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The pupils listed below showed incredible resilience, bravery and passion on Wednesday 7th November at the performance of Shakespeare's *The Tempest* at Midlands Arts Centre. After only 7 weeks of rehearsals, they put on an engaging, moving and funny performance of the show, learning the Shakespearean language by heart.

Particularly humbling were Halton and Chelsea, who took over roles that very morning and worked so hard to learn their lines for the evening so they wouldn't let the others down. Cheryl Nkong was formidable as Prospero, really commanding the stage, as was Danielle Ampomah as Caliban. Sharon Farborova was the most reliable, supportive and organised Assistant Director anyone could wish for. Mr Hanley witnessed Halton instigating a group hug before going on stage, hearing him say 'Come on! We are Cardinal Wiseman!' which showed great pride in the school and their community. They performed alongside a school from South Birmingham and made themselves (and us) very proud.

We hope to do the show at Cardinal Wiseman before the year is out so keep an eye out for the announcement!

Miss Ayres

Pupils involved: Blandine Bemie, Sharon Farborova, Cheryl Nkong, Danielle Ampomah, Chloe Oates, Chloe Eyles, Lilly Brookes, William Matthews, Alana Masters, Jess Hanson, Halton Besong, Chelsea Siedonjie, Vicandria Green, Etin Osyunde

Student Report – Cherly Nkong

The 7th November was the big day! I was so apprehensive and everyone around me seemed to be feeling the same. We were able to get a glimpse of the other schools performing and met with the backstage crew. We had a few rehearsals, including the lighting rehearsals and then eventually the show began. Backstage, my hands were shaking and my heart was beating as everything we had prepared for came down to this. When I came out onto the stage, all nervousness was gone and I had a brilliant experience! Everyone who performed was great and I felt like this is definitely something I would like to do again!

Cardinal Wiseman Enterprises 2018-2019

Cardinal Wiseman Enterprises launched on 24th October 2018 with an October Sweet Treat Sale to raise money for their chosen charity, Birmingham Children's Hospital. Selling a variety of sweet treats to staff, pupils, parents and carers at the Year 7 Settling-In Evening, they raised £45.00 and the following day sold the remaining stock to students, raising an additional £17.00. Thanks to the students in 9IT and the Enterprise Club. For some of these students, it was the first time they had face-to-face contact with customers, and communication skills and confidence developed as a result.

Students: If you are interested in joining the Enterprise Club, we meet in Room 10 from 3.10 – 4.00pm each Friday. In November, we will be making a variety of advent calendars, and in December, we will be making stocking fillers to be sold at the Christmas Fair.

Parents/Carers: On Wednesday 12 December 2018, the Annual Christmas Fair will be hosted by Cardinal Wiseman Enterprises in the main canteen between 3.15 – 4.30pm. The theme of this event will be "Christmas Across the School" and the main fundraising purpose "A Christmas Wish for Birmingham Children's Hospital". Last year, when the Christmas Fair was launched, it was attended mainly by staff and students. It would be wonderful this year if parents and carers could visit the Christmas Fair, to show support for our students and their enterprising efforts. All proceeds will go to Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Mrs Jennings
Head of Computing & Business



St Chad's Donation Station



If you have any unwanted toys, shoes or clothes that you would normally pass on to charity, please bring in to Mrs Jennings in Room 10.

With a donation station at the back of the class, we are passing the donations to St Chad's Sanctuary in Birmingham. St Chad's Sanctuary describes itself as "A place of welcome for Asylum Seekers and Refugees – Making people welcome through the provision of practical support, English classes, and welfare support."

By making these donations, we are providing essential clothing for asylum seekers who often arrive in the country with nothing but the clothes they are wearing.



Spelling Bee Competition Autumn Term 1



Our extremely popular Spelling Bee Competition takes place every half-term, to ensure excited students can join in as participants or spectators. We invite all form groups to participate, so spelling prowess can be 'dramatised' (in some cases!), and our spectators – including teachers - can learn new vocabulary, and all engage in a literacy project that combines learning with fun. The start of Autumn meant linked vocabulary such as: 'foliage', 'Halloween' and 'ghoulish' and whilst these may seem like straightforward words, try spelling them in front of an excited audience: not that easy!

Our school is dedicated to helping all students develop academically, and the half-termly competition works to ensure students do not merely involve themselves in spelling tests in classrooms. Preparing for the competition is a comprehensive learning process that allows students to learn the definition, pronunciation and roots of the words, which is important when gaining competency over vocabulary, and helping excel at reading and writing. To understand more words allows everyone to become literate and enjoy reading an extensive range of materials.

Along with all these literacy positives, our Spelling Bee further allows participants to compete in a supportive environment. The brain activity and excitement that goes with the competition is just as stimulating as a physical competition, which means we can pump up the adrenaline of our participants and spectators, creating a great form of fun and new friendships.

Well done to our winner, Julianne Peralta, and our runners up, Troy Chedaewa and Nabeela Mohamed. Unimpeachable! (One of the spelling bee words!)

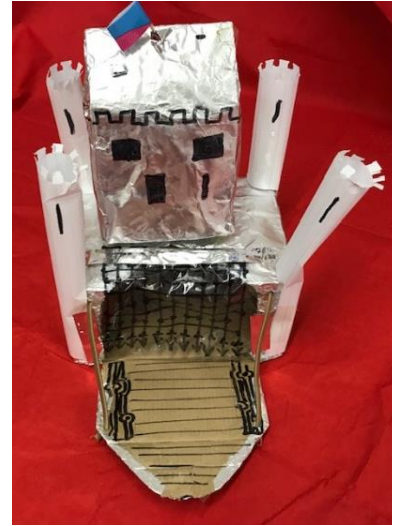
The next Christmas Spelling Bee will take place on Monday, 10th December, 2018 during period 3.

Wiseman Remembers

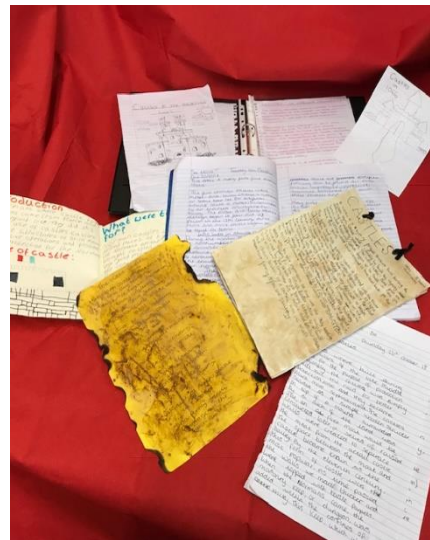
The students at Cardinal Wiseman have been busy paying tribute to the fallen soldiers of World War 1. As part of our programme of remembrance for the recent centenary of Armistice Day, pupils created poppies and designed a display. The display has become a focal point for prayer and includes information about soldiers from Birmingham who sadly did not return from the war. Special thanks go to April Ward and Mason Jones who were particularly active in creating this remembrance space.



Castletastic – Year 8 History Homework



Last half term the Year 8 students produced some fabulous History homework. They have been studying the Middle Ages starting from the Battle of Hastings and discussing how ordinary people lived at that time. As part of their studies, they were asked to research castles and produce a project based around their findings. They were able to produce the project in different forms and what a fabulous job they have done. There were castles of all description pouring in to the History department and these have made fabulous displays. Some students produced wonderful pamphlets and others whole folders of information showing what amazing historians they are becoming. They've set a high standard in terms of their homework and so we are looking forward to how they respond to their new challenge based around the Tudors. If you get the opportunity to visit any of the interesting Tudor properties around the Midlands this will really help the children in their learning. A really great place to visit is Blakesley Hall in Stechford or Baddersley Clinton in Solihull.





Independent Research about Our School Saints

Pupils in Years 7 and 8 were set a half-term homework project to research our school saints. The quality of so many projects was awesome with many pupils taking the time to carefully research and create their work. Pupils were clearly very proud of the fabulous work that they created. Pupils who went the extra-mile with their work were treated to an extended breaktime.

Well done!

Dates for your diary	
28 th - 30 th Nov	Year 8 Retreat to the Briars leaving school at 8.30am returning Wednesday afternoon
29 th Nov	Presentation Evening for year 11 of 2017 2018
Week beginning 3 rd Dec	Year 10 Assessment Week
Tue 4 th Dec	VIP Christmas Party at the Maryvale Centre
Mon 10 th – Wed 12 th Dec	Year 7 Retreat to Alton Castle, leaving school at 14.30am. Returning Wednesday afternoon.
Thur 13 th Dec 4pm - 7pm	<p style="text-align: center;">Year 11 Parents' Evening</p> All parents/carers of pupils in Year 11 are expected to attend.



Fri 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day, whole school fundraiser supporting Save the Children	
17 th – 21 st Dec	Advent Reconciliation Week. Reflection, reconciliation and prayer stations will take place in the hall and the chapel	
Fri 21 st Dec	End of term. School closes at 12.30pm.	
Mon 7 th Jan	Term starts – all pupils in school	
Thur 10 th Jan	Year 10 Parents' Evening – all parents/carers of Year 10 students are expected to attend.	
Week beginning 14 th Jan	Year 7 Assessment Week	

Yours sincerely,

Christina Stewardson

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

The main office hours are from 8am to 4pm