

# Cardinal Langley's

# VOICE

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## A Message From Mr Bridson

These are unprecedented times and we are all eternally grateful to those in the NHS and essential workers who are on the frontline of the fight against Coronavirus. We are working hard to provide a quality online learning experience and are committed to supporting essential workers by providing childcare so they can continue their vital work. It is essential, that this is only for the families who need this care. Cardinal Langley RC High School, Middleton Technology School & St Anne's Academy are co-ordinating their provision over the Easter break on a single site from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> until Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Details of this have been provided in the weekly emails. Further notices can be found at the end of the Voice.

As well as staying open for those pupils, we are very proud to be supporting local NHS hospitals and staff by providing PPE in the form of visors. Members of the D&T and Art departments have come together to make safety visors for frontline NHS workers; they made 50 in a day! We were overwhelmed by the positive response on social media, and the team have now made and distributed over 600 visors. Mrs Doyle said, "This was truly a team effort. I can't take credit for the design as this was shared with me by a fellow D&T colleague, but we made some adaptations and plan on making further improvements. I'd like to say a huge thank you to Ian Bottoms at LyrecoUK, Luke Condron at Avalon Packaging, and Go Cable Ties for the donation of materials. Thank you also to staff at Cardinal Langley who have been involved. I'm glad that we have been able to do a small thing to help the amazing staff on the front line. Stay safe and well everybody."



Please take care of your families and stay safe. **Mr A Bridson, Headteacher**



## A Prayer For Us All



**Lord Jesus,**  
when you walked with us on earth  
you spread your healing power  
We place in your loving care  
all who are affected by  
Coronavirus.

Keep us strong in faith, hope  
and love.

Bring relief to our sick,  
console our bereaved,  
protect those who care for us.  
We lift our prayer to you Lord,  
& trust in your infinite mercy,  
as we wait for the daybreak.

**Amen.**

([cafod.org.uk](http://cafod.org.uk))

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## Learning From Home

During this unprecedented time, students have been busy working at home, producing some excellent work. Miss Campbell has been particularly impressed with the effort students in her Year 8 class have shown.

Here is a beautiful drawing by Shams who completed it as part of her home learning on Holy Week and the Last Supper.

Keep up the good work everyone, and don't forget to share any extra learning with your teachers.



## Creative Careers

Earlier in the term, Cardinal Langley proudly hosted a BBC Bitesize roadshow. This involved a number of pupils learning and talking about careers in the creative industry, such as TV Production and Directing.



## Fantastic Fundraising

Lent is the period of time when we prepare ourselves spiritually for the events of Holy Week and Easter. During Lent we are called to Fast, Pray & Give. Giving isn't just about money, it can be our time, our thoughts and prayers, and our effort – giving of ourselves.

The whole school community were involved in fundraising for St Joseph's Penny. We saw a variety of fundraising activities including: Easter egg raffles, tuck shops, and appreciation gifts.



## Football - National Success for Year 8

This academic year's footballing success has been epitomised by the Year 8 football team. These young men achieved what only one Cardinal Langley year group has done before by reaching the semi-finals of the national football competition.

Their route to that stage included away trips to Blackburn and Liverpool, and Cardinal Langley hosting schools from Sunderland and Derby. The semi-final was played in Solihull at Coleshill Town F.C., after a dominant first half we led 1-0. Our opponents equalised during the 60th minute with a stunning free kick. After that, we piled on the pressure but unfortunately we weren't clinical enough in front of goal. After hitting the post, having a shot cleared off the line and their keeper making a great save, the game ended 1-1 and we went into extra time. After extra time the game finished 3-2 to our opponents and very sadly this was a game where the better team lost. However, the boys have learnt their lesson and won't make the same mistakes as they attempt to win this cup again next year!

During the build up to the semi final, the boys, alongside Mr Greenwood and Mr McLaughlin, travelled to St George's Park, the home of English football! This was a terrific day where the boys had a very detailed tour, visiting the England dressing room, rehab facilities and had a coaching session from one of the FA's finest coaches. As always, the boys were a credit to themselves and the school which prompted an email from John (tour guide) to our headteacher Mr Bridson.

This email read "Last week I had the pleasure of coaching a group of your students as part of my job. I see many groups of students in my job from all over the world and of course the UK. I must say how impressed I was, not only of the obvious football ability the students had, but probably more importantly their attitude and behaviour. I felt that they were a credit not only to themselves but to school as well. Also, it was so obvious to me how good the relationship between the pupils and Mr Greenwood and MrMcLaughlin is. I am sure this relationship has helped the students to become and behave in the superb way they did. So in closing will you please pass on my thanks to all involved, they were a credit to your school and I hopefully will have the pleasure to coach them again in the future. Many thanks, John Horsley."

Finally, four out of five of our year groups' football teams are in the Catholic cup finals and Rochdale cup finals. This year each year group has either won their Rochdale Schools League or has come runner up. Our success across all these levels is due to the commitment of both the staff and the pupils. We hope that we can resume football activities and achieve even more success before the end of this academic year!



## Ski Experience 2020

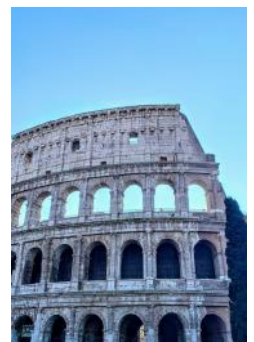
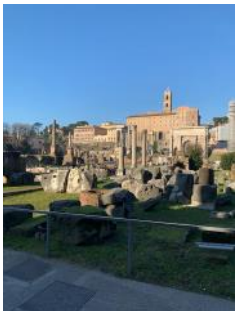
During the February half term, over 40 students and staff took part in the highly successful Ski Experience in Alpe d'Huez, France. There are a limited number of places available for next year's visit. Please contact Mr Gumbley for further information.



## Exploring Rome - Part Two

As part of Cardinal Langley's 60th Celebrations and the 300th anniversary of St Jean Baptiste De La Salle, staff and students set off on another unforgettable trip to Rome, where they were welcomed at the home of the Brothers - Casa La Salle.

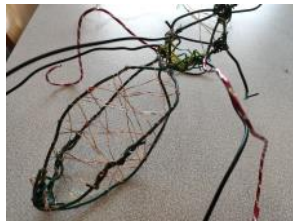
This was the second Rome trip as there was huge demand from pupils who wished to increase their understanding about the work of the De La Salle Brothers, whilst giving them the opportunity to experience Italian culture in Rome.



## A Visit to Touchstones and Dippy the Dinosaur

Year 7 and 8 visited Touchstones Art gallery earlier this term to work with the Artist Jill Randall. She lives and works in the Rossendale Valley and exhibits her work nationally and internationally, most recently at the Venice Biennale. She is a Senior Lecturer on the B.A. Visual Arts course at the University of Salford and her work focuses on 'ad-hoc' structures that she finds in her local area. These range from outbuildings and garden sheds to structures left and long forgotten. She is interested in how we assemble structures from 'bits and pieces that we might find around', the idea of creating something from nothing.

During the workshop, Year 7 pupils had the opportunity to create their own structure, using found materials. They each chose their own materials, paper, wood and plastics and began to construct. The variety we saw by the end of the workshop was exceptional. The Art Department staff were impressed by the imagination of the pupils, each structure had its own story and charm. In the afternoon, pupils visited Dippy, and viewed the exhibition at Touchstones before walking to the Riverside to meet the giant dinosaur who is in Rochdale as part of The Natural History Museum's tour of the UK. (<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/take-part/dippy-on-tour.html>)



## Lowry on Tour

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of March, Cardinal Langley's Creative Arts Faculty were delighted to host a pop-up exhibition called 'Lowry on Tour', with support from Touchstones, the Co-op and Art UK. This exhibition comprised of two artworks by the much-loved painter L.S. Lowry and a bronze bust of the artist by his friend and former colleague, Leopold Solomon, formerly the Head of Rochdale Art College.

Over the course of the two days, over 150 students interacted with the exhibition and got expert insight by hearing from Touchstones' incredibly knowledgeable staff, Bryan and Jane. Some of our students explored how the artwork could inspire new pieces of creative writing, leading them to discover whole new worlds. Then, Miss Arnold's band of Year 8 dramatists used the creative writing as further inspiration to devise an original performance piece. 7KW were the lucky form selected to see the finished performance!

The following day, 30 Year 8 artists learned about Lowry's style of composition and use of colour to create their own paintings of industrial landscapes inspired by the exhibition. To do this, they combined images of local mill buildings from Heywood, Castleton, Rochdale and Spotland.

Once Touchstones reopens to the public, a video of our students' involvement in this 'Lowry on Tour' project will be displayed alongside the original Lowry artwork in their gallery until 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020. For more information, please see this link: <https://link4life.org/arts-heritage/exhibitions/627-special-display-l-s-lowry>



### Free School Meals

The Government has announced a national voucher scheme for those who are entitled to free school meals. We have been working hard to set this up and those who received free school meals before the closure will receive a weekly email with a voucher code. The Government has just announced that these vouchers will still be available over the Easter holiday.

If you are not currently in receipt of free school meals but believe you are entitled, or have recently applied for a qualifying benefit, then please complete the application form at <http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx> so that we can ensure you receive your voucher.



### Online Learning

The feedback on Microsoft Teams from parents and students has been positive so far and the amount of time students are allocating to their learning hasn't gone unnoticed by their teachers. I appreciate that there have been some issues with logging on, completing work or general questions and our technical team have been working hard to respond to these. As with any new system, we anticipated some teething problems and we expect that these will be minimal from this point forwards as students should all now have logged on and are becoming more familiar with how to use the system. We will continue to set work until the end of term on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April at which point we expect staff and students to have a two week break from online learning in line with our Easter holiday pattern. Online learning will commence again on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

*Welcome to MS Teams*



### Exam Guidance

The Government has confirmed that there will be no GCSE or A-level exams this summer. Students will be awarded a grade which fairly reflects the work that they have put in. The latest Government guidance can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/gcses-as-and-a-level-awarding-summer-2020>. Here, you will find information about how GCSE and A-level grades will be awarded, along with an open letter to students who were expecting to sit their exams this year.

