

# Cardinal Langley's VOICE



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## Celebrations Galore

Welcome to our Christmas edition of the Voice. It's been a busy start to this academic year which 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.

We began the year with over 200 Year 7 students visiting Savio House. They enjoyed their time meeting new people, making friends and building bridges. I am sure they will all listen to and remember the song Adam's Family in a different way for the rest of their lives!

On the retreat they had an opportunity to play games, learn about other members of their form and get to build on relationships with their teachers, form tutors and other key staff in school. All pupils fully immersed themselves in the games, demonstrating what our school is all about and learnt to understand how important continuing to develop faith in our Catholic school is. They continue to demonstrate their generosity in all they do for charity work and school initiatives (as you will see over on the next page).

It will be great to see the Year 7 pupils continue to take up all the opportunities that are presented to them in the new year.



## Cardinal Langley's Charitable Spirit

A big thank you to Oliver and Lucy who have collected over 80 gifts for Rochdale's Giving Back Christmas Toy Appeal. Oliver and his sister Lucy, pupils at Cardinal Langley RC High School, have been busy collecting toys and donations while promoting the appeal and asking people to bring gifts in to their mum's salon, R&R Therapy Suite in Middleton. Well done! Because of your kindness more local children will receive presents this Christmas.

*Turn over to read more about Cardinal Langley's amazing charity work.*



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## Cardinal Langley's Charity Efforts Continued

We are amazed, once again, at the school community's generosity as it has been another great term for our fundraising in which we supported 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 - 834 in total! Thank you to everyone who donated a calendar.

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, and knitted and acrylic poppies were sold, with over £300 being raised.

Cardinal Langley is very proud to support charities in the local area, and it is only made possible by all of our families who donate so generously. Thank you for all your efforts and continued support.



### Santa Dash Fundraising

Congratulations to our Sixth Form staff and students who raised over £250 during our annual Santa Dash.

We had a fantastic time and wish to thank everyone who made a donation or supported us in any way.



### Sixth Form Collection

Alongside Sixth Form's Santa Dash, staff and students gave up their time on a cold Friday night to take part in the OAP Christmas Fundraiser.

The public house fundraiser totalled £502. This will go a huge way towards putting together Christmas hampers for those less fortunate OAPs within our community, providing them with some festive cheer.

Well done to all involved, and thank you for your donations.



## Interfaith Week

The RE department celebrated Interfaith Week in November. On the RE balcony, we displayed artefacts from, and information of some world religions on different days of the week. We topped it off with a very interesting breakfast on the Friday morning where staff and pupils of all different faiths gathered together to discuss philosophical topics.



## Genesis Group

A small group of Genesis students from Year 10 have been fundraising for some months now for their chosen charity - Francis House Children's Hospice - who provide a unique service in Salford Diocese for young people with life limiting conditions. It is welcoming, warm and as you walk through the doors the love and care hits you immediately.

As you might guess, our Genesis group were an absolute credit to the school and their families. Many patients, nurses, carers and parents were present and all joined in as best they could. Our students were presented with a Francis House Teddy Bear which we have named Lilly after one of the patients who enjoyed all the chocolates!

Three of the girls went to the front and signed one or two of the hymns / songs; very brave but professional and left me very proud. I would like to thank staff, including Miss Noad who accompanied our students. The cheque we presented for £200 was gratefully received. Thank you to all who donated.

## Women in Leadership

On Tuesday afternoon, 12<sup>th</sup> December, our Year 10 girls were privileged to participate in 'The Women in Leadership' Project, held by the National Literacy Trust. We were joined by three panellists: Kelly Hogarth (founder of Thelma Glen), Helen Simm (lawyer and partner in a firm), and entrepreneur, Carla Zuill. The panellists shared their own stories of succeeding in male-dominated work environments. Our students enjoyed the experience of voicing their own hopes and fears, and asking questions, and were inspired by their personal journeys and expertise. Some of the students even discussed joining them for work experience!



## Out and About - Trips Near and Far!

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

### The 'Lab Rats' Have Been Busy

During the last term, the 'Lab Rats' have been working towards getting their CREST discovery award by completing a number of different activities including building earthquake proof buildings and hovercrafts. They have even produced computer models to show how viruses spread and how vaccines work to protect us from infectious diseases. They have also been making balloon hovercrafts. Congratulations to all the pupils that have completed this award!

#### Cavendish Laboratory Trip

A number of Year 8 students went on a day trip to Hollingworth Academy for a physics discovery day along with several other schools in the area. They worked in teams to complete a series of different tasks all around engineering and light. They had to build cranes from paper and bridges just using blocks.

Below you will see some of their creations (paper cranes)

Finally, they looked at 'How do Astronomers do it?' This looked at how colour and light travels across the universe with both visible and invisible waves that travel across from nebulae and stars in our galaxy and beyond.

They even had a go at building and using spectroscopes to further understand what makes up light!

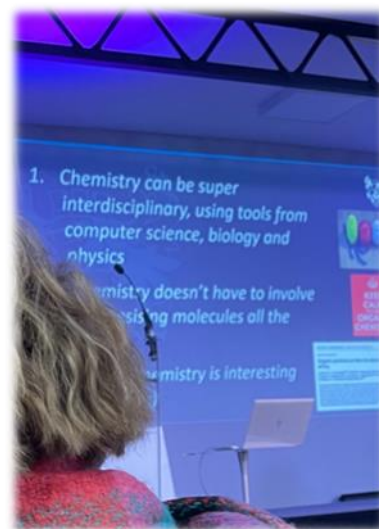


### Chemistry

The A Level Chemistry students from Years 12 and 13 visited the University of Manchester and had the pleasure of meeting real life academia. Talks they listened to included; Nonexplorers: Imaging the Invisible, Neglected Tropical Diseases, Electrifying Chemistry, Waste Crime, and Amazing Atoms: Nuclear Science can Change the World with Dr Tim Gregory. With a PhD in meteorite science, Dr Gregory has appeared on BBC4's The Sky at Night and the BBC2 series Astronauts: Do You Have What It Takes?

There was also a session on examination success.

*'Atoms may be small but they can change the world'*



## City in the Community

Over the past few weeks, a group of boys from Cardinal Langley have been part of Manchester City's 'City Inspires' programme in which they participate in different events run by the club. Thomas and Cobey have so far enjoyed a guided tour of the Etihad stadium and even got the chance to meet Jack Grealish as a surprise!

To read more about the City in the Community work and the surprise meeting, click here: [Man City star Jack Grealish leaves local school kids stunned with Christmas present prank - Manchester Evening News](#)

Well done to all involved, and thank you to Manchester City for providing our students with this amazing opportunity.



## London Bound

Towards the end of this term, a number of Sixth Form students visited London as part of a Creative Arts trip that saw them visit art galleries, museums and the theatre. We hope you all enjoyed the show, Six!



## Creative Competitions

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



Heidi, 7AKW



Beatrice, 8KA

## Updates from our Creative Students



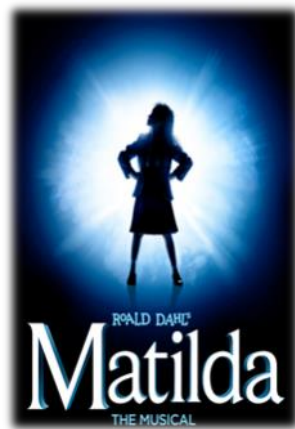
It's been a busy term across the Creative Arts and Textiles departments. Not only have students been busy rehearsing for the school show (Matilda), they have produced some fabulous artwork and jewellery.



Last week, the Music department held their Christmas Music concert in a sold-out school hall. Performing acts included: the school choir, the cast of Matilda, guitar group, a number of student rock/pop bands and some excellent solo numbers by Jack (guitar), Chloe (piano), MJ (piano) and Joshua (vocals). Well done to all involved!



Tickets for Matilda will be available via ParentPay soon, and the show will run from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. Don't miss out!



## Updates from the PE Department



The Autumn term has been very busy (and successful!) in PE with lots going on. Our teams (including basketball, football and netball) have made a great start to the year in all competitions and a number of individuals have shone in their respective fields. We've also enjoyed hosting various competitions and guests here at Team CLRCHS.

- Year 8 were Dodgeball champions. Well done to everyone that played; you were all amazing.
- The Junior Dodgeball tournament took place last week in aid of the Red Door Project and Tchoukball. Lots of money was raised and every team enjoyed the fun.
- Basketball: the Year 7 Basketball team came third whilst our Year 8/9 team won two of their 3 matches. A great first outing for our teams and a big shout out / thanks goes to Divine as our sports leader and coach.
- Our amazing Year 7 girls are through to the Rochdale Schools indoor football final; over 20 players meant we could field three teams. Well done girls!
- Congratulations to Grace once again who recently finished third in the Irish Dancing World Championships. Everyone at Cardinal Langley is very proud of you.
- The Year 10 Football team made it through to the next round in the National Cup after facing tough opponents from Merseyside. Good luck going forward!



## 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 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Day 25 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Our Lady of the Assumption RC Church</b> Bowness Road, Middleton, M24 4HN	<b>6:30pm</b> Vigil Mass	<b>10:30am</b> Mass
<b>St John Fisher RC Church</b> Boarshaw Road, Middleton, M24 1PF		<b>9:15am</b> Mass
<b>St Peter's RC Church</b> Taylor Street, Middleton, M24 1BQ	<b>6:30pm</b> Vigil Mass	<b>9:30am</b> Mass
<b>St Thomas More RC Church</b> 102 Mainway, Middleton, M24 1PP	<b>5:00pm</b> Family Vigil Mass	<b>11:00am</b> 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** - <https://www.rbh.org.uk/homelessness/> 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/>

## 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](http://www.clrchs.co.uk) or visit the Council webpage: [www.rochdale.gov.uk/snow](http://www.rochdale.gov.uk/snow)

## Foundation Governor Vacancies

We currently have two Foundation Governor vacancies. Governors are the strategic leaders of our school and play a vital role in making decisions about how school is run and ensuring every child gets the best possible education.

Foundation Governors are appointed by the Diocese and have a particular responsibility in terms of the Catholic ethos of the school. If you are a practising Catholic and can offer some of your time and skills, please contact school or speak to your Parish Priest.

## September 2025 Admissions Policy

The policy for admissions in, and from September 2025 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 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-adjudicator-make-an-objection-appeal-or-referral>

## End of Term Arrangements

The school will break up for the Christmas holiday on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 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 Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**