



Shining Lights Newsletter

December 2022

Celebrating success



Welcome to our Christmas Edition of Shining Lights. In a long and busy Autumn Term, it is fantastic to see so many pupils getting involved in the wider life of the school in clubs, trips, and acts of service and charity. We will continue to reward pupils who do this, because at Brownedge we really believe that some of the best learning – the learning that sticks – takes place outside of the classroom. Thank you to generous staff who make it happen. Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas.



Catholic Schools Inspection



In November, we were inspected under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005. This inspection evaluates the quality of Religious Education and the Catholic nature of our school. We were extremely pleased to have been graded as **GOOD** overall, with two of the three main judgements graded as **OUTSTANDING**.

The report outlined many strengths of our school, including the following:



- The pastoral provision is exceptional
- The school is extremely welcoming, and the sense of community is palpable
- Staff have excellent relationships with students
- There is exceptional readiness to take on roles of leadership, responsibility and service resulting in a strong community that reflects the diversity of St Mary's
- Students are extremely respectful
- Formation of the children is strong, and faith is lived and breathed. This epitomises the culture of the school
- Enrichment opportunities are extensive



"Students clearly understand they are part of a Catholic family whose core values come from Jesus. They embrace this, value it highly and actively contribute... In essence, students find the school's ethos inspiring."



EPIC Risk Management

✦ Gambling harm prevention experts EPIC Risk Management came to Browndedge to present their holistic gambling harm and mental health awareness session to Year 10. Our visitors commented on how respectfully our pupils engaged with speaker Marcus' story.



Shout Mental Health Fundraising

September saw some fantastic work by Tinashe in year 11 and Mrs Watson, who between them ran over 70 miles, raising £300.00 for mental health charity Shout. Mental Health Champion Tinashe ran 31 miles, while Mrs Watson completed 42. The money raised is enough to enable Shout to train a volunteer to help someone in need. Thank you to all who supported them, and well done Tinashe!

Streetwise Road Safety

Commissioned by Lancashire County Council, Performance in Education visited Browndedge to deliver their 'Streetwise' road safety programme to year 7. The performance used theatre to provide an engaging learning experience for our pupils, highlighting the consequences of their actions on the road. Thank you for visiting us!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

In September our Browndedge family came together to support the annual Macmillan Cancer Coffee Morning, the world's biggest coffee morning. Each of our Houses worked together to put on many stalls each selling cakes to staff and students, all in aid of a brilliant cause, raising a grand total of £305.82! We are always blown away by how generous pupils are with their acts of service during these events.



Cardinal Newman English Workshop

A group of year 10 pupils had the exciting opportunity to attend an A-level English taster session at Newman college. During the visit, pupils took part in a creative writing task using extracts from '1984' and 'The Handmaid's Tale' for inspiration and created wonderful narrative openings.



Humanutopia

As part of our work with Year 9 closing gaps from National Lockdowns and developing them as leaders to succeed post-Brownedge, we invited Humanutopia in for the day to run sessions on team building, motivation, wellbeing and aspiration. The day consisted of workshops focused around the Big Question of 'Who am I?' Pupils took part in motivational stories, sharing personal experiences and activities to pull them 'out of their comfort zone'. All pupils commented on how powerful and enjoyable the day was.

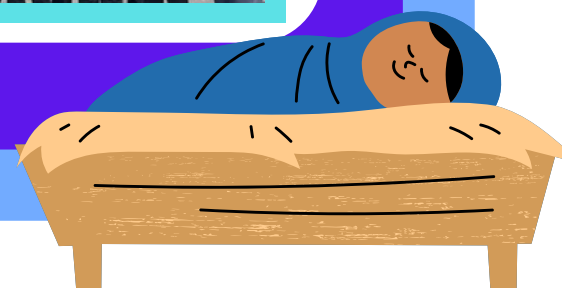
It allowed pupils to 'have more chances to speak out without being worried or being judged', 'even the quietest people stood up and talked about their feelings' and it was a 'great learning opportunity for everyone'. All reviews rated it 4 or 5 out of 5 in terms of fun and benefit.

Carnegie Mental Health Award



We were delighted to be recognised in September for our outstanding work in supporting mental health and well-being, receiving the school Mental Health Award, which is delivered by the Carnegie Centre of Excellence for Mental Health in Schools. Congratulations to all staff and pupils for your pioneering work. We invest heavily in supporting mental health and with 25 Mental Health Champions currently trained to support their peers across the school, we have a strong representation, voice and face of Mental Health awareness. Our pioneering young people spearhead this work, and one recently shared their experience of being a mental health champion as "being a face people recognise and know is there to support them, which can make such a difference when they are in need. Being a mental health champion has helped me to develop confidence and skills that will serve me well in the future"

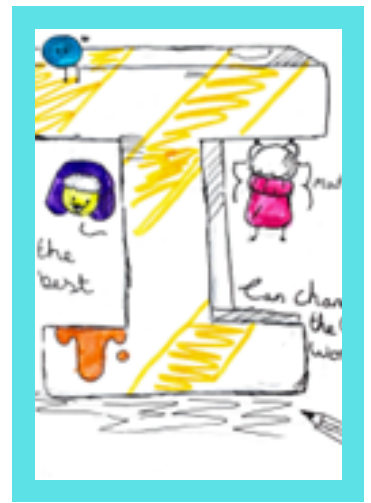
This School Mental Health Award is a testament to your continued hard work and dedication to changing the stigma associated with mental health, as well as break down the issues that surround it. Well done everyone.



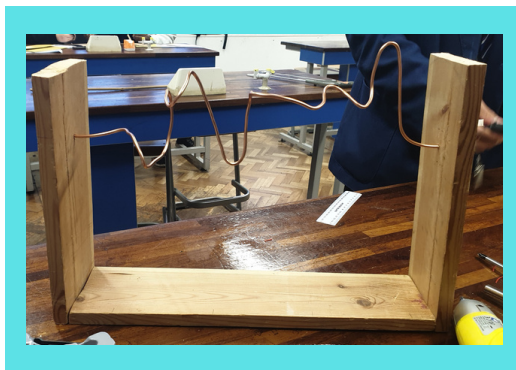
Sketchbook Club



Mrs Crew's Sketchbook Club got underway this term. Every Tuesday, Key Stage 3 pupils have the opportunity to come and have a working lunch, whilst sketching and chatting with Mrs Crew. The purpose of Sketchbook Club is to open the door to all levels of drawers; allowing them space and time to explore their own skills and style of sketching in a relaxed, risk-free environment. Since its launch in November, Sketchbook Club has allowed pupils to create Affirmation Letters and Laudato Si: Nature Excerpts. We also aim to cover typography and poetry in future sessions. We can't wait!



STEM Club



This year we have five groups of students all working on different projects to obtain a silver level CREST Award.

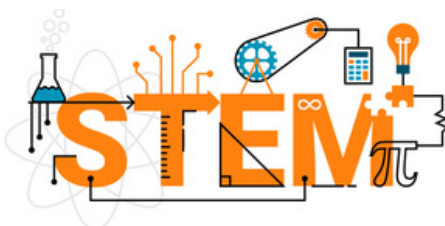
We have been running numerous interesting projects, such as:

Researching, designing, and building a video game controller: Initially, they are prototyping designs by building cardboard models of the controller. When finished they will build an electronic device. This group is going one step further and is even coding a game to test their controller out on a PC!

Designing heated clothing: This group has been trialling chemical reactions to make a reusable heat pack, building an "electric warming jacket" to wrap around mugs keep your hot drinks hot for longer, or even warm them up when they've gone cold.

Designing and building a water rocket to reach the highest distance possible and then return safely using a parachute deployment mechanism: They are currently trialling different sized water bottles to see which they will use to build a rocket with.

The final group had several ideas to start with, but eventually decided to build and run experiments using an electric buzz wire game: Their intention is to run many experiments looking at things such as the effects of stimulants on concentration, whether the time of the school day effects your concentration levels, and if practice does in fact make perfect!



Science Club

The pupils in Science Club have worked on a number of exciting projects this term, including:

- Watching explosive exothermic demonstrations
- Using an endothermic reaction to make ice cream
- Investigating the science behind how fireworks make colourful explosions and special effects
- Investigating coloured light and filters to produce secret codes and 3D pictures
- Building a working lightbulb from a jam jar and some pencil lead
- Making bath bombs.

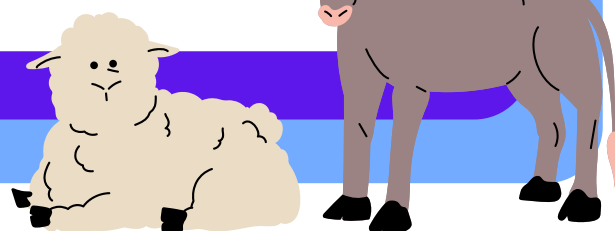
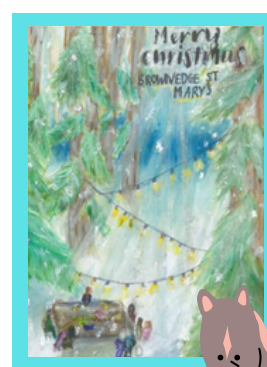
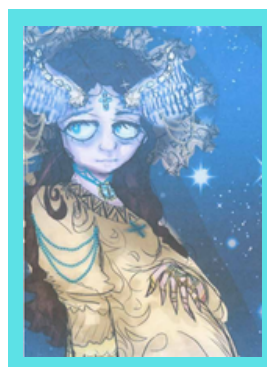
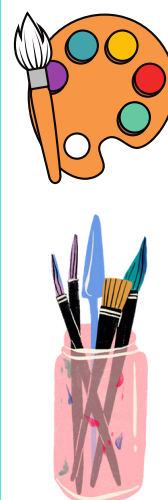
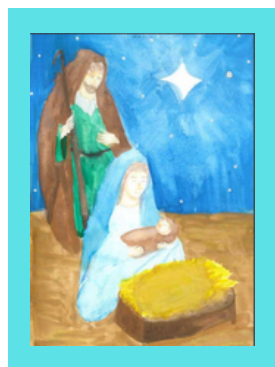
Great work, everyone!

In addition, pupils were delighted to have been able to investigate the unique properties of carbon dioxide in their science lessons this term; a gas that is a major part of our lives.



Christmas Card Competition

Well done to Amy in 11R, whose brilliant design won our Christmas card competition! A big well done also to Jessica in 8T, Holly in 9R, Kate in 11R and Taida in 9B, who were all runners up. Their designs were printed onto cards and sent out by school to members of the local community, whilst they were also sold at our Christmas Fayre in aid of St Catherine's Hospice and CAFOD. What a fantastic display of creativity by all.



Mental Health Champions Christmas Campaign

As part of their charity work, the Mental Health Champions decided that, this year, rather than exchanging gifts, they would encourage everyone to buy a blanket or duvet to be donated to those in need during the current cost of living crisis. Many staff members also got involved and made donations. Brilliant work, everyone!



Remembrance Day

The Brownedge family came together to remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice during wartimes. Representative leaders from each house gathered together at our Remembrance Garden. Pupils paid their respect to the fallen through the laying of artwork, respectful readings, and then observed a two-minutes silence, which was echoed across classrooms around school. During the lead up to Remembrance Day, History leaders delivered informative assemblies to each House allowing personal reflection during this sombre period

"At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them."



Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day ❄️

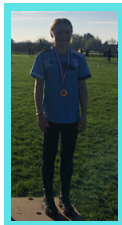
December saw our annual Christmas Jumper and Dinner Day take place. This year, in light of the cost of living crisis, we asked students to bring in a tin in exchange for wearing their Christmas jumper, in lieu of a financial cost. The response from our community was fantastic, and enabled us to donate hundreds of tins of food to the local food bank, where it will go to families who are desperately in need - thank you everyone for your generosity. ❄️



As well as wearing their festive jumpers, pupils were able to enjoy a most delicious Christmas lunch served to them by Mrs Oddie and the rest of her Senior Leadership Team. There were lots of happy faces in the dining hall and plenty of empty plates! Thank you to Mrs Kenny and her team for such a wonderful meal. ❄️



South Ribble Schools Cross Country Championships



The cross-country team enjoyed success again at the South Ribble Schools Cross Country Championships races on Saturday 19th November, achieving 3rd place school overall. Eleven schools from around the district had entered teams with hundreds of parents and family members cheering the pupils on as they ran the course in the winter sunshine. There were three age categories with individual races for boys and girls. Cross country is a team event with the first four finishers counting. There were some very pleasing individual performances. Congratulations to the following pupils on their personal success;



Finley Brennan (Year 7) 14th
Charlie Brennan (Year 10) 7th
Erin Scott (Year 8) 3rd
Alexandra Peacock (7th)
Abi Duffell (Year 10) 7th

❄️ A massive well done to all the pupils that gave up their Saturday morning to represent the school. Despite the difficult muddy conditions, they gave their best and were worthy ambassadors of Brownedge.



Operation Christmas Child

We once again took part in Operation Christmas Child this year. Mrs Smith spearheaded our efforts, coordinating staff and pupils to donate toiletries, stationary, toys and more to fill over 30 shoeboxes to be sent to those in need. The shoeboxes that were packed with love and fuelled by prayer will have a huge impact on God's children around the world. A great effort by all involved.



Senior House Council Meeting

Our Senior House Council, who were elected by their peers after campaigning within their houses, took up a key responsibility of their post this month. They met with the Senior Leadership Team to discuss an array of matters important to pupils, including lunchtime dining experiences and student rewards. The maturity and eloquence shown in representing the views of their peers was exceptional. Thank you all for your ideas and feedback!



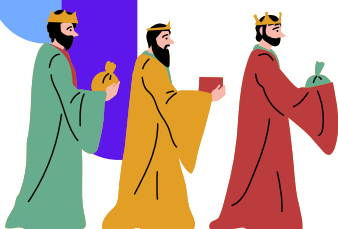
America Ski Trip 2023

Where has the time gone? Over two years ago this trip was set up, and due to phenomenal demand, we have a party of 47 bodies travelling to the East Coast of America to Ski New Hampshire. This will be followed by a two-day visit to New York City including journeys to Liberty Island and the Memorial Fountains at Ground Zero, and a climb up to the Top of the Empire State Building followed by an evening meal in Times Square. A fantastic opportunity to make some lasting memories. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents and guardians for their support in ensuring the trip has so far run without any glitches. The Easter edition of Shining Lights will be full to the brim of pictures and articles to let you all know how we got on.



Indoor Athletics

The indoor athletics team were in action this term in the first round of the schools indoor athletics championships, battling against the other 10 schools in the district within track and field events. The year 8 girls finished overall 3rd and the year 7 girls finished overall 7th. Well done to all the athletes who took part!



Teresa Feast Day



In September we celebrated the life of one of our incredible House Saints, St. Teresa of Calcutta. Mother Teresa was the founder of the Order of the Missionaries of Charity, a congregation of women dedicated to helping the poor. Considered one of the 20th Century's greatest humanitarians, she was canonized as Saint Teresa of Calcutta in 2016.



St. Teresa reminds us that "every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing." The pupils and staff of Teresa House spent time together throughout the day witnessing to this quote with their smiles, laughter and prayers. St. Teresa of Calcutta, pray for us!



Year 7 Form Masses

At the beginning of their first year of High School each of our year 7 forms visited our beautiful parish church for the celebration Mass. Alongside preparing for their Year 7 Welcome Mass, this was an opportunity for each form to unite themselves as a family in prayer.



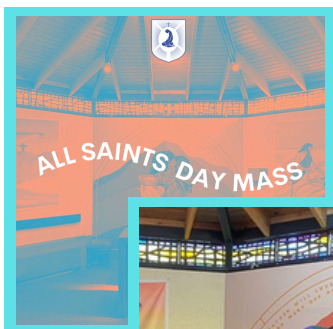
We are reminded of the words of St Oscar Romero, who tells us: "When we leave Mass, we ought to go out the way Moses descended Mt Sinai: with his face shining, with his heart brave and strong to face the world's difficulties."



All Saints' Day

On 1st November the Church celebrated the feast of All Saints Day, a time to remember and celebrate the saints, both known and unknown, and to keep in our prayers loved ones who have passed. To celebrate this feast day all pupils and staff were invited to Mass in our school chapel.

Throughout the week pupils and staff were invited to spend some time in prayer in the chapel, where they would write in our school remembrance book. The prayers and messages for loved ones who have passed were then offered up during our Mass. We continue to keep these people in our prayers.



CAFOD Fast Day

For this year's CAFOD Fast Day our CAFOD Group came together to help those living overseas affected by the global food crisis. Pupils researched the cause of this crisis and how we can help, and shared their findings with the whole school during Assemblies.

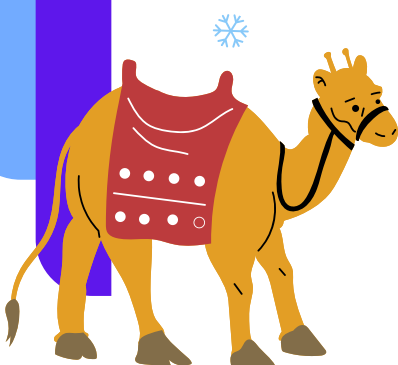
To help raise funds to assist those suffering from this crisis, CAFOD pupils held a 'Brownedge Cinema' at school. This event took place on the fast day and pupils paid to watch Toy Story during the final lesson of the day. Those that attended also donated money to buy popcorn and sweets whilst they enjoyed the film. A huge thank you to all those involved!



Year 7 Mass of Welcome

To begin their High School journey our new year 7s celebrated their Welcome Mass at the start of the new academic year. This was an evening of prayer, song, art and reflection, in which our pupils, families and staff came together to welcome year 7 into our Browndge family. Our wonderful new students, alongside Fr. Mark, led us in prayer as we spent our time together reflecting on this passage from Jeremiah: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

In the lead up to this Mass, pupils spent time in the chapel preparing for the service. A huge thank you to all who made this celebration so special.



South Ribble/Lancashire/Club Football

Congratulations go to the following pupils who have been selected to represent South Ribble for the forth coming season: Charlie Botham, Luca Pranzo, Abi Duffel, Payton Breakell, Samantha Peacock, Jessica Murphy, Isabelle Clarkson, Alex Peacock, Lewis Walker, Bobby Dixon, Kyle Dalglish and Seth Blackhurst. Abi Duffel has also been selected to represent Lancashire for the forthcoming season, along with playing at Preston North End Ladies. We also have Liam Kilbane and Alex Carnovle who are training with the Burnley/Oldham Athletic development squads respectively. Well done to all and enjoy your long and busy seasons ahead.



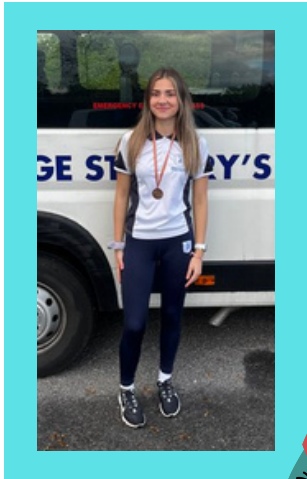
Future American Football Star

Congratulations go to Adam Ashur-Abugarad who has been selected to represent Great Britain in their American Football Squad 2022-2023. Adam's dedication to training and teamwork has ly paid off. We wish you all the success, and look forward to seeing you representing the Nation. Enjoy the 'big hits', Adam.



Under 16s Athletics

Monday the 26th September proved to be a busy day in the PE calendar as we took U16 pupils to represent us at the district Athletics competition at UCLAN. The team performed amicably overall finishing a creditable 3rd against some very talented pupils. Some notable performances included Phoebe Henderson who finished 3rd in the 1500m, Erin Stables who finished 2nd in the Triple Jump, Nadia Mura who finished 3rd in the 100m, Frank Conroy who finished 3rd in the 400m and the boys 4x100m relay team who finished 3rd.



Zeitgeist Photography Winner

Well done to Jasmine in Drexel House, whose pictures taken on our History trip to Zeitgeist Tours' Trench Experience were picked as the winning entry in their photography competition. Jasmine's pictures really captured the atmosphere and history of the trenches and her entries were picked as winners from 100s submitted from other visitors. In House assembly, Mrs Canfield presented Jasmine with her prize - a £50 Amazon voucher. Enjoy spending it, Jasmine!



Student Leadership

Our student leadership team is headed up by some of the most amazing year 11 pupils. Their service to the school is exemplary and they continue to be role models for younger pupils. The smooth running of our external events could not happen without the selfless donation of their time and effort. It doesn't stop there either, as their presence around school during lunch and breaktimes continues to support the cohesion of our community.



Their example is also echoed by year 10 leaders who have already stepped up to the additional responsibility. Well done to all involved; you are a credit to our school and importantly to yourselves.



Girls Football

The year 8 girls football team participated in the South Ribble schools 7 a side football tournament at Priory in November. It was great turnout with all schools in the district represented. The games were very tight in terms of points resulting in the girls finishing in overall 5th position. Well done to the girls team and we are wishing you good luck in your next tournament which is in early January.



Building Renovations

This term saw the opening of our newly renovated entrance area, as well as upgrades to one of our main corridors and new pupil toilets. We are committed to investing in our environment for the benefit of our pupils and this phase was one of our most ambitious. A new reception area enhances our welcoming of visitors whilst also improving the safeguarding of our community. The redesign of a main corridor has improved the experience for pupils of moving around school and has significantly eased congestion due to our pupil numbers being near capacity. The development of a designated unisex toilet zone has provided a more pleasant environment for pupils and a direct response to pupil voice requesting an improvement. We heard you loud and clear and we know that pupils are very appreciative of their new facilities.

All this structural work needed to be decorated with some bespoke artwork that really captures who we are as a community, giving a real brightness to the building; a building for pupils to be proud to be in.

Our next phase of development started almost immediately on the completion of this phase and we are looking forward to the opening of our new dining facilities in the new year. Watch this space!



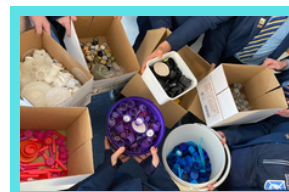
Matilda the Musical Movie Star

A huge well done to Reagan in Year 10, who appears in the new box-office smash Matilda the Musical! Reagan - who performed in our own production of Matilda earlier this year - plays a pupil at Crunchem Hall. Mrs Bland, our Head of Expressive Arts who directed our school production, knows first-hand just how talented Reagan is. Reagan, who is a GCSE Drama student, continues to amaze Mrs Bland with his talent to perform with her saying "Be proud of what you can do Reagan! You have so much talent and I just love watching you on stage." You can see him in the film now at cinemas!



SVP

We have been able to re-launch the school SVP group at the start of the academic year. The focus for the first term has been on how we can work together to develop the school environment to make it a welcoming place for all. The SVP group has been responsible for the organising and sorting of all the bottle tops that we have found in school and that staff have brought in from home. The SVP group has started to think of the different designs we have throughout the school garden that represent and support the theme of Laudato' Si.



Advent Art

Each form has been entering into the season of Advent in some new and creative ways. To share in the hope of this season pupils and staff have been celebrating acts of kindness they have witnessed around school. At the end of each day every form has written on a star how they have seen someone else live out a Gospel value during the day. These stars have then been hung on our Advent tree in the main hall, for all to celebrate.

Other pupils have entered into the season of Advent in their own personal creative ways. Holly in 9R created two moving paintings to be shared at our Carol Service. These pieces were born of prayer and remind us of the hope and light of this season. Gracie in 9D wrote a beautiful and honest prayer to go alongside these works, which our pupils, staff and parish can pray with over the Christmas holidays.



Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Our year 11 pupils have continued their good work in the community volunteering at numerous different organisations, and they have also continued with their skill and physical sections. Some of our year 11 have now also had each of their three sections signed off by their assessors meaning they can now begin preparations for their final expedition later this year. We also have 28 of our year 10 pupils who are just beginning their DofE journey this term - over the next few weeks they will be challenging themselves to try something new and seeking out opportunities to help others in our school and wider community. It has been great to see the enthusiasm they have begun their DofE award with and we are sure they will all have a huge impact on those they encounter throughout the course of their award. A great testament to the character of our pupils.



History Club



During History Club, Iris and Jasmine have been taking a leading role teaching pupils from years 7-9 about the Princes in the Tower (the sons of Edward IV), and pupils have been asked to decide based on evidence available what they think happened to the boys.

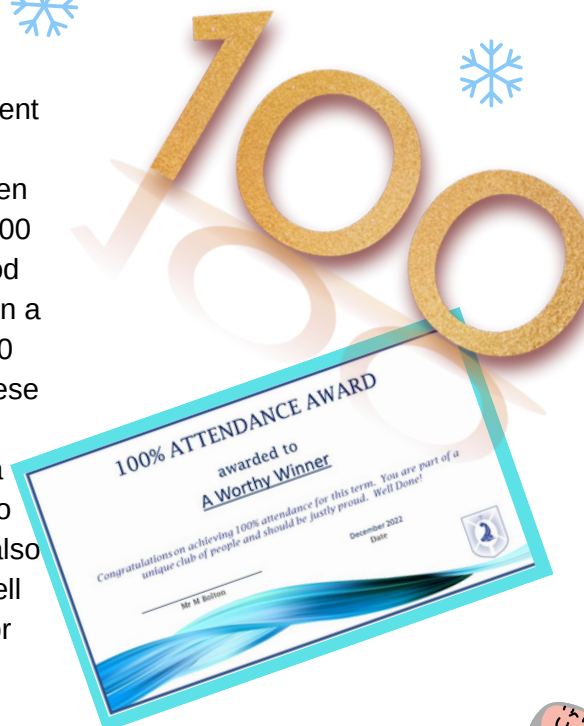
Rebecca, Charlie, Joe, Luca, Iris, Jasmine, Jess and Josh have also been researching their own big questions and posing debates to the other pupils. We have looked into topics such as fascism in Italy, the events in Israel and Palestine, debates around war and the Cold War.



Attendance Matters

At Brownedge St Mary's, we recognise that excellent attendance results in excellent outcomes for our pupils. Therefore, we constantly reward our children for good attendance. This term, there were over 400 pupils who were eligible for the Rewards Trip; good attendance contributes in enabling students to gain a place on the trip. This term has also seen over 130 pupils gain 100% attendance across the term. These pupils have received certificates and badges.

Further to this, these pupils have been placed in a prize draw and have received a £10 gift voucher to spend over the festive period. Other prizes were also gained for attaining 97% and 95% attendance. Well done to the many pupils who received a reward for their excellent attendance – keep up the fantastic work.



GIFT Team Retreat Day

During this term the Chaplaincy GIFT Team had a retreat day at our parish church. This was a time to reflect and prayerfully prepare for the year ahead. We began our day by joining the parish for the celebration of Mass, which set us up nicely for the day ahead. After Mass we came together to share breakfast and play games. Our first session then focussed on each individual's personal journey of faith, as we looked at where our relationship with God is currently and how we would like this to grow.



Advent Mass

Throughout the season of Advent we have been joined by Fr Mark each Friday morning, for the celebration of Mass. This time of prayer has been open to all pupils and staff as an opportunity to enter more deeply into Advent and prepare our hearts for Christmas. After each Mass we have shared breakfast together in the cosy room. Thank you to all those who have read during Mass.



We were then joined by Fr Mark who shared with us the power of the loving mercy of God which we receive through the sacrament of Reconciliation. We then had a time of personal prayer and adoration before the blessed sacrament, where pupils could see Fr Mark for reconciliation should they wish.

After lunch and some more games, we came together to look ahead to the season of Advent. Pupils prayed with the weekly Gospel passages read at every Mass around the world and reflected on what these passages mean to them and how we can best share this wisdom with the rest of our school community.

A huge thank you to Fr Mark and the parish community for making us feel so at home!



Schools Football

First up was the English schools cup for all years. This provides an opportunity for our pupils to play schools outside the South Ribble area, a challenge they all traditionally rise to. This year was no different with the Y11 Football squad leading by example reaching the third round. Well done!

Years 7, 8 and 9 were all dealt tough draws away to several private schools including Westholme and Crosby St. Mary's. Y7 had a brilliant game against Crosby St. Mary's twice taking the lead, before eventually being beaten 4-2. Considering this was their very first game they played as a team for school they did extremely well. Y9 travelled to Westholme, again playing a strong team and despite again taking the lead twice they also eventually got beaten 4-2. Y8 had a slightly tougher draw taking on previous national semi-finalists Bowland and they proved to be far too strong for our boys.

After the English schools games had been played, we got back to our bread and butter, taking part in the South Ribble Football League. Teams from all years have had a comprehensive fixture schedule which so far have included games against Walton-le-Dale, All Hallows, Lostock, Priory, Worden and Balshaw's with further games still to be played against Leyland St Mary's and Wellfield later in the year. These fixture sets have produced mixed results across the board, however, what is pleasing to note is the sheer number of pupils who have put themselves forward to represent Brownedge. Well done to all.



Christmas Karaoke

Brownedge has yet again put on a stunning array of talent through some epic performances in our Christmas Karaoke. Pupils and staff put their vocal abilities to the test and entertained a paying audience which is definitely one of the highlights of our festive season. Many songs were performed, and the crowd went wild for their performers. All proceeds from ticket sales went to supporting St Catherine's Hospice. The sense of spirited fun was overflowing at times, and we are already looking forward to next year.



Christmas Fayre

In keeping with Brownedge tradition, the last few weeks of term we have been hard at work raising money for St Catherine's Hospice and CAFOD. We have seen our Christmas Fayre be a great success as a part of this, contributing to over £1780 being raised for St Catherine's Hospice. We hosted a large number of vendors, including ex-pupils with their own businesses, pupils and a number of local businesses; including tasty treats, home-made crafts, personal gifts, pet products and even a Santa's Grotto, complete with elves!

The amount raised was a testament to the generosity of the pupils. Well done. The money will certainly make a difference, and couldn't be achieved without the collective endeavour of our community and our local community.

St Catherine's
hospice care



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Rewards Trip

This term we had over 450 pupils qualify for the Autumn rewards trip to the Trafford Centre, meeting the criteria for attendance, positives, negatives and general outstanding behaviour throughout the term. 343 pupils accompanied by 20 staff set off on a cold Wednesday morning and despite the very cold weather and heavy traffic on the way, we managed to arrive in good time giving pupils the opportunity to enjoy the day shopping, going to the cinema, gaming or bowling. The pupils, as always, represented school with excellent behaviour, kindness and maturity ensuring everyone enjoyed their day. Well deserved and a pleasure to take.



Laudato Si

As part of our ongoing work to become a Laudato Si Hub in collaboration with the Laudato Si Centre at Wardley Hall, Salford, we have been busy - this term building our capacity in anticipation of a productive spring season. We have expanded our 'BOB' (Bat Or Bird) box capacity by spending a day training pupils on their importance to improving biodiversity in the local community as well as how to construct them. Our wonderful BOB box ambassadors then spent time training faculty staff representatives on our most recent INSET Day in October. It was great fun to have pupils join us on staff training and see pupils and staff working together on a key issue that is so important to us. We were delighted to be joined by Sr Margaret of Boarbank Hall as well Steve Burrowes, Environmental Officer for the Laudato Si Centre. A great day of planning and collaboration.



School of Sanctuary

We are delighted to announce that Brownedge St Mary's has been awarded the title of School of Sanctuary! This award has been given based on our school's commitment to creating a culture of welcome and inclusion for refugees and people seeking asylum. We join as the 384th awarded school in the UK, and one of only a few secondary schools in the country. This is a fantastic achievement that has never been more important given the events of the past year and the ongoing hostile environment towards those seeking safety. Congratulations to the Equality and Diversity group for their dedication in working to make our school an inclusive and welcoming place for all!



Headteacher's Award

Mrs Oddie was delighted to award FIVE outstanding pupils with the Headteacher's award. Eva, Martina, Iris, Amy and Ayriya demonstrated an outstanding attitude to learning across all subjects. They also had excellent attendance and demonstrated exemplary behaviour. We consider them a true credit to our school. Thank you, and well done!

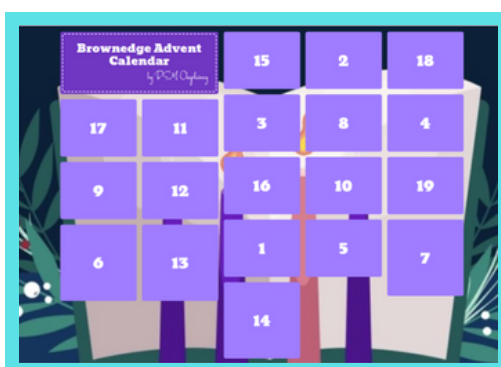


Lectio Divina

Before the season of Advent began, our Chaplaincy GIFT Team pupils spent some time in prayer taking part in Lectio Divina. Lectio Divina means 'Divine Reading' and a way of praying with scripture and asking the Lord to speak to us personally through His words.

Pupils prayed with the Gospel readings for each Sunday of Advent and recorded how they had heard Jesus' voice in this prayer time. These videos were then made into a daily Advent calendar which all pupils and staff could listen to during form time.

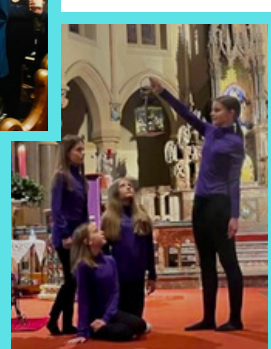
If you would like to hear from our GIFT Team pupils how these passages spoke to them, you can watch all the videos on our Chaplaincy Instagram page. We hope their words help you enter into your own conversation with Jesus this Advent.



Carol Service

Thank you to all those who joined us for our Carol Service during our final week of term. It was wonderful to see our parish church filled with voices singing praise to Jesus. Thank you to all the staff and pupils who helped to prepare such a joyful celebration, through music, scripture, spoken word and dance.

All pupils and staff will be coming together on the final day of term for our Advent Liturgy, as we joyfully prepare our hearts for Christmas!



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