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RECEPTION WRIGGLY NATIVITY



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Our Reception pupils performed the Wriggly Nativity for our families last week.



They worked hard to learn their lines for all of the songs and the narration, and our families really enjoyed watching the performance.

Well done Reception for such a fantastic show!

“Just one small positive thought in the morning can change your whole day.”

Dalai Lama



THE NOTICE BOARD

DID YOU KNOW...
THE CIRCULAR SHAPE OF A CHRISTMAS WREATH SYMBOLIZES ETERNAL LIFE

DOG OR CAT?

IMPORTANT DATES

DECEMBER

Monday 15th

- Primary Phase Choir Performing at Meanwood Valley Urban Farm

Tuesday 16th

- Christmas Showcase

Wednesday 17th

- Big Sing
- Santa Dash

Thursday 18th

- Big Sing
- Primary Phase Christmas Sing-a-Long

Friday 19th

- Christmas Jumper Day
- Celebration Assemblies
- School closes for Christmas



Christmas Showcase

STITCH UP
Young Makers After School Club

Join our weekly creative After-School Club especially for Young Makers.
 Working with our brilliant artists, each week you will try out different art, craft & design activities including making, drawing, stitching and painting

Thursdays 4 - 5.30pm
 Pay what you can
 Ages 7+

Stitch-Up Studio
 Meanwood Community Centre
 Stainbeck Avenue
 LS7 2QU
Stitch-up.org.uk

MUSIC TIMETABLES



WINNER

XMAS CARD WINNERS



Well done to the winners of our annual Christmas card design competition!

There were so many fantastic designs submitted from across the through school making it hard for Mrs Lakin to pick the overall winner!

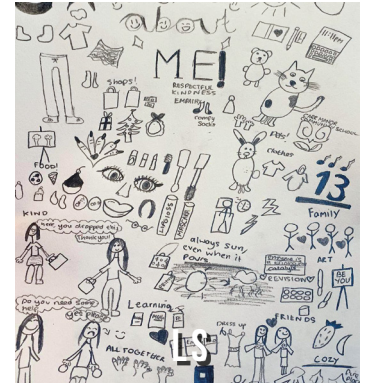
Congratulations to **RG in Year 6**, whose design was chosen to be used as the official CMCS Christmas card that we send to our friends in the community. Well done to all of our entrants!

HOUSE ART COMPETITION WINNERS 'ALL ABOUT ME'

We had 243 entries from across the through-school for the House Art Competition on the theme 'all about me'.

There were so many fantastic entries making it hard to choose an overall winner, but **LL in Year 8** came out on top while **BREMNER** were the House with the most entries. Well done to all who entered the competition. Mrs Seddon

RUNNERS UP



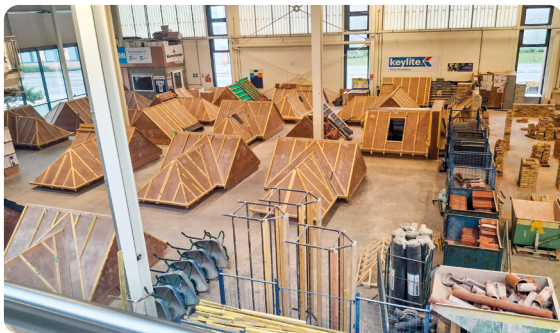


YEAR 10 CONSTRUCTION TRIP

Year 10 construction pupils recently visited Leeds College of Building to explore the post-16 opportunities available to them and to understand how these pathways can lead into the world of work.

During the visit, pupils toured the specialist workshops, classrooms and facilities, gaining a clearer picture of the courses and career routes the college offers.

Mr Kerry



PROGRESSION IN WRITING

Children in the Primary Phase were amazed to see that some



fearsome pirates had visited the Lower Years' Library and had left behind a treasure chest filled with coins, flags from their ships, ancient maps and a telescope!

These pirates had clearly been causing chaos and disorder as their wanted posters were everywhere - they even looked a bit familiar... To share this news with the rest of the community, the children wrote a newspaper report on the events of the morning.

Well done everyone! Miss Cooper

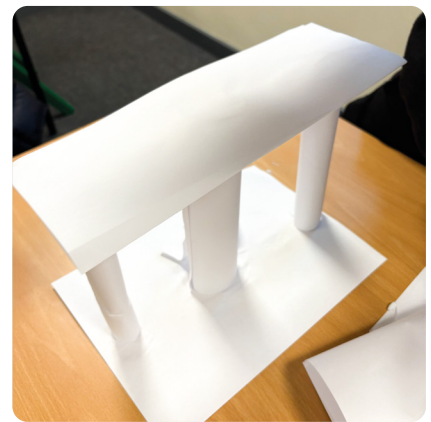
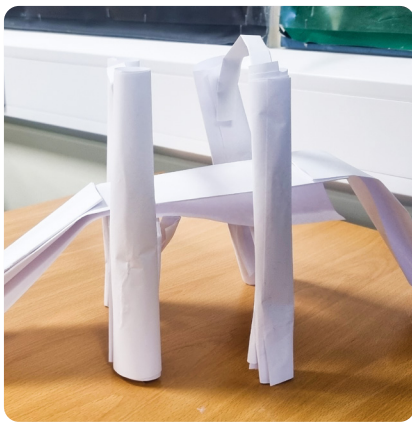
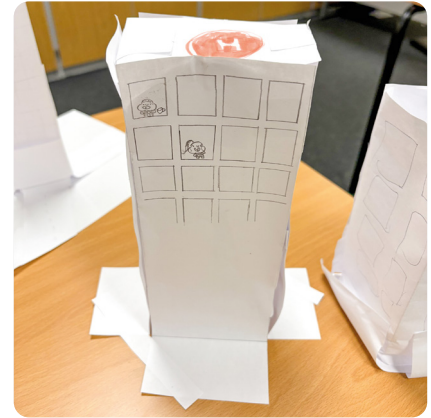


EARTHQUAKE-PROOF BUILDINGS

Year 8 geography pupils have been creating their own designs for earthquake proof buildings as part of their earth-shattering earthquakes topic.

They showed fantastic creativity, well done!

Mr Catchpole



CHRISTMAS DECORATION CREATIONS

7C2 have been busy creating decorations for the community Christmas meal on Saturday 13th December.

Well done for creating such beautiful handmade decorations.



YEAR 5 & 6 CAROLERS



Our Year 5 & 6 choir took to the stage at the Leeds Rhinos Christmas Carol Service and absolutely shone!

Their voices filled the room beautifully, spreading joy and festive cheer with every note. They even joined in with the **Salvation Army band**, creating a magical atmosphere that had everyone singing along and feeling the Christmas spirit.

To top it all off, we received a special shout-out from **Jamie Jones-Buchanan** for our school's efforts in working towards peace - what a moment of pride! Well done to our young singers.

Mrs Hipkiss

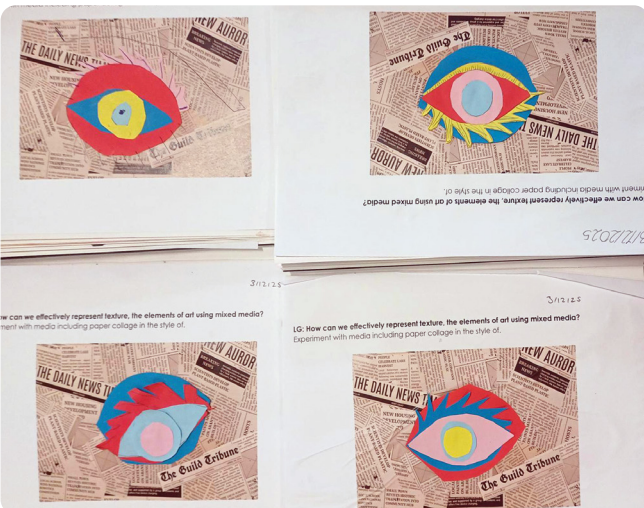


8A1'S

AMAZING EYES

8a1 produced collages of eyes recently, and Mrs Seddon was very impressed with the groups' independence and resilience with this task.

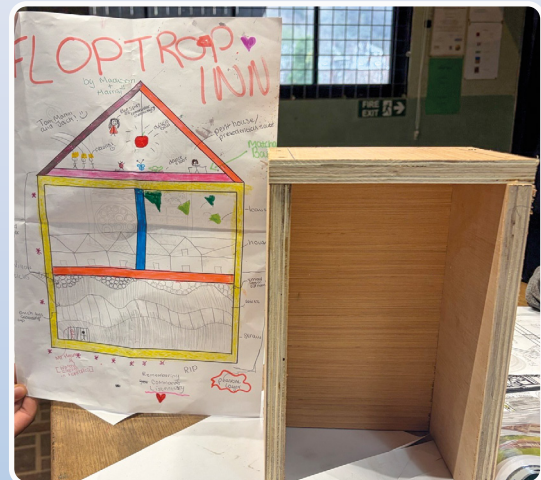
The outcome was excellent!



CARR MANOR BLUE INFLUENCERS

For the final session, the group worked on individual bug houses.

They've made a real impact on Meanwood Valley Farm's provision over the course of this project, so well done to all of our Blue Influencers! *Mr Heath*





GREAT FIRE OF LONDON

Year 2 have been exploring how disasters have shaped our world, beginning with the Great Fire of London.



The children compared what London was like in 1666 with the city we know today, sorting picture cards into 'then' and 'now'. This helped them spot key differences in buildings, streets and safety.

We also had thoughtful discussions about how the fire might not have been such a disaster if certain things, such as building materials and firefighting equipment, had been different.

Miss Cook



YEAR 7 DESIGN TECHNOLOGY WITH RECEPTION

Year 7 pupils continued their wooden toy car project with a visit from our Reception children, the target users for their designs.

To gather accurate primary data, they created a questionnaire where the Reception children shared their likes, dislikes, and ideas about toys, giving the Year 7s valuable insight and helping them understand the importance of clear, well-worded questions.



It was a fantastic collaboration between both year groups, with excellent communication and enthusiasm on display. Well done to both our Year 7 and Reception pupils!

Mr Kerry

LITERACY CORNER

DEBATE IT!

Is social media making us more or less social as individuals?

Debate it!

Sentence Stems

- I think that... because...
- In my opinion, ...
- I agree/disagree because...



CURIOSITY CORNER

If you are interested in Performing Arts, try one of these!

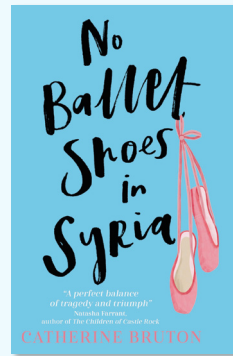
Key Stage 1

The Animals of Madame Malone's Music Hall
by Ellie Snowden and Laura Wood



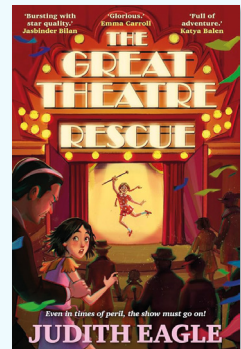
Key Stage 2

No Ballet Shoes in Syria
by Catherine Bruton



Key Stage 3 and 4

The Great Theatre Rescue
by Judith Eagle



VOCABULARY VAULT

aloof

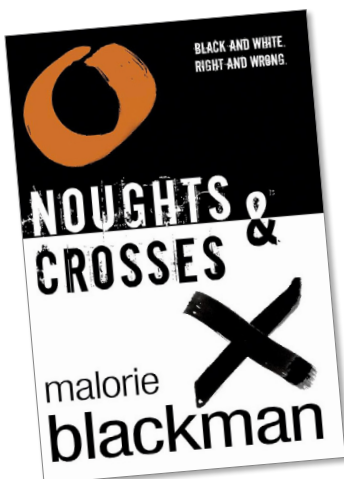
Means: an adjective meaning someone who is acting distant or uninvolved.

Sentence: She was being very aloof at lunch time today and avoided all of us.

ADVENTURES IN BOOKLAND WITH...

NOUGHTS AND CROSSES

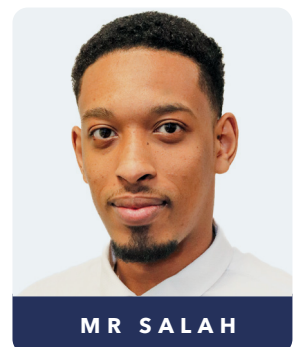
BY MALORIE BLACKMAN



"Noughts & Crosses" is a powerful and thought-provoking novel set in an alternate reality where society is divided by race. In this world, the dark-skinned Crosses are the ruling class, while the light-skinned Noughts are oppressed and marginalised.

The story follows two main characters: Sephy, a Cross and daughter of a powerful politician, and Callum, a Nought whose family faces discrimination and hardship. Despite the deep racial divide, Sephy and Callum form a close bond that evolves into a forbidden romance. Their relationship is tested by societal pressures, personal loss, and political unrest.

Malorie Blackman uses the story to explore themes of racism, power, privilege, identity, and forbidden love. The novel challenges readers to reflect on real-world inequalities by flipping racial power dynamics, making it a compelling read for KS4 pupils.



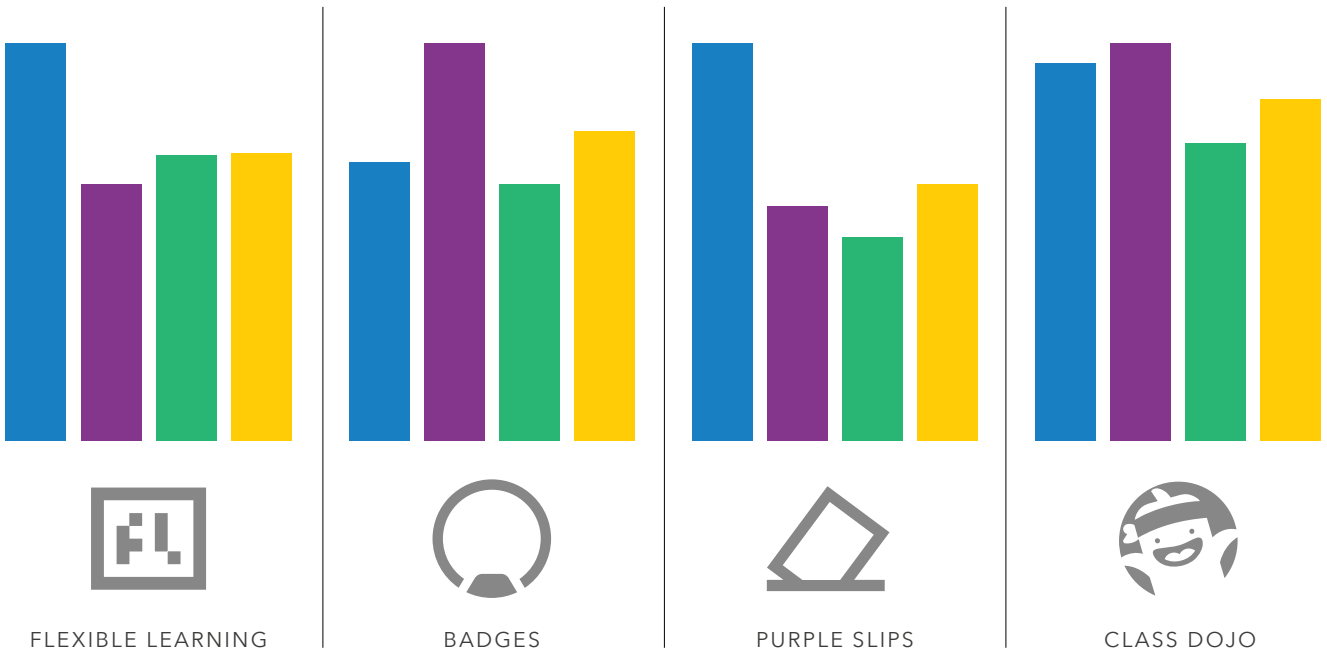
MR SALAH

HOUSE POINTS



TOTAL POINTS SO FAR THIS YEAR

1ST	ROBINSON	6699	2ND	BREMNER	6447
3RD	TRUEMAN	6335	4TH	TOMLINSON	5884



LAST WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS



ATTENDANCE



ATTENDANCE THIS HALF-TERM

EQUAL	FIRST	THIRD	FOURTH
TOMLINSON	TRUEMAN	ROBINSON	BREMNER

100%

ATTENDANCE AWARDS

PUNCTUALITY



E-JK



**100%
ATTENDANCE**



I-RN



**100%
ATTENDANCE**



TE



PUNCTUALITY



I-RC



**100%
ATTENDANCE**



SW





STARS OF THE WEEK



RECEPTION 





EA

RECEPTION 



PL

YEAR 1 




BRA

YEAR 1 



HM

YEAR 2 





FB

YEAR 2 



ESG

YEAR 3 



TH

YEAR 4 



SE

YEAR 5 



EF

YEAR 5 



EH

YEAR 6 



LJ

CARR MANOR AWARDS

LEGENDARY LINGUIST



NOMINATED BY MR KENGA

SPORTS PERSONALITY



NOMINATED BY MR SKINNER

DIGITAL SUPERSTAR



NOMINATED BY MR MAHMOOD

PERFORMING ARTS AWARD



NOMINATED BY MISS KEOHANE

HUMANITIES HERO



NOMINATED BY MISS LAZZARI

EXCELLENCE IN ENGLISH



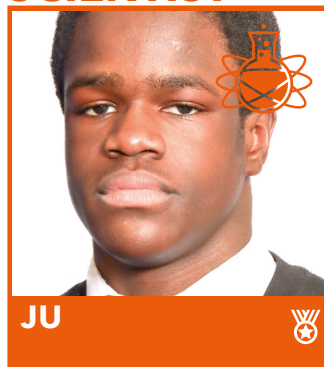
NOMINATED BY MISS SMITH

PRIMARY PHASE LINGUIST



NOMINATED BY MISS CONSTANTIN

SPECTACULAR SCIENTIST



NOMINATED BY MISS MILLING

PRIMARY DIGITAL SUPERSTAR



NOMINATED BY MR MAHMOOD



COACHING ACTIVITY



Christmas • Quiz

Q1 - What is the bestselling Christmas single of all time?



- A: "All I want for Christmas is you" - Mariah Carey
- B: "White Christmas" - Bing Crosby
- C: "Rockin' around the Christmas tree" - Brenda Lee

Q2 - The Christmas tree in London's Trafalgar Square is an annual gift from which country?



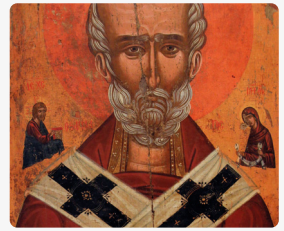
- A: Sweden
- B: Denmark
- C: Norway

Q3 - Traditionally, how many points does a snowflake have?



- A: Five
- B: Four
- C: Six

Q4 - In which modern day country was the historical saint Nicholas born?



- A: Turkey
- B: Georgia
- C: Italy

Q5 - In which country did the tradition of putting up a Christmas tree originate?



- A: USA
- B: Germany
- C: France

Q6 - In which country is it a traditional Christmas Eve meal to eat a 12-dish feast?



- A: Poland
- B: Netherlands
- C: Sweden

Q7 - In which ocean can Christmas island be found in?



- A: Indian Ocean
- B: Pacific Ocean
- C: Atlantic Ocean

Q8 - Which is a popular Christmas beverage also known as "milk punch"?



- A: Mulled wine
- B: Hot chocolate
- C: Eggnog

Q9 - In which direction should you stir your Christmas pudding in for good luck?



- A: Clockwise
- B: Counter-clockwise
- C: Back and forth

Q10 - In which country is KFC eaten at Christmas?



- A: Japan
- B: South Korea
- C: China

Answers

10: A

8: C

6: A

4: A

2: C

9: A

7: A

5: B

3: C

1: B





KS4 BASKETBALL

CMCS vs ALLERTON GRANGE



On Tuesday 9th December, the Key Stage 4 basketball team played their first game of the season in the Leeds Schools Basketball tournament.

We hosted a competitive Allerton Grange team with each side struggling to score for the first few minutes. Carr Manor managed to pull ahead by the end of the first quarter and the team, comprised of a number of players making their debuts for the squad, found their rhythm and established a convincing lead by the end of the first half.

The game ended with a score of 55-21 to Carr Manor with every member of the team actively contributing to winning. An excellent start to the final season for the Year 11s on the squad.



On Sunday 7th December, a group of our pupils had the fantastic opportunity to attend an ice hockey match with our Leeds Learning Alliance partners Leeds Knights.

For many, this was their very first experience of watching the sport live, and it certainly didn't disappoint!

The game was fast-paced and full of action, with Leeds being the victorious team.

Our pupils were thrilled by the atmosphere and thoroughly enjoyed the excitement of seeing the players in action, it was a memorable day for all involved.

Miss Bramley





What is... Hanukkah?



The word Hanukkah means 'dedication' and celebrates one of the greatest miracles in Jewish history.

The dates of Hanukkah change every year, but it will always fall in November or December. Hanukkah 2025 starts at nightfall on 14th December and ends at nightfall on 22nd December, beginning on the Hebrew calendar date of 25 Kislev, and lasting for eight days. Hanukkah is a festival marking the miraculous victory over 2000 years ago of the Maccabees over the Greek occupiers in the year 139 BCE.

Why is Hanukkah celebrated?

Over 2000 years ago, the Greeks had banned all Jewish rituals. King Antiochus tried to make Jewish people bow down in front of a statue of him that had been put in the Jewish temple, and pray to Greek Gods, but they refused.

A small group of Jews called the Maccabees fought against this ban and, after a three-year war, they won. However, their Jewish temple had been destroyed.

They cleaned and repaired the temple. Then, to celebrate the victory, an oil lamp was lit in it. They searched for pure oil with which to light the Temple menorah.

They found just enough to burn for one day, but miraculously it burned for eight days until more oil could be brought.

How do people celebrate?

On each of the eight nights of Hanukkah, Jewish people light special menorahs, adding another flame each night, until on the eighth night eight flames are burning brightly. The lighting takes place at home, in a doorway or near a window, and is performed after brief blessings are recited.

They also play with a dreidel, sing songs and prepare delicious food. Some dishes have special meaning, such as latkes (which are a kind of potato fritter), pancakes and doughnuts. This is because they are fried in oil and so, by preparing and eating this food, Jewish people remember the miracle of the oil lasting eight days in the temple.

It is a fun time for children, as they will receive gifts and Hanukkah money called gelt. Some families give each other a small present on each of the eight nights of Hanukkah.



I celebrate Hanukkah by helping to light the candles, we light a new one each day. I hide presents from my mum and I give her one each day a new candle is lit. We like to eat chicken soup at Hanukkah.

JONAH BERWIN | YEAR 1

In my family, we light the candles after sunset. When we light the candles, we say a prayer in Hebrew and you also get a present every day for the 8 days.

JOSEPH HYDES | YEAR 8



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Your full name:

Year group nominated (if applicable):

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Full name of staff/pupil nominated:

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Crew Characteristics Badge you would like to nominate the person for (please tick):

Coach

Inspiration

Guide

Teacher

Director

Leader

Manager

Role Model

Reason for nominating this person:

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