



THE TRINFORMER

Returning to Reality

NEXT WEEK WILL BE WEEK

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"Be not afraid"

Hope, Compassion, Forgiveness

Many of our readings during the acts of worship this half term come from St Mark's Gospel. It is agreed that this book was the first to be written some 30 to 40 years after Jesus's Resurrection, so around 65 - 75 of the Common Era (which used to be called Anno Domini – the year of Our Lord) even though it appears as the 2nd book of The New Testament. This theory was first proposed by a theologian with the great name of Gottlob Christian Storr in 1786. He came to this conclusion due to several clues in the text itself. In chapter 13 verse 2, Mark refers to the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem which occurred in 70 CE during the war between the Jews and the Romans which happened in the years between 66-74. Indeed that whole chapter is often referred to as The Little Apocalypse, because Mark paints such a vivid picture of the end of time itself when Jesus will come again. My favourite story about the author of Mark's Gospel is the following verse:

"A certain young man was following him, (Jesus) wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked". (Mark 14, 51)

It is possible that this young man was Mark himself; but, if you will forgive the dreadful joke, there is more to this story than meets the eye! If it was Mark himself, then that would be John Mark to give him his Jewish and Roman name. His mother lived in Jerusalem (Acts 12.12) and it is possible that the disciples and Jesus were staying at her house during the Passover in Jerusalem. As the verse about this young man occurs as Jesus is being betrayed by Judas and arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane. All the disciples run away and abandon Jesus and so does this young man.

The word for 'linen cloth' is 'sindon' from an unknown language and Mark's Gospel only uses this word here and in few other places, that reveals the depths of meaning given to this piece of cloth. The linen cloth/sindon, specifically refers to burial of a body. So its use is all about shame, nakedness and ultimately resurrection.

Mark tells us nothing about the birth and early life of Jesus. He starts with "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God" Then, Mark introduces us to John the Baptist who we know was a prophet because he dressed like one...Camel hair, leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. John the Baptist called people to repent and prepare for the coming of Jesus. Then, as now, your clothing can be seen to make big statements about who you are really underneath the 'coverings'. People were excited by John's appearance and entreaties to them to change their ways.

The Transfiguration is told in Mark's Gospel chapter 9. Jesus takes Peter, James and John up a high mountain by themselves and Jesus is transfigured before them. His clothes become dazzling white, beyond the capacity of human bleach. Jesus speaks with Moses and Elijah and out of the clouds God says "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"

You can be sure that the disciples did as they were told! In Mark 15. 46 Joseph of Arimathea buys some linen cloth (sindon) and wraps Jesus's body in it to bury Him. This Joseph was a leader of the synagogue, who came to Jesus at night, in secret because he wanted to understand Jesus's teaching. It was brave of him, to lay claim to the body and bury it with due care and attention.

Then, in 16. 5 Remember that Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James and Salome had gone to the tomb early on the Sunday morning (Jewish Sabbath is our Saturday) to pay their respects one last time, and were wondering who would move the heavy stone for them. They found it moved and 'a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here, Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you..."

However, the women were so terrified that they fled and 'they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.'

That is where Mark's Gospel ends...

So hopefully, we can make the connections that this simple piece of cloth defines. Then as now to be naked was the essence of shame. So the young man running from the scene of the arrest of Jesus, was, if you like doubly shamed. Imagine if the disciples, with Jesus had been staying at his mum's house. He may have wandered after them to see what was occurring and been terrified when the mob arrived. Seeing the other disciples flee he may well have run for his life, thinking this is not how this was supposed to turn out!

The risen hope that lies within all of us here at Trinity, shows how even small insignificant things can promise better things to come. From shame and ignominy to glorious resurrection light, beyond human understanding is available to us all.

Rev Ali Healy

Wellbeing

DIVERSITY WEEK

21st-25th June is School Diversity Week.

CRANGE THE WORLD BY BEING YOURSELF!

This is when we celebrate not only our differences but also the fact that we are all human. We are all unique!

Irrespective of who you love, how you identify, how you dress, we can ALL be KIND. We can ALL be an LGBT+ Ally (a friend or supporter). Change the world by being yourself!

Next week, there will be various activities in lessons and Acts of Worship which will allow everyone to gain a better understanding of the things that make us...US!

Let's Talk...

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE'S EMOTIONAL WELLBEING

An event for parents and care givers of young people aged 11+ in Bexley. Hear from health professionals and service experts and find out about the support, advice and resources available in the borough.

Monday 21st June 2021
7.00pm – 8.30pm
On Zoom

The NHS, along with children and young people's service professionals and experts from Bexley Voluntary Service Council (BVSC), Bexley Moorings, Kooth and Bexley Voice, would like to bring parents and care givers in Bexley a free online event focussing on the emotional wellbeing of children and young people aged 11+.

This event is for anyone who is concerned about the emotional wellbeing of a young person or people aged 11+, and wants to know where to go for support, advice and find out what resources are available to them locally.

Book your FREE place [HERE](#)

THE LIBRARY All of your favourite books. Why not take a look!

Accelerated Reader update
The competition is hotting up for the first Trinity Word Millionaire!
Xavier is currently heading up the leader board on the number of words read, but he has some serious competition hot on his tail!

Xavier (7A1), is still out in front with 889,526 words, but only just!

Medha (7B1), is close behind him with 883,298 words.

There are two more pupils who have been moving up the ranks and are on target to catch Medha and Xavier up if they keep on Reading and quizzing!

Zowie and Riley (7A1). Keep up the amazing work you guys! I didn't think we would get a word Millionaire this year with all the disruption, now there are 4 pupils competing for the title of Word Millionaire!! I wonder who it will be?

So far, Year 7 pupils have read over 8,686,907 words and taken over 500 quizzes. **7B1** have passed the most quizzes. Well done everyone who has been quizzing. You are Amazing!

Visiting the Library
Don't forget, that with the changes to bubbles and the timetable reverting back to five lessons a day, the library will once again be open to students before and after school. This will continue to be one year group access at a time.
These are the times you will be able to come to the library to do your homework, print, collect your book reservations, reserve books, take AR quizzes (Yr7), or just read and chill out for a while.

Back by popular demand!
Lego Club is on a Tuesday, after school until the end of term for year 7 pupils.

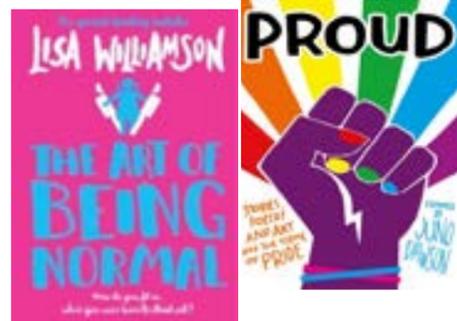
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8.00-8.45	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
12.25-1.00	Y6 & 7	Y7 & 8	Y9 & 10	Y11 & 12
1.20-2.00	YEAR 6	YEAR 7	YEAR 8 WK 2	YEAR 7
1.30-4.00	YEAR 6	LEGO CLUB	YEAR 9	YEAR 10

It will be nice to see more of you! Unfortunately, for the time being the existing restrictions on browsing due to the need to quarantine books is still in place. However, students and staff can still borrow books by reserving them on line.

Don't Know what to read next?
There are a number of reading lists available on the [Library catalogue](#) which you can browse instead of the book shelves. The most recent of which was compiled by 8AC1 this week of

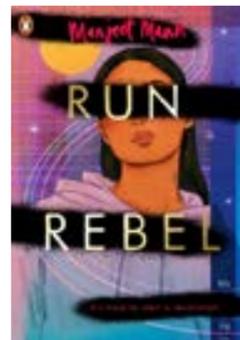


Reading with Pride
June is Pride month and to celebrate this and School Diversity Week the library has a brand new display of books to share. It is surprising how much we can learn from reading fiction. Tolerance, empathy and understanding are just a few.
Here are some of the books you can borrow from the library. Check out the full LGBT+ reading list on the [Library catalogue](#).



Harry Potter Quiz
To celebrate the postponed Harry Potter Night, the library will be holding a quiz at lunchtime on the **24th June**. Start time 1.30. Year 7 & 8 pupils welcome. Please book your team table ASAP. Want to get warmed up or, test your knowledge...
Take the [First Year Hermione Granger Quiz](#). We are looking forward to seeing you and having lots of fun!

Shadowing the Carnegie Book Award
We have been eagerly awaiting the announcement of the winning book this week, but in the mean time we have voted for our own favourite: **Run Rebel** by Manjeet Mann. A compelling and emotive verse novel about a young girl defining her place in the world which sensitively explores themes of bullying and domestic abuse . . . a powerful read.



Hot off the press!
The winner of the shadowers award, chosen by all of the pupils around the country reading and voting for their favourite book is...
Run Rebel

Bethany, year 8, says...
"This book is probably the most interesting book I've read by far. The story is definitely original and since it takes part in London, I can definitely relate to it much more. Its intriguing and engaging."

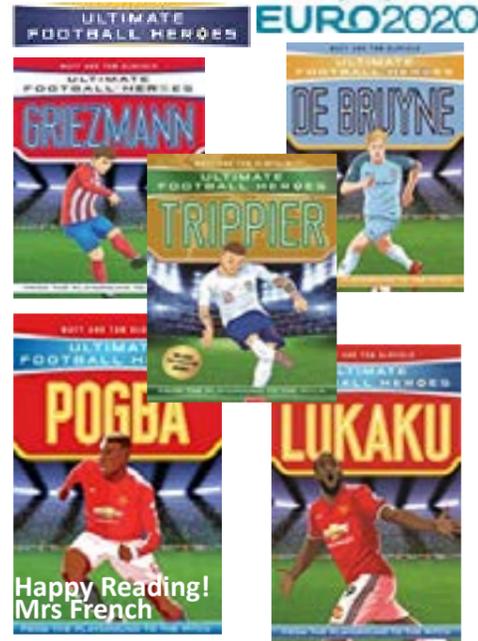
The Carnegie Award winner 2021 is...
Hot off the press!
This ingenious frame story is made up of ten short stories which take place on a walk home from school. With out adults on the walk, we get to see each child's personality shine and feels intimate as though the stories are being relayed directly to the reader. Stories stand-alone but also have clever interconnections.

Find out more about this award winning book <https://carnegiegreenaway.org.uk/books/look-both-ways/>.

You can also listen to the Jason Reynolds talking about his book too.

You can also find out more about the other shortlisted books [here](#).

Euro 2020
Are you Football mad?
Why not check out some of the brand new books available to borrow from the library now. Here are just a few!



Happy Reading!
Mrs French

Rights Respecting School



World Refugee Day: 20th June

What is it?

World Refugee Day is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. It falls each year on June 20 and celebrates the strength and courage of people who have been forced to flee their home country to escape conflict or persecution.

World Refugee Day is an occasion to build empathy and understanding for their plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives.



Article 22 (refugee children)
If a child is seeking refugee or has refugee status, governments must provide them with appropriate protection and assistance to help them enjoy all the rights in the Convention. Governments must help refugee children who are separated from their parents to be reunited with them.

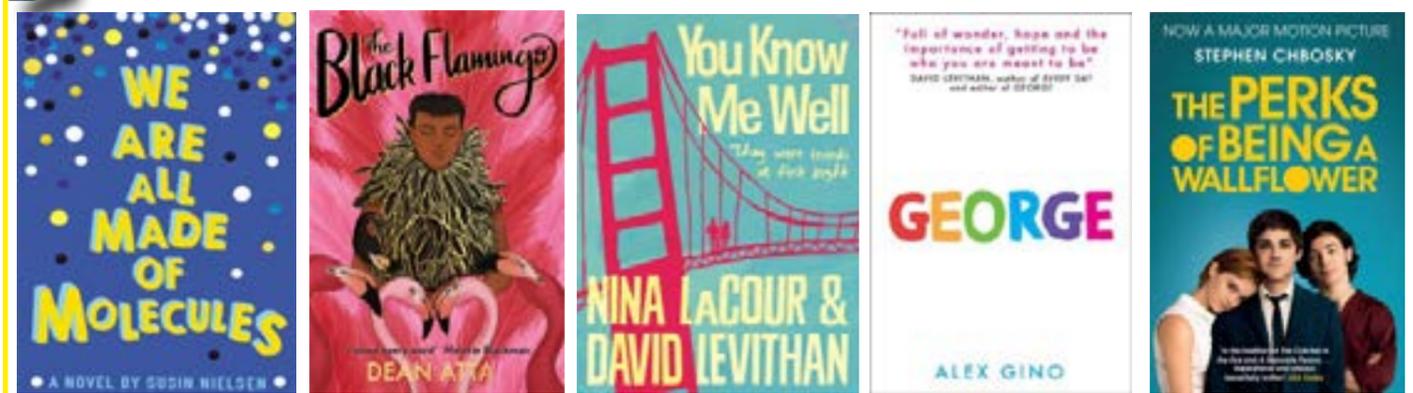


Article 10 (family reunification)
Governments must respond quickly and sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live together in the same country. If a child's parents live apart in different countries, the child has a right to visit and keep in contact with both of them.



Polite Reminder!
If you have an overdue library book, please remember to return it as soon as possible. Others may be waiting to borrow it!

Some more titles from the diversity book list



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