

Cardinal Langley's

VOICE

Inspired by Faith, Education Leads to Progress



This year our Advent appeals are supporting three charities: **Middleton Foodbank, the Red Door homeless project in Bury and Mary's Meals which provides food for students in developing countries.** Thank you to everyone who has contributed so far by donating Advent calendars, tinned and dried foods or warm clothing. Students have had a fantastic response selling key rings and candy canes and last Friday we wore our Christmas jumpers. All are welcome to join our Advent service at St Peter's church at **6.30pm on Wednesday 20th December.**

At the end of term we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Hitchen and I would like to thank her for inspiring students over the last three years. She will be replaced by Mr Edgerton who will join our community in January. After Christmas we will also be welcoming back Mrs Brodigan from her maternity leave and I thank Mrs Mason for her contribution to our school community over the last term.

In this season of celebration I would like to wish you all a happy and Holy Christmas and thank you for your continued support.

Mr A Bridson, Headteacher

Cardinal Langley Praised by Parliament

Cardinal Langley features in the annual Parliamentary Review for leading the way in education.

Mr Bridson said "The entire school community is focussed on providing the best possible educational opportunities for the young people we serve and it's wonderful our efforts have been recognised. We've achieved double inspection success this year with the Diocese of Salford judging the school as Outstanding and Ofsted grading us as Good in all areas. Our recent results show that we can compete with the best in the country with our Sixth Form outcomes being in the top 25% of schools nationally. We understand that the opportunities we provide make a massive difference to the life chances of our students and we are exceptionally proud that 97% of our Year 13 students are starting university courses or apprenticeships this year. It's wonderful that the innovative practice of our school is highlighted and it shows that there's much to celebrate about education in Rochdale."

Across all policy areas, The Parliamentary Review is sent to over half a million leading policymakers and the articles in the Review act as both a blueprint for success and a template for reform.



Headteacher and Sir Eric Pickles, Chairman of the Review



We take this opportunity to thank all our families who support the charitable events at Cardinal Langley.

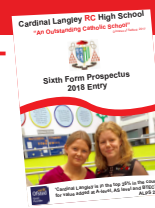
End of Term Arrangements

The school will break up for the Christmas holiday on **Thursday 21st December 2017** 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 9th January 2018.

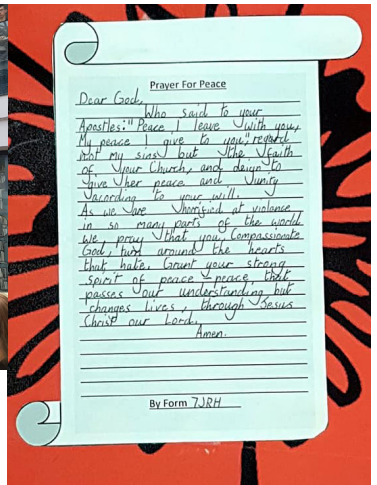

CALLING ALL YEAR 11'S - DON'T FORGET TO GET YOUR 2018 SIXTH FORM APPLICATION FORM COMPLETED!



A Busy Term...

Remembrance Day is always a very solemn event at Cardinal Langley and our students never fail to make us proud with their respectful, prayerful reverence during the service. Form groups worked together to produce prayers for peace and the Year 8 drama group performed a piece to accompany the reading of Flanders Field as well as other poems and readings.

This year's November Appeal was the busiest ever! Students worked tirelessly in form groups to collect Advent Calendars for the Middleton Foodbank and very generously donated more than 630! This was a brilliant effort and staff at the foodbank were extremely grateful for the delivery mid-November made by Mr Goddard, Mr Greaves and our Ethos Leaders.

MYRIAD

Cardinal Langley is delighted to have partnered with Oxford University to take part in the Myriad Project. As part of our commitment to student wellbeing, the project will focus on mindfulness with sessions for students and training for staff. The project is part of a national study aiming to develop greater understanding of how mindfulness can benefit students.

This half term Year 7 and Year 8 students have met with the university staff, completed a questionnaire and shared their personal experiences of mindfulness. The Myriad team were so impressed with our students stating "we've heard some of the best answers from Cardinal Langley students out of all the schools we have been to!". We look forward to welcoming the project back later on in the year.



Football Focus

A packed fixture schedule over the last half term:

Year 7 remained unbeaten in the Rochdale league, and travelled as far as Telford representing the school in the ESFA, where they won 11-0 and continue to progress in the competition

Year 8 have had an extremely busy half term, travelling to Harrogate twice in the ESFA, winning both times.

Year 9 have had a rollercoaster of a half term, progressing in the Catholic cup and ESFA, however a dramatic afternoon in Wigan saw the lads narrowly lose on penalties in the county cup. Year 10 narrowly lost in a couple of fixtures, but now with a new found team spirit, it is looking positive for their upcoming cup fixtures.


Year 11 won all their games, demonstrating a great comeback in the Rochdale cup, whilst the sixth form progressed well in county cup. Alas, the Skipton fixture ended their ESFA dreams after a dramatic penalty shoot out.




During the last few months some of our year 8 class took part in the Romeo and Juliet Shakespeare Schools Festival at The Contact Theatre; a national festival that over thirty thousand pupils were involved in. Romeo and Juliet is a tragedy play about a civil war across two households, whose children meet and fall in love. This forbidden love causes outrage amongst the household and the end result is Romeo and Juliet's death which then unites the Capulets and Montagues. The build up to the performance included hours of rehearsals with a dedicated cast and outstanding teachers. There was contribution from everyone and unique aspects especially in fight scenes. With everyone's focused mind-sets and diligent attitudes the cast went on to perform an emotional and breath taking show that not only they enjoyed but the other schools and the packed audience enjoyed as well. Through the duration of the performance the cast used props such as wooden broom handles to create a balcony atmosphere and exciting sword fights.



Towards the latter end of last half term, Mr Tunnecliff's Year 13 RE class had the pleasure of being visited by Julia, a representative from the Red Door Charity in Bury. The Red Door charity itself is under the Catholic charity Caritas and it helps to aid and protect vulnerable rough sleepers and homeless people in Bury area.



The big but homely building was described by Julia as "just like going into a living room" and it is filled with around sixty people a week who go to socialise, seek help or just for a cuppa, and to see a friendly face. "It's pretty tough work" Julia explained "Knowing you can't give them a roof over their head", saying the most difficult time of the week is closing time every Tuesday and Thursday when she knows that many of the people have no place to go to after they leave.

Donations and fundraising efforts are needed so Red Door can stay afloat and continue to expand; they plan to refurbish the computer room so they can tutor the visitors as well as aiming to clear the yard and grow crops. The Red Door helps people to "Not just to give but help people to help themselves", a worthy charity for a cause close to home.

Red Door need us to fundraise and help to donate our money to make sure the most vulnerable people on our door step are protected! Please support the 6th form fundraising for Caritas Red Door and Cornerstone over the coming weeks.



In November, Mr Tunnecliff accompanied us to hear Dr Peter Vardy speak in Manchester. Dr Vardy is a world-renowned lecturer on theology and religious studies and, having seen him last year, we took up the opportunity to hear him again. Never a dull affair, we were treated to a day of lectures involving debate about the role of faith in the 21st century, sexual ethics, who God is, the challenge of secularism and how to get the best marks in our exams.

If you are interested in studying Religious Studies at A level see Mr Tunnecliff or come and chat to one of us: Mariam, Lucas, Mr Tunnecliff, Matthew and Charlotte.

Film Club - 15th November 2017



We started our trip at the bus stop waiting for the 17 bus. We all had such a fun time on the bus and sat together but with whom we wanted which was good. We then walked to the Printworks and found our seats in the screen at the VUE cinema.

This bit was the best because we had the whole screen to ourselves! We sat on the comfy seats and then Miss Mitchell and Miss Russell took us to buy our popcorn and snacks. We had about half an hour before the film so we played games!

The film was fantastic, it's the best we've seen in a while. It was about a beautiful, posh train and the



passengers stayed on it. However, someone on this train was a murderer, as a character gets killed, but no-one admits to it. Luckily, there was a detective on the train, called Hercule Poirot, who helped to find out who the culprit was. We loved this part though as, at first, it seemed like any one of the passengers could have been guilty. It was very mysterious and kept us guessing all of the time. The ending to the film was unexpected and everyone was very shocked.

After the film, Miss Mitchell and Miss Russell took us to the food court where most of us had some McDonalds before getting the bus home again; we liked looking at the buildings in Manchester on the way home. We can't wait for the next trip!

Written by Film Club with special thanks to Year 8 students Scarlett, Esme, Keogh and Lauren.



The Creature by Demi-Leigh

as published in 'Stranger Sagas' Young Writer Anthology



The last thing I remember was waking up in a graveyard. I saw something run past me. My entire body shook. I then went to the village for help...but, it was abandoned! That was when I noticed everyone had vanished apart from me. At first, I thought I was in a nightmare until a creature with dark, red eyes approached me and I knew this fear was real. I ran and fell down next to a skeleton, I got up straight away and screamed and ran until I fell again...into a big, deep hole with lots of dead bodies.

Year 7 played in an emerging schools Rugby tournament last month. This was the first time that Cardinal Langley have been represented at Rugby for over five years and the team consisted of a mix of novice players as well as a few who regularly play club rugby. They started the tournament well, winning their first game in part due to a great try from first timer Fletcher. They struggled in their second against a very experienced outfit from Manchester but seemed to improve throughout the game with great work from Alfie playing his first game too. They won their third game after a great fightback led by strong running from Noah and former headmaster Mr Durkin's grandson Vincent. They drew their last game against Siddal Moor team due to a great defensive effort by all the team led by Cullen, Collins and Durkin.



Team Cardinal Langley:
Oskar, Dion, Remmy, Harry, Ethan, Ethn, Noah, Vincent, Daniel, Alfie, Fletcher and Tyler.

A Very Special Visitor

As a member of creative writing club we were honoured to have Dr. E Jones, lecturer in Creative Writing and English from Bolton University, provide us with a poetry seminar.

He began the session talking about how the life of a poet and her sufferings that had influenced her writing. This included her moving countries and the different people she met along the way. With this knowledge, we then analysed the poem. From this, we highlighted and judiciously selected the language and structure that aided her in sharing her experiences. It only took her two weeks for her to write it!

After all of this information was retained, Dr Jones then set us a task that we should follow carefully (without checking our work) centred around the categories of loss, love, art, house and country. In my opinion, this was very shrewd as most of the finished products were nearly a page or more long however most of them did not make much sense at this point. This allowed us to explore our minds without overthinking.

After this, we read over what we had written and we edited our work carefully choosing only 4 lines. Next, there were three sentence openers on the board; I Wish, Once and Now. The fourth line then, cleverly, had to be a lie. With each sentence opener we had four minutes to write out the sentences.

At first, everyone was doubtful, but the outcome was incredible!

Maximus.





Could we please take this opportunity to remind all families about the school rule regarding mobile phones: phones must be switched off and kept in students' school bags. Phones that are seen/heard/used in school will be confiscated. We need to ensure students' phones are kept in bags during school hours so that they do not become a distraction from learning. Apps such as Snapchat allow people to 'check in with a photo' to public places and we cannot allow any student to take pictures during

the school day - there are strict laws regarding the taking of photographs which must be adhered to.

Also, we constantly hear of very upsetting incidents where illegal/indecent content is published online and made public to children. Please do continue to check your child's phone whenever possible to ensure we shield our children from such content. We have E-safety experts in school who are available to help any parents who would like advice/assistance.



	Christmas Eve 24 th December	Christmas Day 25 th December	Boxing Day (Feast of St Stephen) 26 th December
St Peter's RC Church Taylor Street Middleton M24 1BQ	5:00pm Mass* (Family Vigil Mass) 8:00pm Vigil Mass	9:30am Mass	10:00am Mass
Our Lady of the Assumption RC Church Bowness Road Middleton M24 4HN	6:30pm Vigil Mass	10:30am Mass	10:30am Mass
St John Fisher RC Church Boarshaw Road Middleton M24 1PF		9:15am Mass	
St Thomas More RC Church 102 Mainway Middleton M24 1PP	11:00am Mass 8:00pm Vigil Mass	11:00am Mass	9:00am Mass



Parent Governor Election

Thank you to everyone who took part in the election process for our new parent Governor. I am delighted to announce that Mrs Banham, mother of Olivia in Year 7, was appointed in a very close election. Mrs Banham will bring her experience and enthusiasm to the Governing Body as we continually strive to make our school the best it can be.

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.

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/>

Please help us make the local area safer for all of our pupils, as well as members of the public.

Holiday Activity Club

Please note that there will not be an Activity Club over the Christmas holiday. Details of the February half-term holiday activity club will be posted on the school website in the New Year.

September 2019 Admissions Policy

The policy for admissions in and from September 2019 is under consultation (until 19th December). Once agreed by Governors, it will be published on the school website. The deadline for lodging any objections to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator is 15th May 2018: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/schools-adjudicator-make-an-objection-appeal-or-referral>

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

Staying Safe

At this time of year, with everyone in such a rush and Winter drawing in, please might we take this opportunity to ask parents and carers to remind their 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 116 123 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 0808 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 every day from 8:00am to 7:00pm, including all bank holidays. Please call 0800 055 6112 or visit <https://www.ageuk.org.uk/> for more information.

If you are worried about homelessness, you can get help and advice locally through Rochdale Borough Housing <http://www.rbh.org.uk/homelessness-service> and through:

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

