Monthly Mail – June/July 2017

Dear parent/carers,



## Cardinal loves Carnival

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May, we held a Brazilian Carnival Day to fundraise for the upcoming Diocesan Mission Brazil trip this summer. This exciting day consisted of carnival themed clothing, cake sales, steel drum performances, flash mob dance routines and lots of glitter. All had fun and there was a great atmosphere throughout the day especially over lunchtime where the playground transformed into a dance stage. The catering staff also provided Brazilian cuisine that really added to the theme of the day. The day raised over £400, which will go to buying essential school resources that will be taken over to Brazil. I will be travelling with the diocesan mission trip and I cannot wait to return to the community of Meira de Sera. A massive thank you for all the students and staff who took part and supported the day.

By Emily Tierney (Lay Chaplain)



# Cardinal Wiseman is transformed



Over the past year, we have changed not only our name but also our motto and mission statement.

As part of these changes, we have a new badge and tie.

We will be distributing new badges to all pupils in years 8,9,10 & 11 at no charge.

Alternatively, you can purchase a blazer from Clive Mark with the new badge.

We will also be giving new ties to year 8, 9 & 10.

Year 11 red ties will be available to purchase from the office for £6.50.

New Year 7 pupils can purchase ties for £6.50 and badges for £5 from the school office.

Our PE kit available from Clive Mark will also have the new badge; there is no need to purchase a new one just for the new design.

## Staying Safe Online

**Share Aware**, from NSPCC and O2, gives parents all the tools they need to have regular and informed conversations with their child about staying safe online. Under 20% of parents discuss online safety regularly with their children but we want to get every family talking about their child's life online, just as they would their day at school. Parents can sign up to the Icebreaker email series and become an expert in their child's online world in 6 weeks, follow our four simple steps to keeping kids safe online, watch our film 'Safety advice from a 10 year old' or visit Net Aware – our guide to your child's social networks apps and games.

The internet is a great place for kids to be, being Share Aware makes it safer. Just like in real life, kids need our help to stay safe online. Teach children to be #ShareAware with the NSPCC and O2 by visiting <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/share-aware>



## Summer Party!



On Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Cardinal Wiseman School entered into the spirit of summer with an end of term summer party! All of the money raised from the event went towards funding our annual summer party for the senior citizens of our local community. With a Hawaiian, summer theme, staff and students were adorned in floral shirts, face paints and flower lays. Ice creams were sold and devoured. The atmosphere in school was one of celebration and was a great time to come together and celebrate the summer term at school as well as raising money for such a worthy cause. Dawn Jenks, Family support officer said of the day, "The atmosphere of the school was exciting and upbeat. It was so nice to see our children and staff engaging with raising funds for our local senior citizens and wanting the best for our VIPs."



## DEAR (Drop Everything and Read)

Wow! Cardinal Wiseman's pupils are reading their way to becoming Millionaires!

Here at Cardinal Wiseman we use the Accelerated Reader programme to help support students enabling them to improve their 'reading age'. This term saw three pupils become members of the Accelerated Reader **Millionaires' Club**. Pupils who have read over a million words this school year belong to a select group of 'Accelerated Reader Millionaires'. *Who wouldn't want to become a 'millionaire' and join this exclusive club?*

Keep an eye on the monthly mail to see who else becomes a Millionaire. Abby Conlon and Amilcar Khalil are very close to joining this elite club!

**Katie Coady** is now a multi-Millionaire reading over **4,282,000** words! Superb effort Katie!

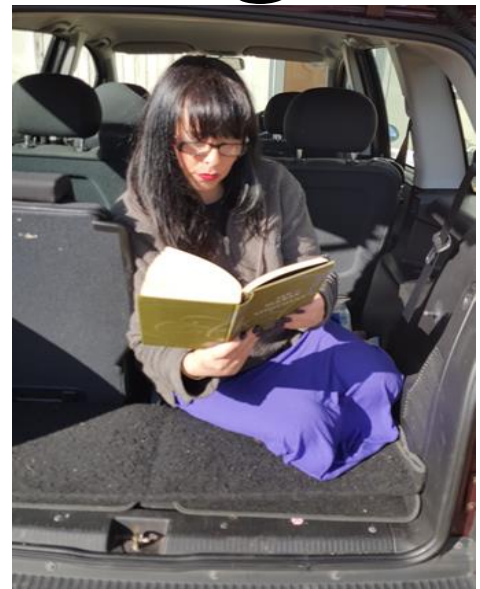
The latest members of this exclusive club are below. Congratulations girls!

**Chelsea Iyangbe, Sapphire Harrison and Tayla Judge**

# Summer Reading

Here at Cardinal Wiseman we enjoy a good book! We have had such a positive year of Reading, with more pupils increasing their Reading Age such as Caleb Day, George Carter and Jordan Assoua who have all improved by at least 2/3 Years +. This coupled with several schemes and engagement activities has helped to encourage and promote a love of reading across the school. With this in mind over the summer break we are holding the successful "Extreme Reading" competition again. We would like all years to partake in "Extreme Reading" and take a photograph of themselves doing so - for instance, you could read on a roller-coaster, on a tractor, on the beach or on the kitchen table. Teachers will be doing the same and there will be a prize for the most creative place you were caught reading. Email the photograph to Ms Bayley over the holiday or bring it into school in September.

We hope you have a fantastic summer and enjoy a good book!



***Do you run a club or group and need a place to hire or train? We have our Sports Hall, Dance Studio, fields, classrooms and a Hall with tiered seating (200 seating capacity) available to hire evenings, weekends and school holidays. We offer competitive rates and parking.***

***Please contact Sue Woodley (0121 360 6383) between 8am and 4pm for more information.***

# Vocations Day – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017

We were joined in school by various groups and people who have dedicated their lives to following God's plan for them. They spent the day sharing their lives with the students at Cardinal Wiseman School. Father Hudson's, St Basil's, Fr Mark Crisp, Fr Julian Green, Sister Gillian, Sister Dominica, among others, to speak about why they have chosen to listen to God's call for them. The students from every year group listened to three guest speakers and then got a chance to ask them questions.

The students were very interested in why these people had chosen to go into religious life or to dedicate their life to God. One year 10 student said, 'The day gave me an opportunity to think about my own calling and how can God fit into that'.

We look forward to our next vocation day and hope our students were inspired!

Lucy Chapman



## Key Stage 3 Computing Club

In September, a Key Stage 3 Computing Club will run after-school on a Thursday. The first project will explore the tiny computer, the BBC Micro:Bit, a hand-held computing device. In October, the second project will follow-on by looking at game and app development. The aim of this club is to learn about technology today in a fun, exciting and exploratory way.

Please see Mrs Jennings in Room 10 for a consent letter if interested.

## Cardinal Wiseman Enterprises

During the summer term, the BTEC Business class have worked hard to plan and present business ideas for their mini-enterprise companies.

Working in teams, they have developed business identities with product designs ready to go into production in the autumn term. Excellent proposals were put forward by Sweetaholics, Bowls of Delight, Bossman, Furnie, Wine Rackerzz and Customized & Personalized T-shirts.


In the autumn term, the mini-enterprise groups will work as different product lines in the Cardinal Wiseman Young Enterprise Company 2017/2018. Products will be available for sale in the autumn term, with a plan for a Christmas Fayre in December.

Mrs Jennings

As an introduction to this BTEC course, Year 9 IT students have been participating in a Social Enterprise Challenge over the summer term. The chosen focus group for this project was the children on the wards at Birmingham Children's Hospital (BCH). The aim of the project was quite simple: "To make the wards happier".

9op1 IT and 9op3 IT were tasked with creating as many colourful, happy images as they could to brighten up the ward, as individual images for each child on the ward, and to combine as a collage for the entrance to the wards.

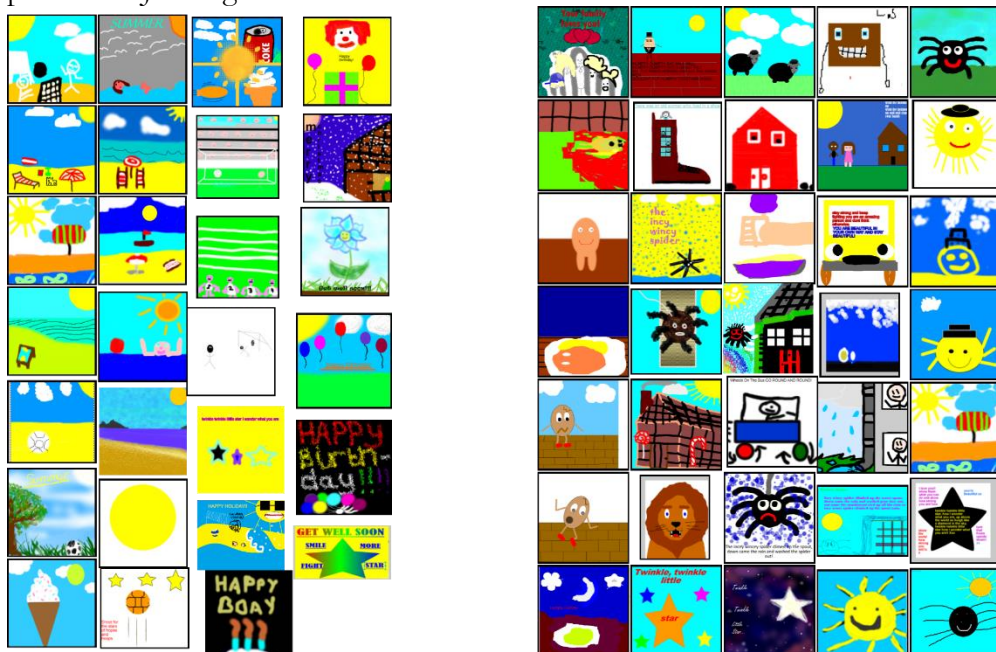


 Sending you our love, prayers and hope for the future. Be strong.  
From students at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, Birmingham

Summer image by Hailey Teob



During the summer holiday, I will be visiting Birmingham Children's Hospital to deliver student contributions. I thank students for their focus, creativity and participation in a project that will indeed make the wards a happier place. Mrs Jennings



Dates for your diary	
Tue 25 <sup>th</sup> July - End of term. School finishes at 12.30pm	
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Teacher Training Day	
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> Sept – Years 7 and 11 only	
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> Sept – all years	



I sincerely hope that you have a wonderful summer holiday,

Christina Stewardson

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*The main office hours are from 8am to 4.30pm.*