

Cardinal Langley's VOICE

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Cardinal Langley's Christmas Fundraising

We are amazed, once again, at the school community's generosity as it has been another great term for our fundraising in which we support numerous local charities. Each year we aim to ensure that every child in Middleton receives an Advent calendar, and this year we had an amazing number of donations - 728 in total! Thank you to everyone who donated a calendar.

Alongside our Advent calendar appeal, our Sixth Form students gave up their time on a cold Friday night to take part in the OAP Christmas Fundraiser. They collected donations from the local area with some even joining us after they had completed a shift at work! We raised a total of £426.84 which will go a huge way towards putting together Christmas hampers for those less fortunate OAPs within our local community, providing them with some festive cheer. Well done to all involved, and thank you for your donations.

Finally, in the run up to Remembrance Day, Form groups wrote Prayers for Peace and raised funds for the Royal British Legion. An array of crafted chocolate, knitted and acrylic poppies were sold, with a grand total of 636.73 being raised. Cardinal Langley is very proud to support all of these charities, and it is only made possible by all of our families who donate so generously. Thank you for all your efforts and continued support.



Celebrations Galore

Welcome to our Christmas edition of the Voice. It's been a busy start to this academic year and has been filled with celebrations, success stories and achievements. There has been a huge amount of wonderful work going on that we need to celebrate: from individual awards and recognition, to group wins and triumphs, read on to find out what's been happening around school and beyond.

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Goodbye and Good Luck

At the end of this term we are saying goodbye to Mrs Hatton who has been appointed as Headteacher at Maricourt High School in Maghull, Merseyside. Mrs Hatton has worked at Cardinal Langley since 1994, and has supported a large number of students and families during this time. I would like to formally thank her for her hard work and dedication, and wish her every success in her new role.



Santa Dash Fundraising

Congratulations to our Sixth Form staff and students who raised over £400 in our annual Santa Dash! Although it was a cold one, fun was had by all in aid of a good cause. Thank you for your donations.



Extension

We are delighted that the extension to the Additional Needs Department is now complete and will be an excellent facility. This was a joint project between the school and Local Authority to provide a dedicated classroom, sensory room and office space. Jay was delighted to cut the ribbon at the official **opening in November with Mrs Lord saying** ‘the new rooms are just what we need and will allow us to provide the individual and small group intervention that our students require. The disruption over the last few months will be worth it in the long run now we have such **wonderful new facilities**’.



Humanities Subjects Awarded Quality Marks

At the beginning of the 2021 / 22 academic year, both the Geography and History departments applied for their respective Subject Association Quality Marks.

Carried out by a trusted body, the Historical Association state that the Quality Mark provides a framework for encouraging creative and critical thinking about history provision in a school, leading to a clear rationale for both the taught curriculum and future development of provision. The Geographical Association describe their Quality Mark as a collaborative and professional process which enables teachers to assess whether they have reached a recognised standard in the leadership of geography and to identify areas where this can be improved. The application and evidence collection took over a year resulting in moderation conducted by interview and a school visit.

It is with great delight we can now announce, that, in October both departments were successful in their applications and have been awarded their respective Quality Marks. These will remain valid for 3 years before reapplication is needed.



Appreciation Day

This term we held our third Appreciation Day in which staff, students and visitors enjoyed a shared table of food, musical performances and informative speeches. There was lots of enthusiasm with singing and dancing. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event a fantastic one!



Support Staff Star



The annual Educate Awards took place in November and celebrated education across the North West. Cardinal Langley has been very successful in these recently, and the winning streak continued as Mike Smith, D&T Technician, won the School Support Star of the Year award. Mike always goes above and beyond to support pupils in their lessons, is much loved by his colleagues, and is always on hand to offer advice and guidance.

To read more about the wonderful work Mike does around school, take a look at the following article: [Rochdale News | News Headlines | Staff member at Middleton school honoured at the Educate Awards - Rochdale Online](#)



Christmas Card Competition

Congratulations to everyone that submitted entries in to this year's Christmas Card competition. There were many fantastic designs, but well done to our winners:



Beatrice, 7KA



Rebecca, 9AGR

If you'd like your designs featured, look out for next year's competition!

Bake Off

In aid of Macmillan's Coffee Morning, the MFL department held their very own Bake Off. The theme was 'European Day of Languages' and our star bakers sold their cakes to raise £112 for Macmillan, who provide support and advice for cancer patients and their families.

Bien hecho y gracias!



Top Award for First Class Julia!

On Friday 25th November, Mrs Ahern and Miss Weiner were honoured to attend Beever Primary School in Oldham as Julia (7SW) was awarded the Thomas Wade Prize. Thomas Wade was the first ever headteacher of Beever Junior Board, when it opened on June 15th 1885. He remained as the headteacher for many years, and when he died, he bequeathed a sum of money in his will to help future pupils of Beever in their educational journey when they left primary school.

The trust fund lay dormant for many years, but was rediscovered in the late 1990s. So, in remembrance of Thomas Wade, a prize is awarded in his name to a Year 6 child at the end of their time at Beever. The Thomas Wade prize is the most prestigious of end of year awards, and the children receiving this had demonstrated exemplary levels of behaviour, resilience and progress throughout their time at Beever Primary School.

This year's very worthy winner was Julia, and it is no surprise that she was nominated. Although she has only been with us for a short space of time, Julia has already demonstrated the qualities that so clearly shone at primary school. She is making waves in the classroom, with many of her teachers commenting on her wonderful personality as well as her academic abilities, and this is

also recognised by her peers as she has most recently been elected as Student Council rep for her Form class. It is clear we can expect big things from her, and that she has a bright future. Congratulations, Julia! We are so proud of you!

Nagroda Główna dla Julii Pierwszej Klasy!

W piątek 25 listopada pani Ahern i panna Weiner miały zaszczyt odwiedzić szkołę podstawową Beever w Oldham, podczas gdy Julia (7SW) otrzymała nagrodę im. Thomasa Wade'a. Thomas Wade był pierwszym dyrektorem zarządu Beever Junior Board, kiedy szkoła została otworzona 15 czerwca 1885 roku. Pozostał na stanowisku dyrektora przez wiele lat, a kiedy zmarł, zapisał w testamencie sumę pieniędzy na pomoc przyszłym uczniom Beever w ich drodze edukacyjnej po ukończeniu szkoły podstawowej.

Fundusz powierniczy pozostawał uśpiony przez wiele lat, ale został ponownie odkryty pod koniec lat 90. tak więc, ku pamięci Thomasa Wade'a, nagroda w jego imieniu jest przyznawana dziecku z klasy 6 na koniec ich pobytu w Beever. Nagroda im. Thomasa Wade'a jest najbardziej prestiżową nagrodą na koniec roku szkolnego, a dzieci, które ją otrzymały, wykazywały wzorowy poziom zachowania, odporności i postępów przez cały czas nauki w Beever Primary School.

Tegoroczną bardzo zasłużoną zwyciężczynią została Julia i nic dziwnego, że została nominowana. Choć jest z nami od niedawna, Julia już pokazała cechy, które tak wyraźnie zabłysły w szkole podstawowej. Za sprawą Julii nastąpiło wiele pozytywnych zmian, a wielu jej nauczycieli komentuje jej wspaniałą osobowość, a także jej zdolności akademickie, co jest również uznawane przez jej rówieśników, ponieważ ostatnio została wybrana na przedstawiciela Samorządu Uczniowskiego w swojej klasie.

Oczywiste jest, że możemy spodziewać się po niej wielkich rzeczy i że ma przed sobą świetlaną przyszłość. Gratulacje, Julio! Jesteśmy z Ciebie tacy dumni!



Out and About - Trips Near and Far!

Throughout the Autumn half term, students from across the school have taken their learning outside the classroom by visiting a number of exciting places...

Enrichment in Manchester

Year 9 experienced another side of their local city, Manchester, last week. As part of an enrichment trip based on what they were studying in English and RE, students explored the city centre, enriching their **cultural awareness of Manchester's social and industrial history**. During their tour, led by proud Mancunian Mr Boylan, students learnt about the significance of a number of statues and points of interest, including Alan Turing, Emmeline Pankhurst, and the Ragged School. They also **participated in a Mass held at St Mary's Church and enjoyed an interactive talk at the Museum of Science and Industry**. Some lucky students even bumped in to Rhys Stephenson, CBBC presenter and Strictly Come Dancing star!



London Trip - 6th Form

Towards the end of this term, a number of Sixth Form students visited the capital, London, as part of a Creative Arts trip that saw them visit a variety of Art galleries and museums. Thank you for your fantastic behaviour and attitude during the trip, it was a pleasure to take you to London, CPA Faculty.



Grasmere and Bowness on Windermere

In September and October of this year, the Geography Department took their Year 11 students to the **Lake District on two different field trips**. The trips were designed to develop the students' fieldwork skills and prepare them for an element of the GCSE Geography exam in the summer. In class, **students study units entitled 'Physical Landscapes of the UK' and 'The Changing Economic World'** and the trips gave them the opportunity to investigate whether the theories they learn about in class can be observed in the real world. Visiting Grasmere, students worked in and around the Easedale Beck river system to investigate how river processes change downstream from the source to the mouth. A few weeks later, their visit to Bowness on Windermere allowed students to collect data **relating to the town's demographics and how they are impacted upon by the thriving tourism industry**.



Year 11 students collecting data on the banks of Sourmilk Ghyll, a tributary of Easedale Beck near Grasmere

Collecting Data in Liverpool

In November, Year 13 students visited Liverpool for a three day field trip to complete data collection for their independent study which contributes up to 20% of their final grade. The investigations focused on various things including microclimates and how they change from the city centre to the suburbs, and how rebranding has affected the success of the City Centre. The hard work really began when they arrived back as they started to write their 4000 word piece of coursework to outline how their findings in Liverpool compare to the geographical theory.

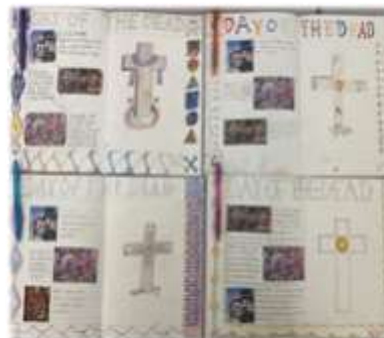
Welcome to Year 7

As part of their welcome to the Cardinal Langley family, Year 7 enjoyed a series of meals at The Medicine Tap in Rochdale. Christmas jumpers and celebrations were in abundance. Thank you to Mrs Doyle for organising, the pupils had a great time.



Updates from the Art Department

It's been a busy term across the Creative Arts department: not only have students been busy rehearsing for the school show (Mary Poppins), they have produced some fabulous artwork. Year 12 have produced portraits using chalk, Year 9 created wax resist works inspired by Henry Moore's tunnels, and Year 7 studied the Day of the Dead. Each week, we also award pupils who produce outstanding artwork a 'Top Banana' award. Could you be our next Top Banana?!



Updates from the D&T Department: Textiles

Year 8 have been busy creating surface design tie dye, embroidery and fabric colours with embellishments. Well done everyone!



Updates from the PE Department



It's been another busy term in PE with lots going on. Our teams (including football and netball) have continued to be hugely successful in all competitions and a number of individuals have shone in their respective fields:

- Grace, 9VS, qualified for the World Irish Dancing Championships. Congratulations, Grace, and good luck for the finals!
- Hudson, 7JRH, competed in the Ramsbottom Gala Meet and managed to take off 8 seconds in his 100m freestyle swim, earning him a bronze medal. This was after a morning of playing for his grassroots football team and then his Oldham Development football team. Well done, Hudson!
- Ethan, Year 9, competed at the North West Power Lifting Championships. Ethan set all four North West records this summer but has increased this in all areas. Ethan competed in the 53kg weight category (under 18) and lifted 90kg in squat, 60kg on bench and 112.5kg on deadlift. His competition total was 262.5kg which is an increase on his last competition total of 232.5kg. Well done, Ethan!
- Tammy, 8RG, was crowned National Dance Champion at a prestigious event in November. Well done, Tammy!
- Lucas, 7DMB, has continued his fantastic success in Jiu-Jitsu by winning gold at the European Championships in Dublin. He was also crowned champion at the Elite International Open in Wolverhampton. Well done, Lucas!



Mary Poppins

This year's school show is *Mary Poppins*! On the 9th December, members of our cast rehearsed songs and choreography for St Peter's, St Gabriel's and St John Fisher primary schools, who will be joining us for the show nights.

Tickets will be released in January and the show runs in February!

The music department also held their annual Christmas Concert on the 7th December, featuring performances from Lower School Vocal group, Upper School Vocal group, three of our bands, guitar group, brass group, the cast of *Mary Poppins* and Georgia on the drums! Well done to all involved.

Share Your Story

As part of the BBC's centenary education project, Michelle Ackerley visited Cardinal Langley with her 'Share Your Story Tour'.

Students from across school had the opportunity to meet the team during year group assemblies which aimed to inspire young people to achieve their dreams.



Biking Around

Year 7 students had the opportunity to take part in the national Level 3 Bikeability training programme this term funded by the Department of Transport.

They received two hours of training delivered by the Nationwide Cycling Academy both on site and on the road. The Level 3 is designed to equip students with the skills needed to stay safe in more challenging urban cycling situations. A total of 51 students took part.



Middleton Foodbank

Middleton Foodbank is based at the Lighthouse Project: S6b/c Middleton Shopping Centre, Limetree Road, Middleton, M24 4EL.
Tel: 0161 643 1163 or visit their website: <https://middletoncentral.foodbank.org.uk/>

There are similar foodbanks in Rochdale:
<https://rochdale.foodbank.org.uk/>
Tel: 01706 713701

If you need *help accessing information online*, please visit your local library where you can use their computers and get free internet access. You will need to apply for a library membership card if you do not have one already:

<http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/library-services/pages/computers-in-the-library.aspx>

Christmas Services

	Christmas Eve 24 th December	Christmas Day 25 th December
Our Lady of the Assumption RC Church Bowness Road, Middleton, M24 4HN	6:30pm Vigil Mass	10:30am Mass
St John Fisher RC Church Boarshaw Road, Middleton, M24 1PF		9:15am Mass
St Peter's RC Church Taylor Street, Middleton, M24 1BQ	8:00pm Vigil Mass by Candlelight	9:30am Mass
St Thomas More RC Church 102 Mainway, Middleton, M24 1PP	5:00pm Family Vigil Mass	11:00am Mass

Staying Safe

At this time of year with everyone in such a rush and winter drawing in, please take this opportunity to remind your children about staying safe over the Christmas holiday - and to keep other members of the community in our hearts and minds. We appreciate that Christmas is not always a joyous time for everyone. If you do feel alone, depressed, overwhelmed or unable to cope, please ask for help. The Samaritans are there round the clock, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. You can contact them free on 116123 anytime. Please visit <https://www.samaritans.org/> for more information. Childline counsellors are there for young people 24 hours a day, every day of the year. Young people can get confidential advice, help and support with any issue they're going through, no matter how big or small. Please contact Childline free on 0800 1111. If you are concerned about the safety and wellbeing of a child over Christmas, please contact the NSPCC helpline on 0800 800 5000 or contact the Police if it is an emergency. More information can be found at <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/services-and-resources/childline/> If you are concerned about an older person, Age UK offers free, independent advice 365 days a year. Their advice line is open from 8am to 7pm every day, including bank holidays. Please call 0800 055 6112 or visit: <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/> If you are worried about homelessness, you can get help and advice locally through Rochdale Borough Housing – <http://www.rbh.org.uk/homelessness-service> or through:

- Petrus - <https://www.petrus.org.uk/>
- The Salvation Army - <https://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/homelessness>
- Shelter - <http://england.shelter.org.uk/>

Parking and Road Safety

As always, we urge parents and carers to take care when dropping off or collecting their child from school by car. Please do not park on pavements, or in bus bays or the cycle lane, or blocking neighbours' drives, or anywhere you might be causing an obstruction.

Please do not use the visitor car park as a drop off and collection point, unless you require it for disabled access, as this is causing congestion on the school grounds and adding to the problems on Rochdale Road.

Please be aware that the Scout HQ building next to school is private property and is not part of the school grounds. Please do not park there or use it to drop off or collect your child.

If you are considering public transport as a better option for your child's journey to and from school, details of school bus services can be found on the school website: <https://www.clrchs.co.uk/parents-students/school-bus-services/>

School Crossing Patrols - Vacancies

If you or anyone you know might be interested, please go to the following webpages for more information:

[Casual/Mobile Crossing Patrol | Job Details | greater jobs](#)
[School Crossing Patrol | Job Details | greater jobs](#)

Closing date: 8th January 2023

*May knowing Jesus bring you
Peace to bless each day,
Hope for each tomorrow,
And Joy in every season.*

Winter Weather Watch

For the latest and most accurate information regarding any school closures due to the weather, please check the website: www.clrchs.co.uk or visit the Council webpage: www.rochdale.gov.uk/snow

End of Term Arrangements

The school will break up for the Christmas holiday on Friday 16th December 2022 at the earlier time of 1:30pm, after lunch. Please be aware that the school buses may not run at this time and there may not be a school crossing patrol. Lessons will run as normal periods 1-4 on this day and students should be wearing full school uniform.

Students will return to school on Wednesday 4th January 2023.

September 2024 Admissions Policy

The policy for admissions in, and from September 2024 has been agreed by governors. It is published on the school website.

The deadline for lodging any objections to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator is 15th May 2023: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-adjudicator-make-an-objection-appeal-or-referral>