

CARDINAL WISEMAN

CATHOLIC SCHOOL

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LEADERSHIP UPDATE

This Sunday is the second Sunday of Advent. The reading comes from the Gospel of St Luke:

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the territories of Ituraea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene,

and while the high-priesthood was held by Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah, in the desert.

He went through the whole Jordan area proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,

as it is written in the book of the sayings of Isaiah the prophet: A voice of one that cries in the desert: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight!

Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be levelled, winding ways be straightened and rough roads made smooth,

and all humanity will see the salvation of God.

The Leadership Team

Parent and Carer Survey - How are we doing?

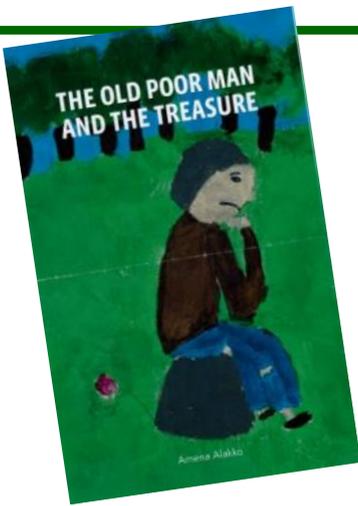
The academy would like feedback from parents and carers.

We would be grateful if you would take a few minutes to complete a short survey. Please click on the link below. Thank you.

The closing date has been extended—you still have time!

[Click here for the survey](#)





**Cardinal Wiseman students,
Amena Alakko and Salem Alakko
read their own stories to a public
audience at the Central Library on
Wednesday 5 December.**

Amena's story is called "The Old Man and the Treasure" and Salem's is called "The Lost Dog". They have been supported by the 'Picture Book Project' who encourage the creativity of refugee children in Britain.

The stories have also been professionally made into real books and copies will be added to Coventry's Central Library and the school library at Cardinal Wiseman.



Year 11 After School Revision Timetable

Monday - Languages/IT/Computer Science

Tuesday - English

Wednesday - Science/RE (every other week)

Thursday - Maths

Friday - Humanities/PE/Sport

Pupils are welcome to attend any of the revision sessions after school

If you are personally requested to attend, this is a compulsory intervention and attendance will be monitored.

The 2017/18 Accelerated Reader Word Count Champion, Aleena Varughese 8C, has already achieved her first million words for 2018/19.

She has been reading the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards shortlisted titles which has really helped boost her total. Well done!

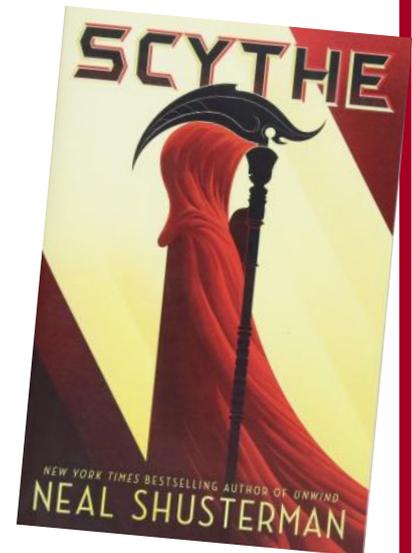
Also congratulations to Hananya Ermias Mamo 8D who has now reached two million words - amazing.

This week , members of the “To be continued...” book group took the rare opportunity to meet American author Neal Shusterman, who was visiting Finham Park School.



Shusterman’s book “Scythe” has been shortlisted for the Coventry Inspiration Book Awards 2019. The book explores a utopian future where everyone can live forever and the problems even that can cause. The book’s film rights have already been snapped up by Hollywood.

“Scythe” and the sequel “Thunderhead” are both available from the school library.



TO BE CONTINUED...

...the book group



STEM

A group of our Year 8 students were given the opportunity to participate in our first STEM event of this academic year exploring the importance of engineering and the opportunities it can provide as a career.

The challenge for the day, led by Ashley from the Smallpeice Trust, was to build a water filtration / pumping system. It involved four main objectives:

- 1) to create a filtration system to remove solid particles from rainwater
- 2) to construct a rainwater collection tank to collect and store as much rain water as possible
- 3) to construct a moisture detection system which would indicate when the water collected was at the desired level
- 4) to connect a pump that would then be able to transfer the water from the collection tank to another area where it could be stored until it was needed to water crops and flush toilets.

The pupils needed to show a range of knowledge and skills from across the STEM subjects as they set about creating their water filtration / pumping system. The team allocated roles including team leader, finance manager, resource manager, electronic engineer, product designer and marketing manager and then set about the task of designing, building and then testing.

The winning team's design was the most efficient, cost effective and aesthetically pleasing. Well done girls!

We look forward to providing further opportunities for our pupils to participate in future STEM events.





Our featured art this week is another "Self as Image" (self portrait) final piece from our talented Year 10 photography students.

Managing your mental health at Christmas

Christmas can be a really stressful time of year, whether you live with a mental health problem or not. There's pressure to socialise with friends and family, more temptation to overindulge in food and drink and of course the financial strain that presents and celebrations can put on your bank balance. The charity Mind have got some tips on managing your mental health at Christmas, and some ideas for staying well over the festive period.

Visit www.mind.org.uk and search for Christmas



Safeguarding

This year we are collecting food items to donate to local food banks. We are going to work together to help people in our communities have a brighter Christmas.

You can help by donating any of the following:

Cardinal Wiseman's

Christmas

Food Drive

tinned veg

jam

tinned fruit

rice

pasta

soap

tea bags

squash

sugar

biscuits

UHT Milk

fruit juice

rice pudding

toiletries

coffee

crisps

You can take your donations to the chapel or to Chloe's office (opposite the main hall).

Your donations will be collected in your house groups. The house that collect the most will win a prize!

 Chaplaincy Team