

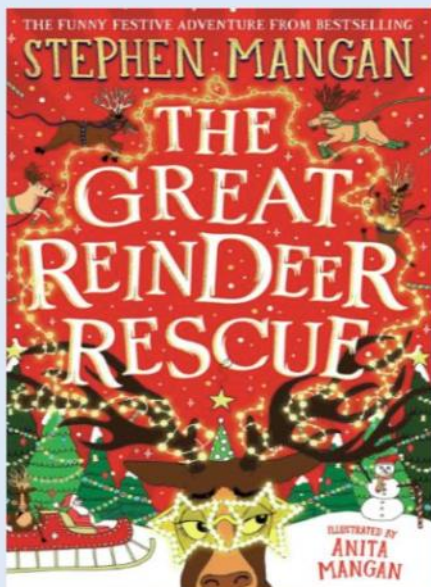


School Bulletin



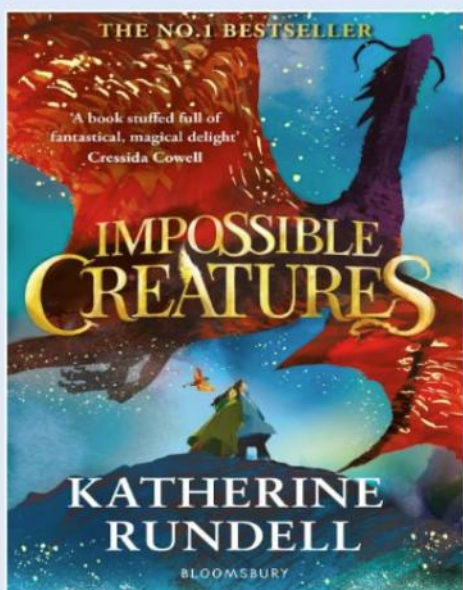
Recommend Reads

Yr6 Recommended Read



It's Christmas Eve and one of Santa's reindeers, Dave, is FED UP. He's stuck behind boastful Rudolph again and a fart-in-the-face is the LAST STRAW. In the commotion, Santa crash lands on the roof of nine-year-old Holly's home causing an almighty Christmas lights explosion that blasts the reindeers to far-flung corners of the Earth. It's up to Dave and Holly to fly round the world to rescue all the reindeers. Can Holly and Dave get all the reindeers back to Santa to SAVE CHRISTMAS? This funniest festive adventure is a must-read spin on *The Night Before Christmas*. From the bestselling creator of *The Fart That Changed the World* and *Escape the Rooms*.

Yr7&8 Recommended Read



The day Christopher saved a drowning baby griffin from a hidden lake would change his life forever. It's the day he learned about the Archipelago, a cluster of unmapped islands where magical creatures of every kind have thrived for thousands of years—until now. And it's the day he met Mal, a girl on the run who desperately needs his help. Mal and Christopher embark on a wild adventure, racing from island to island, searching for someone who can explain why the magic is fading and why magical creatures are suddenly dying. They consult sphinxes, battle kraken, and negotiate with dragons. But the closer they get to the dark truth of what's happening, the clearer it becomes: no one else can fix this. If the Archipelago is to be saved, Mal and Christopher will have to do it themselves.

Christmas Concert

A huge congratulations to all students who performed in the Christmas concert on Monday night. This annual extravaganza, featuring over 100 of our very talented students, featured performances by the Pop Choir, Wind Band, String Ensemble and Guitar Ensemble as well as a hilarious pantomime '10-minute Cinderella' performed by the Year 7 drama club. A number of students performed instrumental or vocal solos and the night also featured a number of our rock bands. A huge well done to all performers! A full album of videos and a video highlights reel will be uploaded to our Facebook page next week.



Goodbye Miss Chappell

After 13 years teaching at Scissett Middle School, we say an enormous thankyou and goodbye to Miss Chappell, who is moving on after 13 years as our fantastic violin teacher as she is leaving Musica Kirklees to pursue an exciting new chapter working with Guide Dogs. As well as nurturing countless young violinists in her time at SMS she also has directed our string ensemble, leading them through a huge number of concerts and tours. She is adored by her students and will be a huge loss. Thank you for everything Miss Chappell, and good luck!



Dance Club






A huge well done to Dance Club who rocked it earlier this month at the Shelley Pyramid Dance Festival with a routine choreographed to 'Born To Hand Jive'. This fantastic annual event celebrates dance from across the Shelley pyramid of schools, from reception to Year 13. A huge thanks to our awesome dance teacher Amélie. If your child is interested in joining dance club after Christmas, as we start working towards our next performance at the Lawrence Batley Theatre please email mosborne@themast.co.uk. All abilities and experiences welcome!



Computing Typing Contest

All pupils took part in a whole school typing contest this term. This is designed to allow pupils to improve their typing skills and keep track of their scores (and improvement) throughout the term.

Congratulations to the winners. The top 5 winners out of 594 pupils:

Winner		Leah A	8TF	141
2nd place		Ewan B	8AC	136
3rd place		Chloe V	7AG	120
4th place		Jacob S	7RJ	116
5th place		Freya K	8HR	105

Performing Arts department

The Performing Arts department have a busy but exciting final week at Scissett Middle with a number of events to look forward to:

- On Tuesday morning Year 8 will enjoy a performance by the Musica Kirklees Staff Rock Band
- On Wednesday afternoon the Pop Choir will be visiting local nursing homes to perform for residents
- On Thursday morning Year 6 will enjoy a performance by the Musica Kirklees Staff Orchestra
- On Friday morning Year 7 will be visiting Barnsley Civic Theatre to watch a hilarious pantomime, Sleeping Beauty!

Please be sure to check future bulletins or our school Facebook page for posts, photos and videos of these fantastic events!

Geography Christmas Tree

Miss Ramshaw says a HUGE thank you to all that contributed to her Geography Christmas Tree. It has been brought to life with the amazing baubles collected and designed by our students. Each bauble represents a different place, landscape or feature from around the world, turning the tree into a colourful celebration of global geography. The pupils' creativity has made it a real highlight of the season and an amazing reminder of the world we explore together.



Macmillan Coffee Morning - Thank you!

Please see a message from Macmillan Cancer Support about our fundraising efforts earlier this term for them.

A HUGE thank you for our ongoing support with Coffee Morning once again this year! I'm absolutely blown away to see you have raised an incredible £3,176 – wow. Just for some context, that could pay for a Macmillan Nurse for just over 2 weeks, helping people living with cancer and their families receive essential medical, practical and emotional support.

This also takes your fundraising total to a WHOPPING £7,911.88.

Thank you so much again – we couldn't do it without you!

Macmillan Cancer Support



Winter Woollies Day

We are again working with the charity 'Mission Christmas - Cash for Kids' which aims to ensure that as many as possible of the disadvantaged children in the West Yorkshire area are able to enjoy Christmas. **For this event we have made a payment item on ParentPay for you to make any contribution of £1 or more.**

Pupils may pay £1+ to wear a different jumper to replace their usual school jumper with all proceeds going to Mission Christmas. This may be a Christmas jumper but that is entirely optional. Alternatively, they may wear a woolly hat or scarf.

Please note that this is not a dress differently day, pupils must wear their full school uniform apart from the jumper, hat or scarf.

The charity aims to provide gifts for children from birth to 18 years. We are unable to accept gift donations directly however, B&M Bargains and other participating stores (see below) will be accepting any donations up to Thursday 18 December 2024. The gifts must be brand new and should not be wrapped.

You can find details of the collection points and pay any additional donation at:

<https://cashforkids.org.uk/mission>

Thank you for your continued support.

The 'Current Living in Kirklees' (CliK) 2025 Survey

The 'Current Living in Kirklees' (CliK) 2025 Survey is how Kirklees Council finds out what life is really like for local families, and the results shape services including housing and education. They would be grateful if our families would complete the survey below:

Survey link: <https://survey.zohopublic.eu/zs/LsEF6r>

The survey is confidential, takes around 20 minutes, and anyone who takes part will be entered into a draw to **win a £150 voucher!** Find out more about the survey and the difference it will make here: <https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/information-and-data/current-living-in-kirklees-survey.aspx>

Message from Mrs Onnis

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we fast approach the festive season, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support throughout the first full term of the academic year.

We hope the holiday period is filled with peace and happiness for all. May you have a restful break and spend time making wonderful memories with your loved ones.

On behalf of the entire school community, we wish you and your family a very **Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.**

We look forward to welcoming the children back in January!

Warm regards,

Mrs R. Onnis



Attachments

Please see the three important documents attached to this email.

Dates For The Diary

Friday 19th December - Year 7 Pantomime Trip

- School Closes for Christmas holidays

Monday 5th January - School re-opens following Christmas holidays