

FULLNESS!

"Living life in all its fullness."
John 10:10



Blue Coat
Church of England School
& Music College

This is the Christmas edition of *Fullness!* for this academic year. Our newsletter brings you all of the latest news from Blue Coat School. We wish you a lovely Christmas break.

MRS SHELLEY'S REFLECTION

I would like to thank all members of the Blue Coat family for their support this year.

As we finish for the Christmas holidays, I love to look back over the term and all that has been achieved. Particular highlights for me have been the school performances for Black History month and the Merchant of Venice play. Both were wonderful celebrations of the talent and diversity of students at Blue Coat and both made me really proud to be the Headteacher of our wonderful school.

I also love the broad range of activities our students are involved in from national projects to local community work which enables us to demonstrate a range of our Blue Coat values.

As we start the holiday period, I also know that this is a difficult time for many members of our Blue Coat family with the cost of living crisis and the demands of the festive period.

I would like to share with you these words of encouragement from the Bible from John 1:5, 'The light shines in the darkness but the darkness could not overcome it.' Jesus came to give us hope in dark times and that same hope is still with us today whatever our circumstances or challenges.

I would like to wish all in the Blue Coat family a restful and peaceful Christmas.



LENDING A HELPING HAND

A number of our Social Justice Group members volunteered their time at Langar Aid on 1st December, packing food and making sandwiches for a number of important causes. The charity help to feed the City's homeless with a hot meal, drink, snacks and sandwiches for six nights of the week. They also help families living in poverty across the City by providing bags of food including cereals, tins, jars, biscuits, pasta, rice, snacks and tea bags - our students helped to pack *lots* of these bags. Langar Aid also help to support Ukrainian families seeking refuge in the City by providing them with bags of food. Christmas reminds us of the importance of loving our neighbour and the role we all play in creating a world where there is joy and happiness for all. Thank you to Avtar and the team for welcoming our students and staff to the centre which is based in Spon End.



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"When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with His mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped Him."

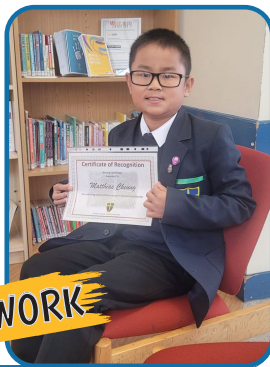
Matthew 2: 10

MARVELLOUS MATTHIAS!

We are very excited to award our first Year 7 Word Millionaire his bronze reading badge this term.

Matthias Cheung reached a million words in Accelerated Reader in record time and was presented with his bronze badge and certificate by Mrs Henden during his Library lesson.

Well done Matthias, we are sure it won't be long until you reach your silver award!



HARD WORK

BLUE COAT REMEMBERED

At 11am on 11th November, staff and students paused for two minutes to remember the sacrifices of those who fought in the two World Wars and other conflicts. We thanked those who gave their lives so we can enjoy the freedoms we have today. We also thought about the families they left behind. We prayed for peace throughout the world.



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NETBALL SUCCESS!

Early in November our Year 9 netball team played against Finham Park School. PE teacher, Mrs Nash-Jones said "Before every game begins, we obviously stretch and do some training drills but while stretching we like to motivate and encourage each other by giving out motivational and inspirational speeches to empower one another to play our best. This time we decided that instead of focusing and putting out all our energy towards winning, we decided to put it all towards having fun and our main goal being enjoyment rather than winning. Ultimately, this led to us winning 10-3! I think we all played our best in this game as we had so much enthusiasm and positivity. Our player of the match was absolutely amazing getting in endless shots for our team and always being available for us to pass to as she was always getting into space resulting in numerous goals for our team. Our wingers and centres were on fire using various different passing techniques to get the ball to pass it down to our shooters including Gloria and Anna. Our defence was impeccable, only letting in three goals from the other team, catching interceptions left, right and centre giving our team even more opportunities to shoot. Overall, the game was enjoyable and we had probably the most fun in that game than we ever had in any game due to our main goal being enjoyment." The triumphant Year 9 team feature in this photo.



We also congratulate our Year 10 netball team on beating Finham Park 6-4. Excellent result girls! Well done to the Year 11 netball team on a close match and demonstrating excellent team play by narrowly missing out on a win to Finham Park 6-8. Ehemah received player of the match.

INTERFAITH WEEK

Students have recently celebrated Interfaith Week in tutor time and their RE lessons. Year 7 students wrote postcards to celebrate Interfaith Week in their RE lessons, which were exchanged with Eden Girls' School. Years 8 and 9 created an identity person where they included things such as their religion, favourite foods, and hobbies. They also wrote important information about their religion and beliefs which have also been shared with Eden Girls' School. We held a samosa sale to celebrate Interfaith Week. The money raised has been donated to the Coventry Refugee and Migrant Centre.



RESPECT

"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."



Isaiah 9:6

ACCELERATED READER NEWS

As we come towards the end of term we are delighted to celebrate some more Word Millionaires in our Accelerated Reader programme. These include Year 7's - Kanishk, Kyle and Timeon for achieving their bronze badge and certificate this term and also congratulation to Year 8's – Teni and Aarna for joining the Millionaire's Club.

So far our Year 7's have read over a whopping 20 million words between them and Year 8's have read over 11 million words.

The Accelerated Reader programme encourages students to choose from a vast range of books within their level and when they have finished they take a quiz about the book on the computers. There can be anything from 5 to 20 questions depending on the size of the book and they need to get 85% right to pass the quiz. The words are added to their own personal word count and we have a board with league tables showing achievement for class against class.

Regular reading is so important for students of all ages. It expands their vocabulary, helps with their spelling and allows them to be more confident with their written work across the curriculum. For our students to succeed in Accelerated Reader and see regular improvements we expect them to be reading for at least 15 to 20 minutes per day.



HARD WORK

UNIFORM SWAP SHOP

In order to help alleviate the cost of school uniform, particularly in the current financial climate, we have opened a 'Swap Shop' – this is open for students to bring in any item they would like exchanging for a different size. We have skirts, trousers, PE kit, shirts and blazers available to swap.

Child poverty action Group, *Cost of School Day*, identified a lack of school uniform to be a significant barrier to learning and school attendance. In Coventry, the need for a pre-loved uniform supply was identified as a primary need for the city.

If your child does need to exchange any item of uniform, please contact admin@bluecoatschool.com with the details of which items you would like exchanged and for what size.

If, at any time of the year, you have items of school uniform that you would like to donate to the Swap Shop, please feel free to drop it in to Reception. We would be grateful for all donations. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness shown by members of the Blue Coat family with the fantastic donations we've received. Thank you to everyone who has donated. This has helped so many children in our school who now have a warm uniform.

In line with government legislation we are reviewing our current school uniform in order to ensure it is not too expensive for parents/carers. We will update you as soon as any decisions are made during the first half of 2023.



**Uniform
Swap Shop**



PIPPA THE CARING COCKAPOO

This term Pippa continued visiting our school each Friday and spending the day in the library. She can often be seen walking around the school grounds with some of our students. At break times she gets lots of visitors who want to say hello and give her a fuss.

A couple of weeks ago, Zoe and Molly had a lovely walk with Pippa and then went back to the warm library for a cuddle with her and to give her some treats.

Pippa is loving her job as the school dog which includes getting lots of the attention at break times and lunch times and she continues to help our students feel happy and relaxed.



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GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS

The Pantomime that's Just Right

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START TIME | 5PM

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WHY WE LOVE BEING BLUE COAT STUDENTS!



Sarah-Elena is in DOR7B and she says "I like having different and new lessons at Blue Coat. I like the after school clubs and I have a lot of opportunities. I have joined the girls' football because I'm a big fan and I am looking forward to piano lessons."

Sarah-Elena adds "My favourite lessons are Spanish, Food Technology, Computing and Product Design because I never got to do those in primary school."



Dhiya Shree is in LEW7B and says "My favourite lessons are Maths, English and PE - this is something I am naturally good at." To new students, she would say "Don't worry about starting at a new school. It might seem scary but really it is easy to get around school once you start to settle in. You get a timetable which will say where you have to go, but if you do get lost or confused, you can always ask a teacher. There are teachers everywhere and they are ready to help so don't feel worried or scared or anxious about starting at secondary. Blue Coat School is basically like primary school but with lots more subjects and teachers. Don't feel alone just because your friends at primary didn't come to the same school as you - I am sure lots of people want to be friends with you."



River is in DOR7A and her favourite lesson in drama because it is fun. River said "I have joined the after-school Rugby club because everyone in my family loves it and now I can see why." When River started at Blue Coat she was looking forward to "Having my first try on the drills in Product Design."



Arjun is in PAR7B and he said the best thing about being at Blue Coat is "Everyone is respectful." Arjun says he is looking forward to going in to Sixth Form. His advice to new students is "Don't be scared because everyone's kind and live life in all its fullness."



Alfie is in DOR7A and he says "The best thing is all the privileges you get when being a Blue Coat student." He says "My favourite lessons are: Maths because I love solving problems; PE because I love sports; and Science because you get to do cool experiments." Alfie would say to new students "At first it seems big but after a few weeks you will get used to it."



Drusila is in WIL7B and she said "Everyone in the school is so nice. The students respectful and older ones help you if you need it." Drusilla is looking forward to "Going on school trips and when I get a bit older I want to help the younger ones."

To new students Drusila would say "If you need help people will help you. Teachers are so nice when you arrive. The school seems big when you first come but in about two weeks you will find your way around the place."



Beth is in CAV7C and she says "The best things about being a Blue Coat student is making new friends and the lessons." Beth's favourite lessons are PE and Spanish. To new students, Beth would say "Everyone else is feeling exactly the same as you. Just be yourself and you will make amazing new friends." Beth enjoys the badminton and netball clubs.

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Dara is in D07B and he says the best thing about being a student at Blue Coat is the badges you can earn. Dara says "My favourite lessons are PE and Science. I love this Science because I love doing experiments and I love sport." To new students Dara would say "There is nothing to worry about every one is friendly if you need some help I can show you around."

Sasmira is in LEW7B and she said "The best thing about being a Blue Coat student is "I get the chance to learn new things that I didn't get to do in primary school." Sasmira adds "My favourite lesson is RE because I got selected to go to a Church of England school and it is a very religious school. I like Maths because I'm really good at it and want to be a maths teacher. I also like creative lessons because I love doing lots of art and sewing." If Sasmira met new Blue Coat students, she would say "Blue Coat is a wonderful place and if you have any problems than ask a Peer Mentor or a teacher."



One of the students in WIL7B is Ibukun and she said "The thing I like best about being at Blue Coat is that I get a good education." Ibukun added "3D (technology) is my favourite lesson because I can create new things that I have never created before. It's really fun to take new things I have made home." Ibukun would say to new students "Everybody is nice here and the staff will help as well if you get lost. Other Year Seven students are really friendly so you can make friends easily."



Darsh is in CAV7C and "The best thing about Blue Coat is that the school is big and there are lots of trees to give it its natural look." He said "My favourite lessons are Art and Maths. Art is fun and you get to make things and paint things. In Maths, there are lots of equations and sums, which some use can use calculators."

Sameer is in DOR7A and he said "My favourite lessons are German and PE because in German we get to learn a different language and it's pretty cool, and I like PE because we mix up the things we do and learn a new sport every couple weeks." To new Year 7 students Sameer says "Even though it seems scary, every Blue Coat student has had to face Year 7 for a year like we are right now and you will. Then after a short 3 or 4 weeks you will get used to it and like it."



Grace is in LEW7B and she says she likes the size of the school. Grace says "My favourite lessons are maths and RE because in RE we learn about various religions and in maths we are doing algebra which I enjoy." Grace says she is already looking forward to Options Evening in Year 9. To any new Blue Coat students Grace would say "You'll settle in a lot quicker than you think you will and the teachers are very kind."



Isabelle is in PAR7A and she said "I love Art, Drama and Food Technology as there is hardly any writing and they're really fun! I really can't wait to get included in theatre performances and cook things in Food Tech." To new Blue Coat students says "Don't worry! Everyone is feeling the same way! You'll make new friends in no time. If you get lost, there'll always be someone who can point you in the right direction!"



OUR HARDSHIP FUND

Readers of *Fullness!* will know that we have a Hardship Fund at Blue Coat. This fund is used to purchase school uniform, PE kit, other subject equipment or any other essentials needed for school. Any family struggling to finance these items can then apply for these funds.

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If you would like to donate to the Hardship Fund please use the details below:

Sort code:- 30-92-33
Account No:- 24770263
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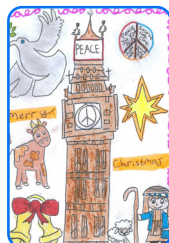
Please add the reference:- Hardship Fund.

Thank you to those of you who have so generously donated in the past. Your kindness has helped many Blue Coat students.



CHRISTMAS CARDS

We asked our students to design a Christmas card which can be emailed to different organisations to wish them a happy Christmas from Blue Coat School. Here are the card designs which have been designed by Jacob Woodrow, Jane Air-Obaogie, Hannah Verdon, Zoe Hall, Sameer Khalid and Isaac Woodrow.



OUR ANNUAL GIFT EXCHANGE

It has become an annual tradition to collaborate with Bilton Junior School, Rugby, in our celebration of Interfaith Week.

This year, in keeping with the theme of friendship, we visited Bilton to present the staff and students with a beautiful piece of artwork created by Kelly Zheng (Year 13) which explores the emotions and traits that friendships provide us in our human connections. Kelly is pictured (right) with the beautiful gift which she created.

Both schools are proud of their ICON status and having this partnership in collaborating in Interfaith Week provides wonderful

opportunities to connect and celebrate our own special friendship.



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SUPPORT STAFF STARS

National support staff union, Unison, has been celebrating the achievements of school support staff and acknowledging their significant contribution to children's education.

They sent a large decorated celebration cake, a healthy fruit platter, posters and goodie bags to the school's support staff.

Support staff in school include Learning Support Assistants, Lunchtime Supervisors, Administration staff, Site staff and Technicians.



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CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Our community litter-picking team have again been out and about tidying Terry Road. Here's the team after their pre-Christmas litter-pick. They show true Blue Coat CHRIST values every time they carry out this worth-while exercise.

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"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

2 Corinthians 9:15



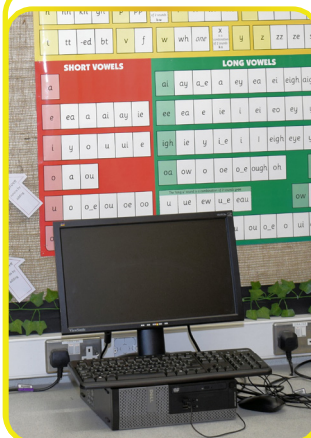
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HUB NEWS

Updates from the Hub: our Inclusion Department

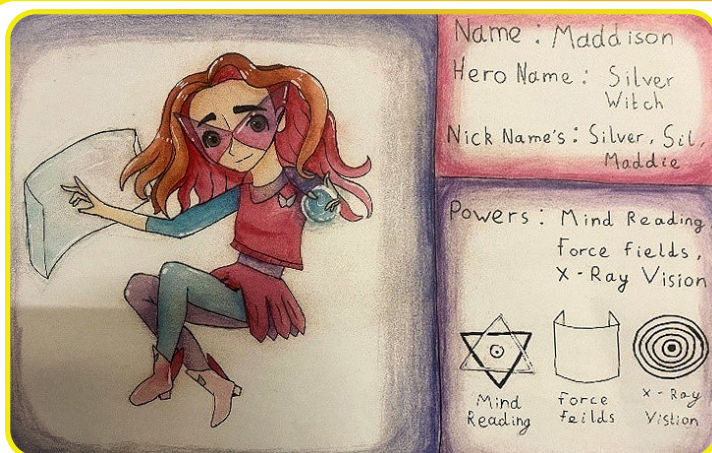
What is the Hub?

The Hub is the school's Inclusion Department. It is located underneath the Library on the ground floor. The Department contains an open plan 'Curriculum Zone' where students work supported by staff, a Social Zone where students can make friends and access peace and quiet during social times, a Sensory Zone and various meeting rooms and offices where interventions take place.



What goes on in the Hub?

There is always something going on in the Hub! During registration you might find students practising their typing skills or having a morning check in with a staff member. Many students receive one or more 20 minute interventions during period 1, developing their core skills of literacy and numeracy. Later on in the day you might see students in a small group dyslexia intervention, working with an external agency, or completing work independently in Supported Study.



Enrichment in the Hub

This half term students in the Hub have been set a challenge to design their own superhero during their breaks and lunches. Everyone's work is celebrated and has gone up on display. Special mention goes to Sarah Coxhead for her fantastic artwork and creativity! As well as superheroes, students have been sharing their favourite jokes and riddles and they have been writing Christmas poems for display in the Social Zone.

Student Passports

At Blue Coat we place a high emphasis on high quality teaching, and teachers make adjustments in class to support students with additional needs. Students on the SEND Register, and some other students as well, have a Passport written which is sent to teachers outlining some of their strengths and things they might struggle with. Students share their views on the Passports and we also seek parent/carer input when these are reviewed.

Who are the key contacts in Inclusion?

Students on the SEND Register are assigned a Key Adult in the Hub. This Key Adult will be in touch with parents/carers regarding updates for their child. They will make regular check ins on their key students and oversee their progress in school. Parents/carers are encouraged to contact their child's tutor, House Head or Key Adult if they have any concerns. Mrs Ram, the SENDCo, can be contacted directly and the SEND team have a dedicated email address for queries: send@bluecoatschool.com.

Merchant of Venice

Staff really enjoyed the recent production of 'The Merchant of Venice'. It was fantastic to see students grow in confidence and develop their skills. Hub staff wanted to give a big shout out in particular to Rosie (Year 12) and Noah (Year 10) for their confidence in performance. Well done to the whole cast and crew!



Intervention Focus: Lexonik

Lexonik is a new intervention which the school has started this term. Lexonik aims to improve reading age by 27 months in just six weeks' intervention no matter their starting point. Mrs Newman and Miss Ciomag have finished their Practitioner training and have completed their first groups this half term. They are focusing on groups of Year 7 students to begin with but will also deliver the programme to other year groups as well.



The first cohort of Year 7 students to attend the Lexonik interventions have engaged very well throughout the literacy programme. One of the activities that we did during the programme was to attempt to read 74 syllables within one minute. One of the groups read 22 syllables in their first intervention and by the time we had our final intervention they were able to read all 74 of them. One of the pupils happily exclaimed: "At the beginning I thought it was possible to read so many syllables in just one minute!". I am sure that we can all agree that this group of pupils made the impossible possible.

"I pray that everyone will always be supportive and kind."

"I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas and I hope that people don't get stressed about anything. I hope people just have fun and enjoy themselves."

"Dear Lord, please help us to be grateful for everything we receive this Christmas."

"I hope everyone has a peaceful Christmas and a wonderful Christmas Eve, I wish everyone all the best."

"We pray for those who need that extra hug this Christmas. We pray that those who find it hard for any reason or feel lost and alone will feel God's warm embrace at this time of year. May His light shine out of others on to them."

"Dear heavenly father, I wish for the well-being of the Blue Coat community and I hope that we all live long and prosperous lives."


"I pray a prayer of strength for everyone as we go into the Christmas season."

"Please help people to get what they need, and help those who are living in poverty."

"I pray for no war, no inflation and free and independent media in Hong Kong and free and fair elections there too."

"Dear Lord please let us to be thankful for anything we receive."

This is our virtual 'Prayer Tree' - if you would like to add a prayer to the prayer tree, please share the details [here](#) and your prayer will be added.



"I give thanks to the Lord for His glorious gifts. I am truly grateful."

"I pray that everyone will have a safe space, supportive people and happy times over the holiday season, and that no one has suffering."

"I pray that during the Christmas season that people in the world who are less fortunate will know the love of God."

"Dear Lord, as we draw near to this special season, help us to spend some moments thinking about the real reason for Christmas. Thank you for coming into our world as a tiny baby and for understanding all we go through in life. May you be near to each one at Blue Coat School this Christmas. Thank you for the dedication of the staff who work so hard. Bless each family and give them peace. Amen."

"I pray that all Blue Coat students and staff have a safe and festive Christmas with family. I pray that students who are going through exams get the grades they hope to achieve and pray for many successful and happy years to come."

"I pray that my mum and my dad will get better soon."

Dear God, may I be a successful person in life and have true friends as I grow. I pray that I shall take good paths in my future. Amen"

"I pray that the Good Lord continues to bless each and every staff member and student at Blue Coat. May He continue to guide you and may His grace be upon you. Children are our future. Thank you for all the hard work and care you put into their education."

"I pray that the future for this school will be bright."

LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS

KRESHIKA BABU

Kreshika, who is in DOR7B, attends swimming lessons and was recently awarded her 20m distance badge. Well done! Swimming is such an important life skill!



HARD WORK

FIN and SAM

Both Fin Gates (DOR11A) and Samuel Griffiths (PAR11A) have worked extremely hard and have completed their Football Association learning, theory and practical aspect of the referring course and are now qualified football referees! Well done boys - the game is crying out for young referees to work their way up through the ranks!



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AIDEN BUTTERWORTH

Aiden, who is in WIL10A, was awarded his Chief Scout Gold award whilst on an international Scout camp in Kandersteg, Switzerland recently. This is fantastic news and a huge achievement and honour. He was also invested into his Explorer group mid-way through an abseil! As well as being a big part of the Scouting movement, Aiden is part of our production team at his church. The church live streams their Sunday service and Aiden goes to church at 8am to prepare and set up or the live steamed 10.30 church service. He sets up the cameras, media and video systems as well as preparing the presentation of song words, Bible readings, news and events which are played throughout the service. Aiden is the youngest member of his church's production team. Well done, Aiden - you are certainly living life in all its fullness!



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RUTH UWADIALE

Ruth, who is in Post-16, has recently achieved her gold Duke of Edinburgh award. Well done, Ruth!

HARD WORK

MICHAEL UKO

Year 12 student, Michael Uko has recently been awarded "Best Cadet of the Year". He was also awarded "Best Individual Shot" at rifle shooting as well as his Bronze DofE certificate. Well done on all of your achievements, Michael!

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EDWARD BEAUMONT

Edward (LEW9A) regularly helps out at his church. He has swept the grounds, cleaned in the church and most recently he manned the games stalls at the Christmas Fayre. What a great example of servanthood, Edward!

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CHLOE

Well done to Chloe, PAR9A, who as recently received an award for all her efforts and improvements! The award was made by the Lord Mayor at Hillz FM. This is fantastic news, Chloe, keep up the good work! We are very proud of you!

HARD WORK

BAKANI NLEYA

Bakani attends Coventry Sea Cadets and recently took part in the Remembrance Day Parade. He has made his parents really proud. Well done, Bakani.

HARD WORK

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LIVING LIFE IN ALL ITS FULLNESS



LILY SHARKEY and PHOEBE ANNALS

Lily Sharkey (WIL10A) and Phoebe Annals (WIL11B), who play for St Finbarrs Gaelic Football Club, have recently won the under 18 County Championship.

They had a convincing win in a good contest against Sean McDermott's, who are based in Birmingham.

The game was played at Pairc na hEireann's Gaelic Football facilities near Birmingham Airport. They both managed to get on the score sheet.

Both Lily and Phoebe are proud to attend Blue Coat and their sporting prowess and impeccable manners in competition make them good representatives for the school.

Well done girls - we love hearing all about your sporting achievements!

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HARRY and GEORGE WILSON

Harry (CAV9B) was awarded 'Man of the Match' for his epic saves recently, during a football match! Well done, Harry!

George (CAV7C) was invited to a birthday 'Young Driver' experience at Stoneleigh and had his first ever time in the driving seat!

You are both living life in all its fullness!

JOHN, ANGEL and DAVID FAZALDIN

John (DOR10B), Angel (DOR9A) and David (DOR7A) support at Dominion Grace Service (DGS) Breakfast Club every Saturday from 10:00am - 12:00noon.

They set up the tables and help with serving free breakfast to the Willenhall community. There is worship music, toys for children to play with and time for fellowship with others. They are giving back to the community - their mum is really proud of them and said "We thank God for His faithfulness in all this."

Well done to all three of you for showing Care, Hard work, Servanthood and Togetherness values - these are evident each time you help out at the Breakfast Club.

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JULIA BARTCZAK

Julia Bartczak (LEW11B) has been helping Hirebase and Plant and Tool Hire Aid Alliance to collect toys for the Ukrainian children's Christmas charity collection and it was been a big success!

Julia said "I want to thank everyone who donated things to this cause. I would also like to thank Mrs Hathaway and the school office for helping with organising everything. You have all helped to bring a little joy into those children's lives."

Julia and her mum collected the toys that students and staff donated and then they wrapped and labelled them all.

The presents are now in the hands of Hirebase and are making their way from Ipswich to Ukraine.

Well done, Julia - your Care, Hard Work, Servanthood and Togetherness values are here for all to see!



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ARYAN DESAI

Aryan is in WIL8B and recently he took part in the Remembrance Day parade where he was confident enough to read aloud in front of the congregation. Well done, Aryan.



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MATTHIAS and SOPHIE CHEUNG

Siblings, Matthias (LEW7B) and Sophie (LEW8B), are volunteers at Operation Christmas Child which is a Coventry charity. They have been involved in sorting and packing shoe boxes full of gifts for children in Albania, as well as loading boxes onto the lorry for shipment.

They are very happy to help out and have learnt how to use a forklift truck and how to tally all of the boxes. They say that they hope to continue this work up until Christmas time and that they enjoy knowing that children all over the world are receiving Christmas presents. They said "We love this charity as it allows children to volunteer and we can go as a family." Well done to both of you. Clearly showing Care, Hard Work, Servanthood and Togetherness values."



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WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

What Christmas means to me is when Jesus was born and how peace was spread all around. I also believe that it is spending lots of time with your family, relatives and friends. **JANE AIR-OBAROGIE**

Christmas is the birth of Jesus and a time where you can celebrate with your family.

ELODIE CAMPBELL

JESUS! GIDEON OGUNRINDE

DIVINE DOGO

Christmas is when Jesus was born and it represents love and kindness. It also represents giving and not receiving.

EMILY ROBERTS Christmas to me means spending time with family.



Family and love. **LOUIS ZHANG**

To me, Christmas means a time to spend with your family or anyone that you know and just to have fun with whoever you are with.

KEVIN GURUNG



Joyfulness **SAMHITA** and **BOMMIDALA** happiness.

I feel that Christmas is a time where families and communities come together to celebrate the birth of Jesus in addition to that its also when you receive gifts of all sorts.

SEAN BANDA



DIVINE DOGO Christmas is when Jesus was born and it represents love and kindness. It also represents giving and not receiving.

PRINCE AZOGU Christmas is because of Jesus's birth.

Christmas means to me Jesus birth but not only that as we get to spend time with friends and family and enjoy the time with them.

SOPHIE WILLIAMS



Christmas means giving to others and being thankful for what you have.

MUHAMMAD ADAM

BAKANI NLEYA

Christmas to me is to spend time with your loved ones and remembering people who aren't with us anymore. Also it means to me is to donate to charity and help other people.



IBRAHEEM ADAM Christmas to me is to spend time with your loved ones and remembering people who aren't with us anymore. Also it means to me is to donate to charity and help other people.

Fun time to spend time with family and pets and the gifts.

LEO SCOTT

NAOMI WALKER It's about family and friends and having a good time with those dear to you.

Christmas means when you get know more stories about Jesus also you get to spend time with your family and eat traditional food.

GRACE OKE



OLIWIA LUSZTYK

Christmas means to me a special time of the year and a special time that I celebrate each year. It is part of my religion - Christianity.

BETHANY SCRAGG Christmas for me is a time to share with your family and celebrate the Lord's love. Also, it is a time for presents, giving and joy.



Christmas to me means the birth of Jesus Christ which is a special day so we should be happy and celebrate because we wouldn't be alive without the creation of Him. So to me Christmas means generosity

JOSHUA JERE



It's a time to come together with lots of family and people you love and to spend time together and eat food together and just enjoy and reminisce about the year as new year is coming up.

BREANNA MAREYENI

Jesus being born and celebrating as a family.

EMMANUEL AMPOFO



SASMIRA SUTHAKARAN

Christmas to me means: a day where we all celebrate the birth of baby Jesus as well as it being a religious, cultural world-wide celebration. I think it's a time where we all reflect on to significant people for Christians, Saint Nicholas and Jesus.

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME



**SOPHIE
CHEUNG**

The birth of Jesus and the happiness of other people.

Joy and celebrations!

**KRESHIKA
BABU**



For me, Christmas is a deep time to help reflect on what I am thankful for and being blessed with an opportunity to spend another year with my family and it is a celebration filled with cheerfulness and joy. The Christmas holiday is the perfect time for prayer to reflect on the year as well and look to improve in the future year.

**OMAR
BENAISSA**

Christmas means to me spending more time with my family and showing gratitude and making people happy and remembering the birth of Jesus Christ.

**ROSHAN
KANDEL**



It is known as Jesus's birthday to Christians but no one knows if its true yet but Christmas is a way to have fun and to celebrate with your family.

TYRA GAITHO

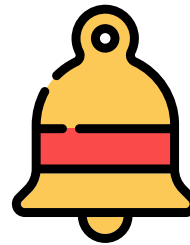


Christmas is a time to reflect on the miraculous birth of Jesus. It is a time of love, joy and peace. A time to think about the birth of the Lord Jesus with your family.

FERANMI ODUSANYA

To me, Christmas means that you get presents and celebrate with your family members and eat good food. You sing Merry Christmas with your family and friends and other people that could even be neighbours or just people you know.

**URIAH
OWUSU**



To me It means a time when you celebrate Jesus's birthday and come together as a family.

**CIARA
BRADCHAN**

I think Christmas is a time where we can all be together and connect with our friends and family and have fun. Christians will most likely pray and worship God and Jesus!

**HARLEY
LINTON**

To me, Christmas is a special time of year when you give and receive gifts to and from other family members. You also meet with them and just have a great time. But everyone always forgets the true meaning of Christmas, and that is the birth of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

ALEXANDER MILLSOPP



Christmas means a time to celebrate the birth of Jesus, a time to be together with friends and family and a time where everyone can give, receive and love.

**TIMEON
CLARKE**

Happiness and gifts!

**JACOB
WOODROW**

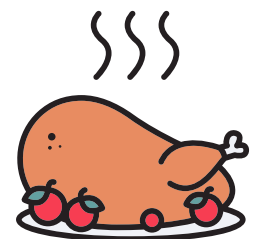


To me it's a day to enjoy and look back on as you can give and receive and have lots of fun.

**SIMI
ROBINSON**

Christmas means to me a massive family meeting; I get to see my entire family. My Grandparents, Great-Grandparents, Cousins, Aunts and Uncles and all of the family pets! It's a great time of delicious food, and I get to help out this year! It means celebrating the holidays with the ones I love.

**ISLA
WATSON**



Christmas to me is a time of giving and being able to spend time with people you care about. Also it's a time to remember the story of how Jesus was born.

**RENATA
AMIR**



For me Christmas is a holiday to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ.

**HAZEL
KUMARI**





SIXTH FORM FOCUS

One of our Post-16 students, Samantha Stimpson, has aspirations of becoming a journalist and therefore will be bring news and updates from the Sixth Form to the *Fullness!* newsletter.

Sixth Form has been busy this half term! We've seen the introduction of the History and Debate Society by Year 12's, hundreds of hours achieved through enrichment hours, and Year 13's completing the UCAS applications for university next year! In November, students attended the National Apprentice Show at the CBS Arena to discover potential futures in apprenticeships with the likes of Aldi, the RAF, Rolls Royce and Warburtons. On Monday 28th November, seven student leaders in Sixth Form led workshops on being a leader for students from other Coventry schools and external guests as part of a youth summit with CPAG. Form DOR12A became the first to complete a Christmas Shoebox for the Carriers of Hope Appeal. Additional ways our Sixth Form students have showed charitability this half term is through the fundraising for a faith space and hosting a charity football match. Congratulations to Sixth Form students for all their hard work in their first term!

PERIOD POVERTY

Our Sixth Form ambassadors have been busy getting ready for the end of term by ensuring all students have access to free sanitary products. Our students made themselves available in central areas of the school in the last week of term so that our students could collect products as they so wish.

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HELP FOR THE HOMELESS THIS CHRISTMAS

Members of the Blue Coat family are so generous with their support for those less fortunate than themselves, and when we put a call out for help to support the Coventry Cyrenians, a charity that supports the homeless, the call was answered in abundance. The charity asked for gloves and socks which would be handed to the City's homeless but also for bars of chocolate which would be given as Christmas gifts after the Cyrenians Christmas lunch. Thank you to everyone for their generosity - the charity we really grateful for the donations.

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SERVANTHOOD



COST OF THE SCHOOL DAY YOUTH SUMMIT

We recently hosted a youth summit in conjunction with Child Poverty Action Group and Cost of the School Day. We welcomed schools from across the city who had the opportunity to explore and discuss matters of poverty and injustice with external workshops and partnerships.

The theme for the UK Cost of the School Day summit is "Empowering Young People to Make Social Change". The students took part in a number of interactive workshops and activities that were designed to equip our students to be leaders for change. By taking part in your workshop, students gained a greater understanding of how poverty can impact on children and young people and the support that is available to families in Coventry. These workshops were designed to give students an opportunity to develop ideas with other young people on how school-related costs can be addressed and participation barriers for students at their school can be removed.

Blue Coat School were invited to host the event as an action point from our own COSD review where the assessor was impressed with the schools approach to issues of social injustice and courageous advocacy. Our Sixth Form leadership were invited to lead a workshop and hosted the day alongside the key organisations.



And there were shepherds out in the field, keeping watch by night. And an

angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them."

Luke 2:8-9



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*To all of the students who celebrate their birthdays in December and January.
Happy birthday to all of you!*



Rohin, Aaron, Christa, Bethany, Lucy, Rohia, Arjun, Maira, Gracie, Oliwia, Alexander, Nidhi, Ella, Princess, Dhiya Shree, Advika, Zack, Matarr, James, Tyra, Ishan, Ibrahim, Isaac, Miran, Noah, D'Abigale, Seena, Yusra, Ruby, Bob, Bianca, Nicola, Devesh, Michael, Roshan, Leah, Sam, Joud, Rebecca, Tilly, Jack, Emmanuel, Sameer, Toby, Nashe and Anesu.

Amielle, Temilola, Jayden, Caylem, Rhoda-Mekonen, Ola, Amira, Esah, Izaac, Rayna, Megan, Hamdaan, Isaac, Amber, Jasmann, Alyssa, Sati, Kevin, Terrence, Philip, Kingsley, Aisha, Jermaine, Nadia, Obaayaa, Daniel, Kabir, Habebah, Isabella, Prince, Isabella, Tamas, Keeley, Dillon, Ayaan, Isla, Sophie, Alicia, Simrut, Angela, George, Hattie and Amrita.



Daniela, Daniel, Melvin, Victoria, Peter, Amanveer, Labiba, Rumaysaa, Hartej, Darcey, Betiel, Jolene, Peter, Siddharth, Udhay, Gloria, Sara, Zalie, Leo, Daniel, Mohammad, Amena, Ahmad, Angel, Chiderah, Thomas, Jack, Manbir, Ghasan, Arbion, Fahim, Anya, Aaisha, Bartek, Ellie, Rosie, Joel, Jayson, Valerie, Aaron, Summer, Rina, Tahlia, Esha, Lowena, Adarshini, Sophie, Ekkam and Denni.

Ashton, Kimi, Raei, Yafiet, Mikolaj, Jay, Nana, Hiyab, Aiden, Gypsa, Tanaka, Aiyanna, Cai, Alfie, Bryony, Keira, Jacinda, Zainab, Gracie, Danny, Andrei, Yendi, Nehemiah, Summer, Tyler, Hannah, Ethan, Jack, Michael, Isobel, Luna, Anna, Elia, Jasmine, Taran, Darcey and Ann.



Iyindola, Rhian, Finley, Kevin, Monique, Hafsa, Favour, Gracie-Mae, Tamem, Liam, William, Milton, Joshua, Keila, Kiynuy, Jamie, Rocco, Elizabeth, Sandile, Katelyn, Mariama, Devine, Suhayb, Pragati, Louis, Phoebe, Elizabeth, Amir, Michelle, Damien, Erin, Samuel, Adrian, Chloe, Pirunthan, Nitash, Eleonora, Anu, Joel, Samuel, Noor, Magdalena, Caleb, Keleigh, Kay and Jessie.

Emma, Ellis, Levi, Michael, Grant, Enoch, Erina, Joy, Amber, Karis, Harsimratdeep, Fionn, Victoria, Tobias, Ibtisam, Ilham, Aditya Shree, Madeleine, Cameron, Aaron, Jacob, Eniola, Hannah, Zack, Kieran, Noah and Katie.



Angel, Kyle, David, Charlie, James, Simren, Rahman, Gloria, Rahat, Kelly, Papa, Ria, Adrianna, Alisha, Caleb, Dhaniya, Joseph, Kauthar Suleiman, Thomas, Madeeha, Diya and Jonathan.

Amal



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PARENTS' EVENINGS 2023

There will be **one** virtual parents' evening per year group and the dates for the planned parents' evenings for this academic year are below. Please note, these dates are subject to change.

All appointments will be held virtually (on School Cloud) and individual subject teacher appointments will last for five minutes.

You will be emailed by the school when the appointment bookings window opens and to confirm the specific times of the virtual evening.

Year 7 – Wednesday 8th February 2023
Year 8 – Tuesday 7th March 2023
Year 9 – Wednesday 3rd May 2023
Year 10 – Tuesday 17th January 2023

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

**16th December to
3rd January**

**RETURN TO
SCHOOL ON
WEDNESDAY 4TH
JANUARY 2023**

