



Shining Lights Newsletter

December 2019

Celebrating success

What a busy Autumn Term and full of many examples of our pupils letting their light shine! With so many pupils getting involved in the wider life of the school in clubs, trips, acts of service and charity, we have a truly bumper Christmas edition this December. In this edition, you will read what being a member of our Brownedge community is all about and that the best 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.



his family, as a reward for all of his efforts. In addition, the PNE first team squad have collectively donated £300 to the cause. Well done Alfie, a truly inspirational way of letting God's light shine within you.

Whites Christmas

On Thursday 21st November, Alfie Martin, a pupil in Year 7, was surprised in school by three players from Preston North End in their Whites Christmas Campaign. Daniel Johnson, Darnell Fisher and Paul Gallagher made a surprise appearance in recognition of Alfie's remarkable fundraising efforts for his disabled cousin William. Earlier this year Alfie arranged a charity walk from Blackpool to Preston to raise money for his cousin's 'Team William' fund, raising more than £2,000, and he has since helped out at plenty of other charity events for William.

After being nominated for a Whites Christmas surprise by his auntie, three Preston North End players joined a shocked Alfie at the front of the school hall in his assembly, before taking to the classroom for an exclusive question and answer session for the young Lilywhites supporter and

Caritas Festival

The Year 8 Chaplaincy GIFT team visited Fallowfield to attend the Caritas Festival, hosted by the Diocese of Salford. The group meet weekly in school to help with chaplaincy, planning prayers, charity fundraisers and liturgical events. The GIFT team were invited to the Caritas Festival to celebrate their wonderful contribution to the faith of our school. The day began with prayer in the local church, before moving to the social centre for an afternoon of games, talks and a quiz. The students learnt about the role of Caritas in Diocese, along with new ways that they can help charities in our local area. Two of our students, Harmony and Maddison, were among the winners of the 'Market Place Treasure Trail Quiz', and were awarded a prize by Bishop John Arnold.





Macmillan Coffee Morning



On Friday 28th September we held our annual Coffee Morning to raise money for Macmillan. Our SVP group worked hard alongside our new chaplain, Rachael Bowe, Mrs White and Ms Hall to ensure the event ran smoothly. In the morning we opened our doors to welcome members of the community; serving them with home-made cakes, which were brought in by our pupils, and Starbucks coffee, which was very kindly donated by our local store. We then had extended break for pupils to buy cakes too. We managed to raise over £500!



undoubtedly give them a head start when they hit the slopes in January. Don't forget those parallel turns and snow ploughs over Christmas, and please remember trees/poles are not for crashing into.

Ski Lessons Chill Factor

70 pupils started their journey to America early by completing a 6 week course of ski lessons starting the week after October half-term. I have never known so many pupils to struggle putting their shoes on! A number of attempts and very patient lessons followed, with pupils developing their skills both on the slopes and with their equipment, which will

Interfaith Week

Interfaith week is held annually across the UK to strengthen relations between different faith groups in our communities. Interfaith Week 2019 was from 10th to 17th November and the RE Faculty at Browndegge marked the week with a number of activities and workshops.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, we welcomed Preston based Muslim women's group Sister4sisters into school. All pupils from year 8 and year 10 took part in 3 workshops; learning about the 5 pillars, the fundamental duties of Muslims – including prayer, pilgrimage and fasting during Ramadan. They had the opportunity to try foods that the prophet Muhammad enjoyed eating, and wear traditional clothing, headscarves, and veils. Students had the opportunity to ask any questions they wanted and were fascinated to learn about halal perfume and toothpaste! Pupils asked interesting and thoughtful questions about subjects as diverse as dress rules for Muslim women, halal food, pilgrimages, prayer, and the footballer Mo Salah!

Two of our Muslim students asked if they could share their own experiences of life as a young Muslim and each delivered a powerpoint, brought in different items related to their faith, and fielded probing and challenging questions from their fascinated classmates for an hour! Well done to these students!

Year 9 reflected on the things different faiths have in common. Students produced some very thought-provoking pieces of work, explaining what their peers would realise about them if they walked in their shoes.

Year 7 enjoyed learning about the Sikh concept of 'sewa' – selfless service, and 'langar' which is a community kitchen. Students then planned and celebrated their own langar meal. Our chaplain Rachael and Mrs Oddie had a very busy week as they were invited to all the langar meals!

All in all, a successful, exciting and thought-provoking week, enjoyed by students and staff!



Red Wednesday

On 27th November, our school came together to raise awareness for 'Red Wednesday' - a day when the Church prays for Christians who are persecuted for their faith. In the Chapel over lunchtime, students wrote postcards to be sent around the world to those who are not free to practise their faith. After school, members of our Year 7 and Year 8 Chaplaincy GIFT Team attended Mass at St. Mary's Church Brownedge. Here, the GIFT Team said readings and led a reflection for the congregation, where we reflected on the importance of being united in faith.



Tree Planting

In November, as part of our ongoing pledge to help fight for the future of our beautiful planet gifted to us by God, Year 7 pupils and our Eco Warrior group planted 210 trees on Higham Hill, the area of ground next to the school's 3G Astroturf. The saplings were kindly donated by The Woodland Trust and included a variety of trees including blackthorn, oak, hazel, birch and rowan.

The aim of the project was twofold. Firstly, to live out the Pope's calling outlined in Laudato Si, calling us to acknowledge the urgency of our environmental challenges and to join him in embarking on a new path to care for our **Common Home**.

Secondly, to attempt to offset some of the carbon produced in school. We wanted to give our pupils the opportunity to make a positive contribution for the planet and by planting these trees, we made our attempt to support a solution to climate change. A huge thank you to Mr Robson, Mr S Wilson and their team for inspiring our community to come together and leave a lasting legacy for future generations to enjoy.



Knife Crime and County Lines

Year 9 had a visit this term from the community police team to look at what county lines is and how young people can be affected. There is a growing number of young people who have been groomed by gangs to carry illegal drugs, money and weapons for criminals. Pupils in school looked at the risks of becoming a 'mule' and being involved in gangs, and how to spot the signs of grooming by criminals.

In November, PC Lee, who is an armed police commander, spoke to Year 9 about his experience of dealing with knife crime. PC Lee educated pupils about the law on carrying weapons and what the consequences can be as a result of carrying a knife.



Lancashire Schools' Football Year 9

Congratulations go to Reuban Woodward in Year 9 who has been selected to represent Lancashire Schools U14s for the forthcoming season. Reuban beat a number of strong pupils to claim the converted number 1 jersey. That, along with his exploits with Burnley Football Club, mean Reuban has a long and busy season ahead. Well done!





Equality and Diversity group

The Equality and Diversity group (EDG) meet weekly. Our aim is to ensure that everyone in our school community feels respected, loved, equal and special, just as God created us to be. Our group has begun their work by marking World Mental Health Day in September and Anti-Bullying week in October.

For World Mental Health day we handed out stickers, affirmation cards, chocolates and fruit to students and staff in school to spread love and positivity. We also created a presentation for forms about how to stay mentally well. In chapel we created a 'mindfulness zone' for pupils to come and find some peace and stillness in their busy week.

In Anti-Bullying Week we marked the week with an 'odd socks' day. Wearing odd socks reminded pupils that we are all different, special and unique. We also ran an inter-house competition to design a school anti-bullying poster and pupils made odd socks in forms to represent themselves, which have been turned into a bunting display. During this week the school launched 'report it' boxes. If pupils are concerned about themselves, or anyone else, then they can report it anonymously in the boxes situated in library or on the RE corridor, or online via our school website.



Trampolining

On Saturday 7th December 2019, Eve Ashbrook, Lucy Wright, Natasha Vickers and Jade Vickers represented our school in the regional trampolining competition. The standard of the competition was extremely high, however; our girls were up to the challenge. Natasha finished 13/52, Eve finished 9/29, and Lucy absolutely smashed it and finished top of the pile winning her event. In doing so, she qualified for the next round nationally. Well done Lucy, an outstanding achievement.

All Saints` Day

On 1st November, we celebrated 'All Saints` Day'. On this day the Church is called to think especially about our heavenly friends, the Saints. Throughout the week, we held activities in the chapel, where students could learn more about their House Saints, find a new Saint that can help them with their struggles, and find out how it is that we are called to be Saints. The day ended with the celebration of Mass by Fr. Mark, where we prayed particularly for those who are no longer with us.



Act of Kindness

In early December Mrs Oddie received a card from a member of the local community. The card read **"Returning home from the village I was very hesitant at crossing the road, as it can be very busy at certain times. A young student very kindly assisted me and would have walked further but I didn't need that help. I think she said her name - when asked - was Susan, about 13-15 years I would guess, but I forget it. Perhaps at 94 years of age I may be excused. One hears so much about the indifference of young students - but not this time."**

What a wonderful thing to read. After some Oddie detective work, the thoughtful student was found and thanked for her kindness and generosity. A true Brownedge pupil, and one we are very proud of. Well done Savannah-Grace, and thank you on behalf of all our school community.

Inspirational talk from Forbes Solicitors

On Friday 29th of November, school welcomed two inspirational speakers from the legal profession. Mr Paolo Passerini (partner and solicitor) and Miss Bethany Wilson (trainee solicitor) from Forbes solicitors, specialise in crime. They gave a talk to all year groups about the implications and future consequences of being involved in things like public order offences, sending malicious communications which cause offence, carrying a weapon and physical assault.

Mr Passerini focused his talk on the legal ramifications of being accused of a crime, being arrested and potentially ending up in court. Pupils were amazed to hear that they could receive a visit from the police if they are reported for sending a malicious communication which causes offence to another person. Mr Passerini also made it clear to pupils that hitting someone who has hit you is not self defence. It is still classed as assault if you could have walked away and reported it. Pupils were mesmerised by Mr Passerini's links to cases he has worked on in the past and is currently working on.

Miss Wilson spoke to the pupils about how she had to go over and above studying hard at school, college and University, to secure a training post as a trainee solicitor. When she applied for her training post at Forbes, 200 other people applied. Most applicants for such a career path will have 10+ GCSE's at levels 7-9, 3 Good A level grades and 1st or 2nd class degrees. How does an employer sift through all those applications and separate out the better candidates? She spoke to pupils about getting involved in extra-curricular activities, revising hard for exam assessments, applying for summer work experience opportunities (paid and unpaid) and pushing themselves to be the best they can be, both in and out of the classroom.



America Ski Trip 2020



Where has the time gone? Over two years ago this trip was set up, and due to phenomenal demand, we have a party of 112 bodies travelling to the East Coast of America to Ski New Hampshire and the resorts of Cannon and Loon. 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 climbs up to the Top of the Rock and the Empire State Building followed by an evening meal in Time Square. A fantastic opportunity to make some lasting memories. I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents and carers 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. Please don't be late on 3rd January 2020!

CAFOD Fast Day

On Friday 4th October, school took part in the CAFOD Fast Day. Students from the CAFOD group decided that each house would raise money to send a gift to a family overseas living in poverty. These gifts ranged from a queen bee to sending a child to school! There were many fun activities throughout the day to raise money for CAFOD. Students showed great generosity by eating simply and donating their lunch money to help buy a gift for someone in need.





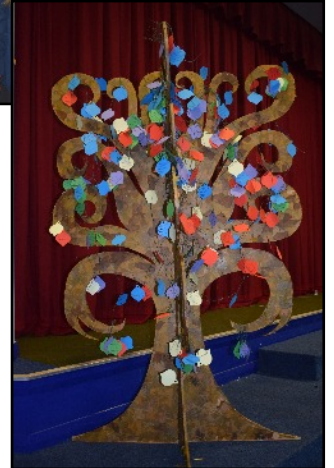
SVP Group

This advent the Youth SVP launched their Christmas challenge which involved a Giving Tree.

Giving trees are often used in churches throughout advent. Parishioners are invited to pick a Christmas gift tag from the tree and pledge to buy the gift for the adult or child. The Youth SVP decided to use the Giving Tree idea to help the Salvation Army with their Christmas Mission Hamper Appeal for 300 families in Preston.

The Youth SVP prepared a power point about their appeal which was presented by Mrs Oddie in house assemblies. Ten pupils from each form were invited to pick Christmas gift tags from the Giving Tree with food items on them. When food items were brought in, pupils filled in house Christmas baubles, which were displayed on the Giving Tree.

The Youth SVP would like to thank everyone who contributed to the Christmas challenge. Over 550 food items were collected for the Salvation Army.



2019 Careers Fair

Wednesday, 27th November 2019 marked our annual Brownedge St Mary's Careers Fair. The day began at 12.20pm with our KS4 students being invited to meet representations from local colleges, Further Education Providers and businesses including Balfour Beatty, Leyland Trucks Ltd & BAE Systems. Our students fully engaged with the opportunity to talk to the representatives and many commented on how impressed they were by the thoughtful and mature questions our students asked.



Gymnastics

On Saturday 16th November 2019, a number of our pupils represented Brownedge at the annual gymnastics competition keeping Mrs Higham's legacy going. We had a number of outstanding performances including Regan Masterson winning a silver and bronze medal and Sophie Gardner and Mia Pownall winning silver medals. However, top marks go to Maisie Strong winning a gold medal on the vault. A brilliant achievement from all the pupils. Well done!

Who do you think you are?

The history department truly do bring history to life! One history project offered to Year 8 pupils in November was under the title of "Who do you think you are?" The idea behind the project was that not only pupils, but their families together, could research their history and discover how their family was involved in the Second World War. Over four weeks pupils gathered information and produced detailed reports on their relatives. History detectives in the making!

Week one – Research.

This was all about talking to family members and deciding who they could research, asking questions about their military life or civilian career. If a pupil could not find a relative who was involved in the Second World War, four famous people were added to the list: Eric Stanley Lock famous for having 'most kills' in the Battle of Britain, Roald Dahl writer, Ian Fleming the creator of James Bond and finally Vera Lynn, famous as a wartime singer and forces sweetheart.

Week two – Really!

With information gathering going great guns (see what I did there?) pupils became enthralled with past lives lived. Details about their great grand-parents' or grandparents' experiences, tales of how couples met, articles uncovered from newspapers and photographs of young brave men and women now being shared to a younger generation.

Week 3 – Relationships

Part of the project was to draw the family tree which showed the relationship of subject. I was often stopped on corridors and asked to look at their family tree as in some way they felt they had a real connection with their family and the war, this was not just something they studied in a classroom; they had a tangible connection.

Week 4 – Rewards

Final projects have been handed in by very proud students.

As I sit here typing this article, I am surrounded by old photographs, letters and newspaper articles. I feel very humble as I look through these treasured memories, and read these stories of the past. It's at times like this that my 'job' comes alive. I need to

thank year 8 students and their families for putting effort and time into this project, knowing that from letters I have received you have all enjoyed learning!

Thank you
Ms Hall





Year 7 Football News

The Year 7 football squad attended the 5 aside indoor competition at All Hallows. The lads got off to a slow start against a very talented Hutton Grammar side. However, they galvanised themselves into action! The lads went on to win the rest of their games, but finished third in their group due to their loss in the first fixture. Although the lads didn't progress into the knockout stages, the commitment and desire displayed was outstanding!

The Year 7 football squad added another win to their tally, remaining unbeaten! They came across a very strong All Hallows side. The game was all square going into injury time. Suddenly, Brownedge produced a blistering counter-attack, with Izaak Henderson finessing the ball into the corner to seal the winner. An excellent display of football from both sides!



Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Another fantastic response to the Christmas shoe box appeal, from all students and staff at Brownedge! We managed to make up 77 shoe boxes with needed items to be sent to children of all ages in areas in need around the world. Brilliant to see so many students showing kindness to those in need.

U16s Athletics Competition at UCLAN

Monday the 16th 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 admirably overall, finishing a creditable 4th against some very talented pupils. Some notable performances included Faye Houghton who finished 2nd in the 1500m.



Remembrance

Over 150 Year 7-10 students raised money for the Brownedge Tommy, by coming together to show their respects by watching the film Dunkirk. Year 11 student senior leaders then participated in a community Remembrance Service on the 11th November 2019 at the McNamara Gardens. This was a lovely act of remembrance shared by the school and members of the local community.

Medieval Crusaders

As part of our extended history curriculum, year 7 put themselves into the shoes of the Medieval Crusaders as we recreated the Battle of Acre! Fantastic homework projects of swords and shields made our Crusade come to life!



Bugsy Malone

'Mrs Bland, your shipment of guns has arrived and is waiting in reception for you.' When your Thursday morning is interrupted by a message like that, it can only mean one of two things: you've decided to give up Drama teaching and try your luck as an international arms dealer, or you've gone back on the promise you made yourself a full nineteen years ago, and you're once again embarking on a production of 'Bugsy Malone'. So there you have it, nineteen years since the Brownedge stage was last hosed in splurge – and about two months since that stage was finally declared splurge-stain free, it was time to push through the doors of Fat Sam's Grand Slam and enjoy the antics of these mini-mobsters and their molls.

In a play that celebrates the power of community, the way in which the cast came together and accepted the daunting challenge of making the show happen, truly astounded me. From Year 7s making their debut to Year 11s bidding adieu, all were a delight to have on board, and although it's always tinged with sadness when our older pupils make their final bow, it's a comfort to see so much fresh talent appearing to take their place.

The three-night run of the show was not, as you'd expect, without incident. Indeed, it was almost curtains on the opening night when the stage curtains staged a strike and temporarily refused to fully open. On this occasion it was Mr Banks rather than Moses who was called upon to part this particular red wave, and the show was able to go on, the ultra-professional cast taking such obstacles in their stride. Illness also did its bit to blight the run, picking off cast members on a daily basis, requiring others to step in and learn new roles, sometimes with minutes to spare before they were due on stage (temperamental curtain permitting). All coped with aplomb.

We could have been anything that we wanted to be. Well this year, we wanted to be Bugsy, Blousey, Tallulah and the rest. Next time, who knows?



U14 Girls' 5 a-side Football Tournament

Brownedge U14 girls football team participated in the South Ribble district 5 a side competition in November. The team made a good start with a 2-1 win against Lostock Hall Academy, Abi Duffell, Year 7, scoring both goals in this game. They then went on to play All Hallows and Balshaws, and unfortunately lost against both teams. However, due to the results from previous games, it led to a 'head to head' to decide which team were going through to the semi-final as runners up in the group. Unfortunately, this meant that we were unable to go through. Well played to all the girls involved! Team: Z. Holden, A. Duffell, A. Aspinall, C. Atkinson, A. Lane, L. Dolphin, K. Adair



Football - ESFA Cup Updates

The Year 7 football squad have started the season extremely strongly and remain un-beaten, both domestically in South Ribble, but in the English Schools` Cup also. This has resulted in three of our pupils being selected to represent the South Ribble and District Football team for the 2019-2020 season. This is an outstanding achievement as there is always plenty of competition for places. A massive well done to Luca Pranzo, Izaak Henderson and Charlie Botham. Let's hope this success continues throughout the course of the season.

On 16th September, Year 9 boys hosted All Hallows from Salford in the English Schools` Cup Round 1. Having been beaten by Stanley High School in the fourth round last year, the boys were looking for an extended run in the cup. All started well with an excellent counter-attacking performance in the first half, underpinned by some excellent defending at the back. Thanks to goals from Warren Wood, and a brilliant strike from Joel Chester, the boys led 2-0 at the break. The boys started the second half looking to put the game beyond any doubt, only for them to concede an early penalty, giving All Hallows hope. Warren Wood scored a brilliant individual goal to restore Brownedge's two goal lead. This, however, didn't last long, as All Hallows played some brilliant football to level the game up 3-3 with five minutes to go. Extra time followed with neither side able to break the deadlock, meaning a penalty shoot-out would decide the winner. Each side scored their first two penalties before All Hallows missed what proved to be the crucial third penalty, allowing Brownedge to score their remaining penalties and win the shoot-out 5-4, Michael Firth scoring the winning penalty. Well done lads.



Learning for Life - The Risks of Gambling

Year 9 took part in a session that looked at the dangers and risks of gambling. Mark Murray from Epic Risk Management came into school to share shocking statistics about young people and gambling in the UK, as well as his personal story about how he lost everything to a gambling addiction. Mark began gambling at a very young age and managed to accrue 350 thousand pounds worth of debt by the age of 21. Year 9 heard his testimony and looked at how advertising can be misleading.

Future World Champion in our midst!

We have a pupil challenging to become a World Champion darts player in the future. Nathan Care competed in Gibraltar for team England in September, in an effort to claim victory in the World Cup of Darts. Unfortunately, the team of four came up short against strong competition from the Netherlands in the semi-finals. In another bid to gain success, Nathan competed in the JDC World Championships. He did extremely well and battled to the last 16 competitors. Truly fantastic! He is an inspiration to many and through playing his ability for mental maths, particularly subtraction from 501, is outstanding!! Nathan hopes to become a professional in the future, and we wish him every success. Mrs Oddie has promised to go and cheer him on at his next World Championship bid. Well done Nathan – huge congratulations!



Doggy Shoe Box Appeal

Brownedge staff and pupils have brought in a range of donations for a slightly different version of the 'Shoe Box Appeal'. Toys, food, treats, jackets and many other doggy treats have been brought in to share across the county's dog kennels this Christmastime. Fantastic effort Brownedge, well done!

Charity Activities at the end of term

The pupils at Brownedge have been showing their generosity by raising money for St. Catherine's Hospice. Pupils from Years 7-9 took part in the Santa Sports inter-house competition on Monday 16th December. The boys took part in a football competition while the girls took part in a bench ball competition. This, combined with the Christmas Karaoke money that the pupils have raised, has added up to a fantastic total of £750.25, a brilliant effort from all. Well done!



Cross Country

On Saturday 5th October, Brownedge took a bumper number of pupils to compete in Cross Country, against all the other schools in the district with regional qualification up for grabs.

We had some fantastic individual performances from pupils in all years starting with Alex Carnovale finishing 8th, Abi Duffel finishing 6th, Ethan Barbarewitz finishing 3rd, Faye Houghton finishing 6th, Abi Rhys-Sharples finishing 8th, Jessica Lane 9th, Emily Knell 5th and Grace Brown finishing 2nd. A brilliant individual achievement by all those pupils and one which qualified them for the regional championships in January 2020.

A special mention must go to the Y10/11 girls' team who absolutely smashed the team event qualifying for the regional team championships again in January.

The girls had all 4 scoring runners in the top 10. A brilliant achievement.

Brownedge General Election

In the run up to the National Elections held on 12th December, pupils at Brownedge were challenged to think about Democracy and Politics. Each pupil attended an assembly at which the importance of our democratic process and the effects on all our lives of decisions made in Parliament were emphasised.

The pupils were provided with a handout giving a brief overview of the five main political parties and a guide to where they could find more information. It was decided to hold the school 'election' on the 10th December. In the run up, many pupils became engaged (probably for the first time) in some of the big questions that they will need to engage with in adult life and there were many political discussions.

All pupils received a voting slip, but to mirror real elections as closely as possible they needed to actively enter their vote in 'Ballot Boxes' run by Year 11 'returning officers' led by Harvey Savigar in the main hall at break and lunch time.

The outcome...a 52% 'turnout' (average UK turnout over the last 50 years is around 63%). Our results Labour 53%, Conservative 21%, Lib Dem 11%, Brexit Party 8% and, perhaps surprisingly, Green Party 7%.

Congratulations to all who took part and my advice....vote at every opportunity you are given, have a voice! – Mr Hickin



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Scholastic Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair took place in October. You could buy books like horror, sports, comedy and adventure stories. It was in the library before and after school and some English classes visited in lesson time. During the book fair you could also buy equipment like pens, pencils, rubbers, and rulers. There were many different books on offer. You could purchase books for 30% off and from £1.99 to £10. If you wanted to purchase a book, you would go to the student librarians and Miss Close. The book fair sold £845.90 worth of books and stationery and raised a whopping £250 to buy books for the library.

The librarians and Mrs Close made a big contribution to the book fair by selling interesting books and keeping them for the people who needed to bring their money the next day. If members of the school couldn't afford a book they could write a letter to the "Book Fairy". The "Book Fairy" is where they could write a letter explaining why they want the book and the "Book Fairy" will consider it and will maybe give them the book they want so desperately. I personally thought the book fair was very useful and handy, because some people may not get the luxury of having a library full of their favourite books so they will really appreciate this offering.

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Horrible Histories



History pupils from Year 7 to 10 got into the Christmas spirit at the Blackpool Winter Gardens watching 'Horrible Christmas'. The show transported us back in time to save Christmas. From Charles Dickens, Oliver Cromwell, Henry VIII, Saint Nicholas and then to Bethlehem, our evening was filled with humour, history, singing and excitement! Thank goodness Cromwell didn't cancel Christmas forever!

In the words of Charles Dickens – "Merry Christmas to us all; God bless us, every one!"

Happy Christmas to you all

School reopens on

Monday 6th January 2020 at 8.50 am

