



# Shining Lights Newsletter

December 2018

*Celebrating success*

Welcome to our Christmas Edition of *Shining Lights*. By the time you read this, school will have broken up for the Christmas Holiday after 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.

We have a Christmas challenge for you. As you will be aware, this term we launched our new reward system centred around our Gospel values. So, the challenge is... Can you tell us how many times our Gospel values are mentioned in this edition of our Shining Lights newsletter? Keep a tally. Which one appears the highest amount of times?

## Adoremus

Four of our Year 11 students travelled to Liverpool with Mrs Thompson, Carmel and Connor (a local seminarian) on the first weekend back after the summer holidays to take part in a National Youth Congress.

The day consisted of prayer and worship, a welcome from Cardinal Vincent Nichols, an inspirational talk by Katie Prejean, a workshop led by the Salesian team from Savio House and Adoration. It was great to be a part of something so special, surrounded by other young Catholics. We travelled there with students from St Cecilia's High School and came away feeling enthused, energised, and full of hope for the future!



## Battlefields Trip

Shannon Murphy (11R) and Heather Oates (11D) had an amazing opportunity to take part in the national 'First World War Centenary Battlefields Tours Programme' in Belgium over a weekend in November. During the four days, they were able to see first hand life in the trenches and artefacts over 100 years old.

They represented the school fantastically, showing kindness and patience whilst visiting British, Commonwealth and German military cemeteries and showing their respects. They followed the footsteps of two local soldiers from Bamber Bridge: J. W. Woodcock and N. Grimes who are buried at Tyne Cot Cemetery in France and Thiepval Cemetery in Belgium.





## GCSE Geography Field Trip

On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 23 GCSE geography students from Year 10 and Year 11 gave up their weekend to enjoy an amazing geographical experience at Hothersall Lodge Field Study Centre. On Saturday, they went to the Trough of Bowland to investigate the changes along the River Wyre from the source to the mouth. The evening was spent very traditionally, firstly carrying out some follow up work in the classroom, followed by playing games and enjoying socialising in the games room - thanks to an old fashioned tuck shop, and poor mobile phone reception. After an early Sunday morning breakfast, they headed to the coast to study first hand the different approaches to defending the Blackpool and Lytham coastline, with both hard and soft engineering techniques. Staff and students really enjoyed the whole weekend. A big thank you to all who kindly helped make this weekend a success.



## Interfaith Week: Islam

During Interfaith Week, Year 10 welcomed the courageous and inspirational Muslim speaker Riyaz Timol into school. Born and brought up in Higher Walton, Riyaz found his faith when a friend from college was killed. Subsequently, Riyaz studied for a PhD in Islamic Studies in Cardiff, and is now Research Associate in British Muslim Studies at the Islam UK Centre and co-founder of Think Brite Services. Year 10 asked some thoughtful questions, and were able to develop a deeper understanding of faith and Islam.



## Lancashire Book of the Year 2019

Year 9 students are keenly reading as judges of this competition for the second year running. Every student has been invited to take part in judging who should win this prestigious prize. An early favourite with the judges is Cold Bath Street, by AJ Hartley, an old Prestonian who has written about the famous local ghost story of the Bannister Doll. Another early front runner is Outwalkers by Fiona Shaw. Why not add a book or two to your Christmas present list? Any Year 9 student who would like to join the judging team should go and see Mrs Goldson to express an interest. We hope to add many more judges to our panel.





## Church Visit and Designs

As part of their studies on the Church, Year 9 went to visit Valley church this term. We received a great welcome from Pastor Ed and Pastor Dave, and developed a greater understanding of Christian denominations.

Year 9 put their learning to good use when designing their own churches, and showing how architecture reflects beliefs. We were wowed by students' patience and creativity!



## Remembrance

The 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018, marked 100 years since the Armistice was signed to end World War One. Over the past four years, there have been many acts of remembrance to remember our soldiers who lost their lives for our freedom. The History Leaders produced a fantastic assembly, which they presented for all houses.

The History Leaders and many forms were also involved in making our own memorial to our local soldiers from South Ribble. Each poppy was dedicated to a local soldier, thanking them for their courage and giving us the hope to carry on.



## Year 11 Maths Revision Weekend

33 hopeful students from Year 11 spent the weekend at Winmarleigh Hall. When we arrived on Friday afternoon, pupils were given time to settle into their rooms and given a safety briefing from centre staff member Euan. After tea, students had their first revision session, before some free time in the evening.

Saturday started bright and early with breakfast at 8, followed by another two sessions of maths revision before lunch. After lunch the students enjoyed two outdoor activities. They had a go at quad biking and vertical challenge (like an assault course to the sky!). Students enjoyed pushing themselves out of their comfort zones and demonstrating courage. They took part in all the challenging activities.

On Saturday evening, the centre staff ran an 'outdoor wide game' which found us patiently hiding in the dark, in the bushes and trees around the centre, waiting to be found. By Sunday morning we were all pretty tired, but enjoyed a maths team relay race before packing our stuff and heading home to enjoy a well deserved Sunday roast!





## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

A small group of Year 10 and 11 students have recently been commissioned as extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. They are faithful, dedicated students who have received training from Fr Mark, and are now commissioned to serve others by distributing the Eucharist which is at the heart of our Catholic faith. May God bless them on their faith journeys, and to whom they minister.

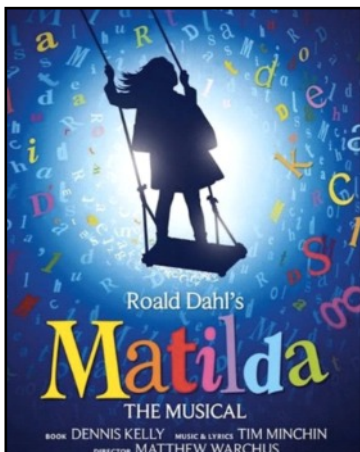
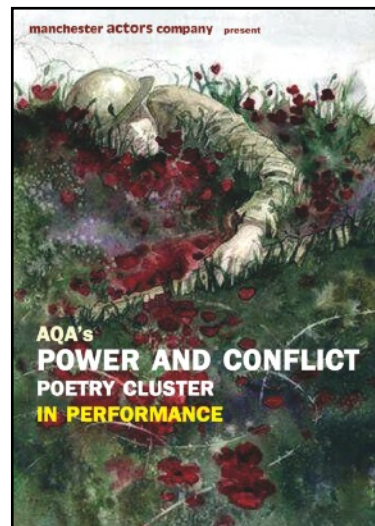


## North West Gymnastics Competition

This year's North West gymnastics competition took place in Norden, Manchester this year, with 15 gymnasts from Years 7-11 taking part. Their determination and patience, shown through months of practice and hard work, paid off. The medallists were; Year 7 - Scarlet Howarth 1<sup>st</sup> vault, Emily Duckworth 3<sup>rd</sup> vault, Year 8 - Sophie Gardner 1<sup>st</sup> floor, 2<sup>nd</sup> vault, Year 10/11 - Lucy Wright 1<sup>st</sup> vault, Caitlin Ward 2<sup>nd</sup> vault, Leah Kennan 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Mia Parkinson Black 3<sup>rd</sup> floor, Year 10/11 boys - Daniel Duerden 1<sup>st</sup> floor and vault, Adam Simpson 2<sup>nd</sup> floor and vault.

## MANACTO Live Show

In October, Year 10 and Year 11 experienced the GCSE English Literature 'AQA POWER AND CONFLICT POETRY CLUSTER' as a live piece of dramatic theatre. The aim was to give a dynamic, well-spoken performance, adding life, character and atmosphere to the written word and, most importantly, give a voice to the poetry. Poems are meant to be heard, not just to read or studied and by bringing the text alive, lifting the words off the page, Manactco stimulated ideas for discussion and analysis, inspiring the hopeful, young imaginations of Brownedge. Max Martin, a Year 11 student, said, 'Manactco's exuberant performance of Power and Conflict helped mould and develop my ideas about the poems such as Exposure by Wilfred Owen and the power of nature on the men fighting in the hellish trenches.'



## Theatre Trip - Matilda, Manchester

In November, the Expressive Arts Faculty ran a theatre trip to see the fabulous West End hit musical 'Matilda' at the Palace Theatre in Manchester. There is nothing quite like seeing live theatre, and we were captivated by all aspects of the production. Miss Trunchbull proved to be hideously entertaining in her treatment of the 'Revolting Children' in her care, but, as they say, revenge is sweet and seeing Trunchbull squeal, 'There's a newt in my knickers!' was indeed hilarious. Throughout we rooted for Matilda, to prove that 'even if you're little you can do a lot'. What a wonderful and hopeful message for our youngsters. Thankfully, I've never heard our own headteacher, Mr Reynolds, refer to *our* students as 'maggots', so there'll be no tricks involving newts played on him...for now!



## South Ribble XC

This annual event was held at Hutton Grammar in October, and Brownedge showed great perseverance and courage, performing well in the district rankings, with one podium runner. The girls Year 7 team came 2<sup>nd</sup>, Year 8 and 9 - 3<sup>rd</sup>, and Year 10 and 11 - 2<sup>nd</sup>. Notable performances were: Morgan Griffiths - 7<sup>th</sup>, Jess Lane - 4<sup>th</sup>, Emily Knell - 5<sup>th</sup>, Robyn Kelly - 6<sup>th</sup>, Faye Houghton - 2<sup>nd</sup>, Grace Brown - 6<sup>th</sup>, Abbi Reece Sharples - 8<sup>th</sup>. All these girls will represent South Ribble in the County schools Cross Country in February 2019.



## Year 11 Maths Inspiration

Five students from Year 11 went to a maths inspiration lecture in Manchester with Mrs Phillips. They had the opportunity to listen to three maths speakers present mathematics in the context of exciting real-world applications. The first speaker looked at the statistics of risk and talked about the probability of getting cancer from eating a 'bacon buttie' every day. When the numbers were put into visual perspective, we decided we would take the risk! The second speaker looked at maths around the home, and we particularly enjoyed the maths behind stacking pizza boxes! Lastly, we were blown away by the enjoyment of maths from Ben Sparks. He showed us how we can enjoy maths just for enjoyment's sake, with some awe-inspiring circles and patterns. At the end, we had the opportunity to have a 'selfie' with the compere Matt Parker, and he kindly signed our calculators. He impressed our computer scientists amongst the group by demonstrating his ability to write all their names in binary; all agreed that it would require a lot of patience to learn all the letters of the alphabet in binary code by heart.



## RED Wednesday

On Wednesday 28th November, we marked 'Red Wednesday' as organised by Aid to the Church in Need. Assemblies had previously explored respecting faith and interfaith relationships, as well as praying for religious tolerance. Students and staff came to school wearing items of red as a symbol of martyrdom to stand in solidarity with Christians who are being persecuted in our world today. The school stage was also lit up in red, reminding us throughout the day about our goal of justice. It was a powerful and prayerful recognition of the difficulties Christians are facing.



## Chaplaincy GIFT Team

We now have a Chaplaincy GIFT team in school! 'GIFT' stands for Growing in Faith Together. They are a lively and enthusiastic group of year 7 students who have a passion for serving others and sharing God's love. So far, they have led assemblies on anti-bullying, helped to prepare Mass in school, organised prayer activities in the Chapel, and led form groups in an Advent prayer service. The group demonstrated great courage through a thorough application process; writing letters to Mr Reynolds, and receiving training from the Diocese of Salford. They are a wonderful blessing and great addition to our school!



## South Ribble Indoor Athletics

This is an event for the Year 7 and 8 girls and boys from the 10 District schools. The Year 7 girls came 5<sup>th</sup>, and the Year 8 girls came 2nd and go to the next Lancashire round, representing South Ribble in March next year.

The courageous medalling team consisted of the following girls: Lucy Dolphin, Kayleigh Adair, Katie Orrell, Robyn Kelly, Kiera and Niamh Hopla, Sophie Gardner and Leah Whittle.

## The Youth SVP Group

The school Youth SVP group demonstrated great hope and launched their annual Christmas appeal in school. This year, the group asked for hampers that could be given to the elderly citizens that attend the St. Mary's parish Christmas party. As a school we managed to make an amazing 73 hampers. Our Youth SVP group then had the pleasure of handing out the hampers to those that attended the party. It was a joy to see the delight of those that received them. They were a lovely surprise. The Youth SVP group also kindly helped out at the party and served the meals. Our school choir provided the entertainment by performing some festive music. Well done to everyone involved who helped to spread some Christmas joy!

*"Thanks for all the gifts received last week. The students were wonderful at the party. They were so polite and were a credit to the school." (A member of the community who attended the party.)*



A small group of singers joined the SVP group to entertain the community's senior citizens for their Christmas party. It was a lovely afternoon, with mince pies, Christmas songs and plenty of Christmas cheer, and I know that the students had a wonderful time simply having a good ol' sing song with the Bamber Bridge community.



## CAFOD Harvest Fast Day

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> October we celebrated CAFOD's Harvest Fast Day, as we do each year. Our year 11 students demonstrated courage by delivering assemblies on this theme in the build up to the day, and our amazing CAFOD group made some great arrangements to help us brighten up our world! Our Friday lunch was a vegetarian meal, and we really focused on the idea of 'living simply' – swapping our usual chicken and chips for simple rice and pasta dishes. Students showed great kindness by donating the money they saved on their lunch to CAFOD to support their amazing work overseas. We also made lots of people smile by giving out free stickers in the lunch queue!



**BRIGHTEN  
UP** this **HARVEST**  
and **BUILD** a  
**BRIGHTER WORLD**



## War Horse

On the 8<sup>th</sup> November, in the lead up to Remembrance Day, pupils from Years 7-10 gathered in the hall to watch 'War Horse'. It was fantastic to see so many pupils engaged and talking about the warfare of World War One, and the impact it had on the British people. Pupils also wore red as a sign of remembrance for the courage and sacrifice of the soldiers.

A fantastic £355 was raised to buy a 'therebutnotthere' soldier for school!

## Year 7 Football Team

It was a very successful start to the season for the Year 7 boys' football team, beating our local rivals convincingly in our first game. This good form continued in to the English Schools FA Cup, where we beat Bury Grammar School 6-1 to advance to the 2<sup>nd</sup> round.

More recently, a squad of 7 boys competed in the South Ribble Schools 5-a-side tournament, winning a tense final 6-5, and advancing in to the county tournament.

Just as importantly, alongside this success, we have had an enthusiastic squad of 20 plus boys, and, more recently girls, attending training sessions twice a week after school, all demonstrating hope, and pushing for a place in the first team.



## Co-op Poppy Window Display

Madison Ogden and Kate Burrows produced a beautiful window display for CO-OP Funeral Care in Bamber Bridge. With the help and patience of Year 7 to cut out more than 600 paper Poppies, they were able to create a stunning display that stood out on the high street.





## Bamber Bridge Library Open for Christmas

Three students from Year 9 and 10 went along as invited guests to the grand re-opening of Bamber Bridge Library on December 11th. Josie, Jonathan and Isabel had a good look around the newly refurbished space, and judged it very welcoming.

Of course, we all know how vital local libraries are to encouraging people to read for pleasure, and the books on offer at Bamber Bridge are fantastic - the vast majority of the stock is brand new and it's well worth a look.

As well as fiction, there is a big travel section, a generously stocked children's and young adults' section, and a wide ranging selection of classic novels too. There are audio books to borrow and a set of very comfy chairs, if you want somewhere warm and welcoming to do your homework after school. The librarians are on hand and happy to help with homework, too.

The best night to go after school is Tuesday.

So, whether you're after a ghost story, a murder mystery, or a thriller, Bamber Bridge Library is the place to go. We hope you give it a visit, and prove to the Council that we really are glad to see the library back in business!



As well as talking about respecting others and praying, we also heard from some guest speakers to mark the occasion including Riyaz Timol who shared his Muslim faith, and Pastor Ed Carter and Pastor Dave Scholes from the local Valley Church. It was great to raise awareness and be educated about different beliefs.

## Interfaith and Anti-bullying Week

Interfaith and Anti-bullying week fell at the same time this year, which meant our prayer theme that week focused on respecting others, and following Jesus' command of loving others. The Chaplaincy GIFT team led assemblies talking about justice. They talked about what to do if you think you are being bullied, how being bullied feels and Chloe in Year 11 wrote a song especially for the occasion.

## Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to everyone who brought in items and shoeboxes for the Samaritan's Purse shoebox appeal and supported the injustice of poverty. We managed to make an amazing 90 boxes! As a school, we have showed overwhelming kindness and justice. Well done!



## North West Schools' Trampolining

This event had over 400 hopeful high class entrants competing at Robin Park Wigan. Two of our pupils did exceptionally well with Lucy Wright coming 4<sup>th</sup>, just missing out on the next round of the competition, and Daniel Duerden came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Year 11-14 boys event. This means that he competes in the north zonal round which will be held in Belfast in January 2019.



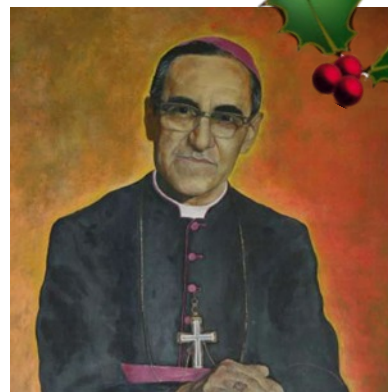
## Saint Oscar Romero

Oscar Romero is one of our school's patron saints, and demonstrated all of our Gospel values throughout his life. He lived in El Salvador and showed kindness by devoting his life to helping the many poor people in the country giving hope to all of these people with all that he did. Oscar Romero showed lots of patience to keep going, despite the rich and powerful people who opposed him.

Romero knew his life was in danger, as others helping him had been assassinated. However, he showed great courage by continuing to help the people of El Salvador. Sadly he was assassinated on the 24<sup>th</sup> March, 1980. But for the people he was helping life then became much better, and therefore justice had been served.

Pope Francis decreed in February 2015 that Romero had died for the Catholic faith, and has declared that Romero was responsible for the miraculous healing of Cecilia Maribel Flores who healed from life threatening complications during pregnancy. As a result of this, Oscar Romero was canonised on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October 2018 and made a Saint of the Catholic Church.

To celebrate this, pupils of Brownedge wrote messages of kindness on Saint Romero post cards, and handed them to people during the week of the canonisation, showing that the Gospel values Oscar Romero showed could be put into practice by all of us.



## Careers Fair

**Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The day began at 12.30pm, with our hopeful students being invited to meet representatives from local colleges, further education providers and businesses, including Leyland Trucks Ltd & BAe Systems. All students fully engaged with the

Experience, and many of the representatives commented on how impressed they were by the thoughtful questions our students asked, and the number of parents who came to support their children after school.



## We Are Reading

We went to Hutton Grammar School on the 7<sup>th</sup> November for Lancashire's We Are Reading inter-school reading quiz. We had pieces of paper we had write the answers to the questions on. We were quizzed on quite a few books, including War Horse, The Graveyard Book, and a Japanese Manga book (you read the book backwards which takes a lot of patience). We all read at least one book each. I read War Horse. We came second by one mark and I won a pen.

By Scarlet Hardman





## Cancer Awareness Day

In our continued support of those dear to us who have suffered from cancer, are currently undergoing cancer treatment, or those who have benefitted from fantastic support from various cancer organisations, we spent Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September raising money for a cancer awareness day, supporting charities that provide that invaluable support for sufferers and their families.

On the day, we hosted a coffee morning for the wider school community and a larger one for all the students. There were cakes galore on sale, entertainment from various students and an exciting game of bingo! In total a staggering amount of £1,275 was raised in less than two hours, showing how generous but also caring our school community is - truly embracing our school mission of loving others. Monies raised will go to Macmillian Cancer Support, Breast Cancer Care, Christies Hospital, CLIC Sargent and Young Minds.



## Boys Football

The Year 11 boys started the season with a hard-fought draw against Priory, and could count themselves a little unlucky not to have pinched a 3-2 win right at the death. Up next came a solid win and performance against a strong Worden side, Brownedge eventually running out 3-1 winners. The 'grudge' match against All Hallows came next, and with a depleted team the lads put up a great fight, but ultimately came up short as they lost 4-3.

In addition to these local fixtures, the team produced a strong run to the ESFA National Cup 4<sup>th</sup> round. The first round saw the Year 11 boys defeat Westholme School. Joel Lloyd (11K) has provided the match report below:

"A good win for the Year 11 boys in the first round of the National Small Schools cup against Westholme saw the team never lose hope and they battled from 1-0 down to win the match 3-2. A good display from the lads during the game with well taken goals from Jack Wachowski (2) and Anthony Gregory. Following a string of impressive results, the boys were drawn against tough opposition from Clitheroe Grammar in the 4<sup>th</sup> round and were defeated 3-1."

The Year 10 boys have endured a mixed start to the season. They beat a good Walton-Le-Dale side at home 3-1 following that with a poor result against Worden, losing 2-0. All Hallows came next and, as usual, provided a stern test for the boys. Losing by two goals heading into the final two minutes the boys showed tremendous courage and determination to nick a draw 2-2. The Year 10 boys also had a decent run to the second round of the ESFA schools cup before succumbing to a very strong Salford side.

The Year 8 boys have started the season extremely well, and, despite an early exit from the ESFA cup to last season's finalists, they have produced some outstanding performances both at home but especially away. In their first game they demolished a good Walton-Le-Dale side away from home 5-1 and quickly followed that up with another brilliant result beating Worden, again away 4-2. Next came another away trip to the Priory and again the boys did not disappoint, scoring some fantastic goals, and playing some outstanding football in an 8-0 win.

## Hope in the Future

Saphena, a Year 8 pupil, represented St Mary's Parish joining Bishop John in phase 2 of Hope In The Future. She presented Bishop John with a picture showing the remarkable things with which our parish is involved. The evening was on 4<sup>th</sup> October, the Feast of St Francis, and is part of Pope Francis' message of building the parish community.





## Children in Need Super Choir

In October, Mr Perkins took a group of students to the world-famous Parr Street Studios in Liverpool. They were part of a 'super choir' of over 300 students who recorded a song to help raise money for Children In Need 2018. The studios, where such groups as The Beatles and Coldplay have recorded albums, told Mr Perkins how impressed they were with the student's professionalism and behaviour; a real testament to the school! Well done, and thank you to the students and Mr Perkins. The track is available on iTunes – 'We Are All Stars'. We hope you have a listen!

**Students involved:** Aimee Rudek, Ruby-Julie Sorrock, Katie Henry, Cassie Blount-McKenna, Alisha Todd, Gabby Michalakakos, Mia Nicholas, Pati Steinauer, Isabelle Evans, Amelia O'Hagan, Giulia Cerquellini, Jack Deacon, Veronika Baljeva, Carly Johnson, Amelia Farrar, James Morris, Natasha Bland, Poppy Parkinson, Nicole Jones, Zoe Brown, Courtney Bishop, Ben Hawkyard, Abigail Warren, Olivia Cowell, Martika Turner, Jess McGrail, Sam Wilson, Josie Ralphson.



## Girls Football

The Year 7 and 8 girls football team played Elton High, Bury in the first round of the cup. It was a challenging game for the girls, but they never gave up hope. Abigail Aspinal and Charlotte Duke worked hard at the back in defence making many solid clearances. In the midfield, Robyn Kelly was outstanding, supported by Kayleigh Adair, Lucy Dolphin and Marina Maricello who worked hard together to try make runs through the oppositions defence. Elton produced an unexpected long range shot to put Brownedge 1-0 behind. Then, just before full time, Martina Maricello (7T) scored an equaliser clinching a draw for Brownedge meaning extra time was required. There were no further goals in extra time and penalties were required. Megan Felton made a number of superb saves helping Brownedge win the shoot-out 3-1.

In the fourth round, the team played in extremely wet conditions against Archbishop Temple of Fulwood, Preston. They stepped up to the challenge but were unfortunately defeated ending their time in the cup.

The girls also played in a 7 a side tournament at Blackburn Rovers. The team comprised of Megan Felton, Abigail Aspinal, Alyssia Lane, Phoebe Henderson, Casey Lomas, Martina Maricello, Robyn Kelly, Lucy Dolphin and Gabriella Michalakakos. The team played well with many showing good performances. The girls achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place, and narrowly lost out to progressing into the very final stages of the tournament.



## Salvation Army Donation

A superb show of support for those of our community around us that need help over the Christmas period came in the form of Mrs Hall's super Salvation Army helpers. Bosco House participated in a reverse Advent. Rather than opening a door and taking a gift from an Advent calendar, pupils brought in gifts in the form of food, for the Salvation Army. Mrs Hall took representatives from Bosco House armed with supplies such as rice, beans, biscuits; in total, approximately 200 items. The kindness that the pupils showed at this time of year was amazing. Pupils showed true inspiration by preparing for Christmas and thinking of others less fortunate than ourselves.





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## Christmas Concert

This year has seen Brownedge St Mary's first Christmas Concert in a number of years. It was a smallish affair, full of Christmas cheer and, more importantly, an opportunity for students to really demonstrate what they have been working on so far this year in front of an audience of supportive family, friend and staff. It was such an enjoyable evening, particularly seeing students who have never performed in front of an audience have courage, and be brave enough to show the progress they have made. A particular mention to the EAEPS group who have been working hard for the last two years and are becoming regular (and very talented) performers at school events, including Open Evening and last year's Prize Night. Congratulations every single one of them on their marvellous performances; for some, the first of many to come! **Students involved:** Poppy Parkinson, Courtney Bishop, Olivia Cowell, Nicole Jones, Abigail Warren, Natasha Bland, Amelia Farrar, Gabriella Michalakakos, Aimee Pearson, Chloe Dutton, Ben Hawkyard, James Morris, Sam Wilson, Jess Mcgrail, Jack Deacon, Carly Johnson, Amelia O'Hagan, Josie Ralphson, Ben Sheene-Thorpe, Nina Walker, Esther Ince, Josh Holland, Harvey Savigar, Brynley Bamford, Will Lambert, Nathan Care, Ben Poole, Chloe Pritchard, Mandy Pritchard.



## Advent Carol Service

Our Advent Carol Service this year focuses on five Gospel Values, reflecting on each of them in turn. It is a service filled with song, dance, drama, scripture and prayer – celebrated by Fr Mark and led by many of our wonderful pupils.

We pray that we will be inspired by the Holy Spirit to live lives full of courage, kindness, patience, justice and hope; and grow closer to Jesus this Christmas by doing so.

## St Catherine's Hospice

We support a vast array of charities, but one we hold close to our hearts is St Catherine's Hospice. A variety of fundraising activities have taken place over the advent period, including a Christmas Jumper Day, a staff karaoke performance and Santa sports tournaments. The total is still being counted as we go to print, however, it currently stands at £1,460. A huge thank you to all pupils, staff and parents involved for their kindness and generosity.



# Happy Christmas to you all

School reopens on

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 8.50 am

