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Dear parent/carer,

Pastoral Awards Assemblies



Pupils who received awards for Catholic Life of the School or Head of Year Awards with Mr Swamwick (Deputy Head)

On Thursday 11th January, years 7-10 celebrated their successes from the autumn term with an Awards assembly. Students had been nominated for a variety of awards from their DEAR tutors and their Head of Year. The rewards were linked to the Wiseman Virtues, attendance, merits, homework, catholic life of the school and then a special HOY award. Students who were awarded a certificate were entered into a prize draw; this always brings excitement into the assemblies because there is a special raffle where students can win a prize. The prize-winners from each year group were –

Year 7 - Sharon Fabrova, Lauren O'Sullivan and Anthony Hewson

Year 8 - Kwaku Oteng-Adusei, Olivia Wynn and Winifred Asaju

Year 9 - Phoebe Gardner Brooks, Chris Assoua and Ellie O'Regan

Year 10 – Eduard Stan, Sylvenisha Smith and Ramandeep Kaur

The Head of Year award winners were –

Year 7 – Lily Brookes for her positive attitude and Ashton Barnsley for his kindness towards others

Year 8 – Shama Chimhuva for her positive attitude and Jordan Assoua for an excellent work ethic

Year 9 – Veena Patel and Joey Holmes for an excellent start to their GCSEs

Year 10 – Dovontay Maragh and Neve Basset for an excellent attitude to learning

Merits

In recognition of student's hard work towards the Wiseman Virtues, teachers award merits throughout lessons, break and lunch time, extracurricular activities and through homework. Every week students are informed about their up to date merit totals and are awarded when they gain rewards. Every half term there is a new focus towards the Wiseman Virtues, this half term students are working towards being faith filled and hopeful in all aspects of school life. The students with the highest merit totals in each year group are -

Year 7 – Lauren O'Sullivan - 52 merits

Year 8 - Sindusa Pepitus, - 37 merits

Year 9 Darboe, Aisha – 46 merits

Year 10 - Ankit Kandel - 38 merits

Year 11 – Kaycie Le Cummings - 25 merits

Nationals Here We Come

Student Report by Derrick Oyovwi

As you may already know, the Year 9 Basketball Team entered a Basketball Tournament with four other schools and we completely dominated the tournament with a winning streak of four wins, meaning we won all our games and the tournament itself.

Our best match was our last match of the day, consisting of an exceptional win of 14-4. We definitely ended the day with a victorious win. However, our most memorable match was our first match, against Great Barr. For most of the match we had the score of 4-4, forcing the staff to decide that the next basket wins. Repeatedly we all took shots and got rebounds, running up and down the court until finally our boy Ricardo came through for us with an amazing hook shot making the score 6-4 and winning the match for us, leaving us unbelievably gassed that we won our first match.

So be proud of the Year 9 Basketball Team, as now we shall play in the nationals.



Cardinal Wiseman promotes reading at Maryvale

On 11th January 2018, four Year 7 pupils – Raehiem, Danielle, Lauren and Vicandria - took part in an assembly at **Maryvale Catholic Primary School**. As an ex-pupil of Maryvale Lauren O’Sullivan was greeted like a celebrity by both the Maryvale staff and pupils!



The aim of the assembly was to promote reading with the Year 5 and 6 pupils, to help them understand the importance of reading and to inspire them to pick up a book and read for pleasure.

Reading is a life-long skill, which opens doors both on a professional and personal level. It is important because it develops the mind and our imaginations. The mind is a muscle, which needs exercise, and understanding the written word is just one way in which the mind can grow in its ability.

The four pupils were a credit to Cardinal Wiseman, speaking passionately and eloquently about their love of reading.

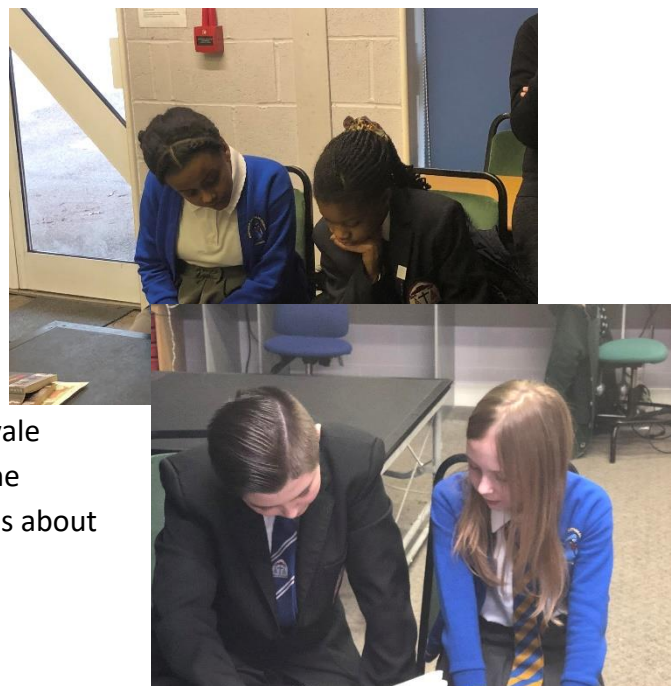


Parents / guardians – Please encourage your child to read for at least 20 minutes every day at home.

Mrs Buckle – Assistant Headteacher (Literacy)

Curious and Active Reading Group

Five of our excellent Year 7 students – Anthony, Etin, Liam, Imaan and Shaequan - have been chosen to visit Maryvale Catholic Primary School every week to support a selection of Year 5 and 6 pupils who need a little bit of extra help with their reading. We have forged strong bonds with Maryvale School, and it is wonderful to see the older students supporting their younger peers. The photographs, taken by our Lay Chaplain Liam, show the children engaging with the text they are reading – **War Horse**. The Cardinal Wiseman pupils listened carefully to the children from Maryvale reading aloud, helping them to pronounce and understand the meaning of difficult terms, and asking them probing questions about what they could infer about the characters and plot.



“On Monday 15th January, me and 4 others went to Maryvale and assisted multiple Year 6 pupils with their reading. We were put in pairs, which granted the Year 6 pupils the attention they needed to become better readers. This was our first time there, yet it was very productive for the pupils. We are going to help them each week so that they will be able to learn new techniques for reading”. **Anthony Hewson, 7Bo.**

“All of the students made me very proud by working well with each other and by showing that they genuinely cared for each other’s learning. Our Students were using probing questions to ensure the comprehension of the text for their partners; this will benefit all of them because it encourages them to be curious in reading and to analyse more deeply the meaning behind what they are reading. I was particularly impressed by how willing they were to get involved and work closely with the Maryvale children who needed support”. **Liam Thomas- Lay Chaplain.**

You can borrow War Horse from our library. If you haven’t yet read it, why not give it a go? The book charts the story of Joey, the horse, as he is sold to the British army and sent to France during the First World War. It is an emotional roller coaster of a book, and one that definitely brought a tear to my eye. Happy reading!

Mrs Buckle – Assistant Headteacher (Literacy)



Extra-Curricular Timetable – Spring Term

You can view the spring term timetable by going to the website – latest news.

Why should you get involved in extra-curricular activities?

- ✓ Make new friends with people who have a similar interest
 - ✓ Improve your social skills
 - ✓ Improve your academic performance
 - ✓ Learn new skills
- ✓ Extend your knowledge and understanding
- ✓ When applying to schools and colleges it shows that you are an interesting person – they like to know how you spend your free time.

Cardinal Wiseman Christmas Spelling Bee

On Tuesday 19th December 2017, Cardinal Wiseman held their Christmas Spelling Bee competition! Pupils were humming, cheering and brightening with excitement in order to support their peers. All participants worked prodigiously hard for their Spelling Bee rewards, and every competitor should be so proud of their remarkable accomplishment.

Fifteen pupils battled it out (verbally!) correctly spelling demanding words such as: 'inaugurate' and 'convalescence'.

Jordan Assoua won first place; Harvey Farebrother took second; whilst Elizabeth Matthews ran away with third! Well done to all!

Watch this space for your next Spelling Bee Competition.

Funny moment from competition

'Can you spell obstinate?'

'ABSOLUTELY NOT.'



Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School presents



Wed 14th & Thur 15th Feb 2018

7pm

School Hall

Tickets can be purchased from the school office

£5 per adult

£3 per children (aged 16 or below)

Bugsy Malone by arrangement with Warner/Chappell Music Limited

Libretto by Alan Parker

Words and Music by Paul Williams

Christmas Tree, oh Christmas Tree

by Abby Hollander 8Bo

Recently me and a few other students went to St Anne's parish and decorated a Christmas tree to remind homeless people that Christmas is still alive. As soon as we arrived we were greeted by the lovely volunteers who offered us biscuits, cakes and hot chocolate.

Decorating the tree was so fun; it was all worthwhile as it was going to be such a wonderful cause.

Being homeless is hard especially at Christmas we hope we gave them the tree and the Christmas they deserve. It was an amazing thing to participate on and we were all very proud to ourselves for giving the homeless people a proper Christmas.



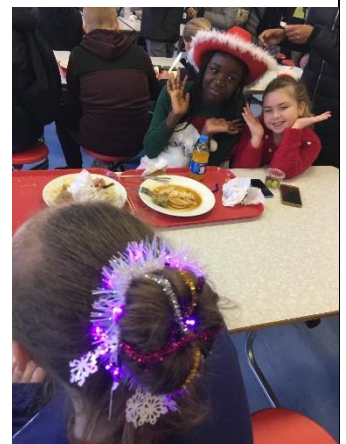
Christmas Carols with Maryvale Catholic Primary School

Advent service on Wednesday 20th December in which Cardinal Wiseman students supported Maryvale Primary. Students performed musically and read reflections in a beautiful service that celebrated Christmas and both schools.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 15th December, both staff and students wore Christmas jumpers and raised money for Save the Children Charity. The day was a lot of fun and everyone got into the festive spirit, the canteen also served Christmas Dinner.



Christmas Mass – 22nd December 2017

A brilliant end to our term, thanking those staff for their service who were leaving us and celebrating the successes of the term led by Fr Michael Dolman. A particular highlight were the prayers of intercession spoken in the many languages of our school community. We also had musical performances after Mass celebrating the talents of both students and staff.



VIP Christmas Party

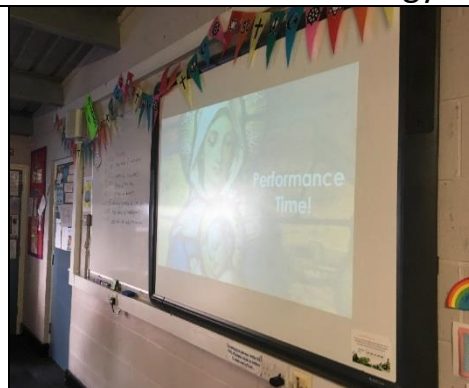
Assisted by the chaplains and Miss Awoyme, students led our VIP community in a wonderful Christmas celebration. An afternoon of music, dancing, great food and community spirit reminded the students about our wider community and how they can incorporate the Virtues into other parts of their life at Cardinal Wiseman.



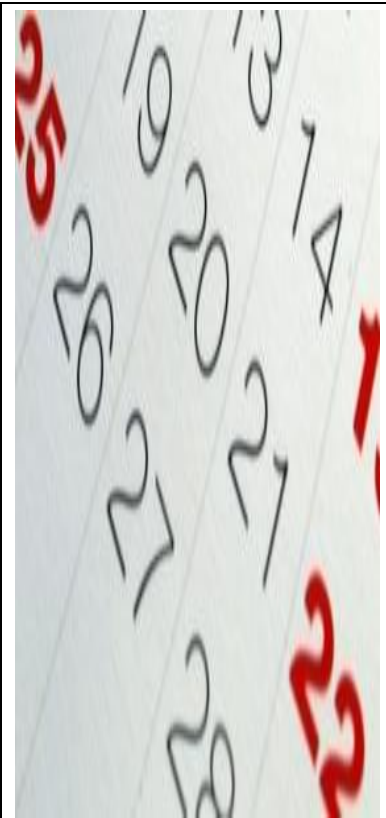
Retreat Day

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception

On Friday 8th December, there was a whole school retreat day on the theme of Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception. Throughout the day, there were many sessions to explore the theme and each year group also had time to spend in the Church to see a liturgy.



Dates for your diary	
Fri 2 nd Feb	Year 7 Arts Trip to Birmingham (pupils have received a letter about this)
Week beginning 5 th Feb	Year 9 Exam/Test Week
Mon 5 th Feb	Year 10 Careers Fair
Wed 7 th Feb	Catholic School KS4 Public Speaking Competition
Thur 8 th Feb	Year 10 Parents' Evening (all parents expected to attend). 4.30 – 7pm
Wed 14 th & Thur 15 th Feb	School production – Bussy Malone – evening performances.
Week beginning Mon 19 th Feb	Half term



Best wishes, Christina Stewardson

It is essential that parents/carers keep the school informed about any changes to your contact details.

Previous editions of the Monthly Mail can be found on the school website.

The main office hours are from 8am to 4.30pm