



NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year!

As a Church school, our pupils have an Act of Worship every day, whether it be as a Year group or a Tutor group. We also have a reflection in the afternoon. As part of these sessions, we will say at least one prayer a day.

We would like to offer pupils and parents the chance to write a prayer to be part of our Trinity Prayer Book; something, which we can refer to when we are gathering for a moment of stillness. This can be done anonymously or named, and will help focus the minds of our children on what is important in our lives and give them encouragement to be the best that they can be.

If you would like to write a prayer for us, then please email it to reception@trinity.bexley.sch.uk or send a copy in with your child to pass directly to me by Friday 31st January.

Mrs Siney

Chapel News

At six minutes past 10 approximately on Monday 6th January 2020 I knew that we were well and truly back because the fire alarm went off! It was freezing out there, but I was very impressed with the swift reaction by all. We can rest assured that should a real emergency occur all will be well! Perhaps a bit of a metaphor for our times don't you think? For of course, who knows if given the crisis in our world today whether all would be well? We can only speculate and hope. As Hope is one of our values here at Trinity School, what we do know is that all our pupils and staff are consistently trying to expound those values by continually asking, "How then do we live?" and with the addendum "How then do we live with God working with us and through us?"

As Mr Godden was pointing out to our year groups this last week, we do tend to think of Christmas being 'All Wrapped Up' when in fact it is anything but. Oh, we may have handed out the presents, put away the decorations and made resolutions (and perhaps even broken them already!); but of course the 6th January starts the season of Epiphany. In some Christian traditions, depending on which official calendar they use, the 6th is the main celebration of Christmas itself. Our tradition is to celebrate the coming of the three wise men with their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. We do not know that there were three of them, or indeed whether they were all men; however, this tradition about them has arisen because of the gifts that they brought and that it would be more likely that they would be able to move around more freely as men. Gold for a King, Frankincense for a Priest King or Deity and Myrrh most commonly used to embalm the bodies of the dead. This last we now know looks forward to the crucifixion. Whatever though would Mary His mother have made of these gifts and the visitors themselves? We see so many beautiful paintings depicting this well-known story, indeed even the whole Christmas story itself that the true revolutionary power behind it can be lost.

The true meaning of the Epiphany is the revelation of God through Jesus to *all people*. The belief that all non-Jewish people were also included in God's love and plans for redemption for the whole world. That, although God was, is and remains the God of Israel, the rest of us are now also included. This is indeed such a generous gift of grace that it can be beyond our comprehension. If we take a step back a moment and consider, we can see how the over-abundant generosity of God's love for us all has to start somewhere. It can be revealed in the most mundane aspects of life, amongst the most ordinary of people, just as well as in the pomp and circumstance of the saintliest saints, the kingliest

kings and the holiest of the holy! Indeed this is precisely the story of Christmas and Epiphany. The Kings came to fall at the feet, joyfully of a peasant couple, refugees who were about to flee to Egypt to save their child from Herod's murderous wrath. The symbolism of the gifts is not spoiled by the fact that the gifts would have been incredibly practical as well. If you were fleeing for your life, you would need some gold or some sort of bargaining matter! Frankincense was sweet smelling and today is used in churches as Incense to make the buildings smell nice and to rise like prayers to God. You would need sweet smells and prayers to God, again, if you were fleeing through terrible conditions for your life. Likewise, Myrrh had other uses apart from embalming dead bodies. It could be used to soothe the skin, just the thing for a delicate newborn baby. It was also just the job for soothing teething gums. What could be more practical and helpful for the toddler that Jesus was to become whilst fleeing persecution! This then helps us to look for God in the everyday...to paraphrase one of the most irritating adverts in the history of adverts! Look for God's presence all around you, every day and may you all continue to be blessed by his presence surrounding you.

Rev Ali S. J. Healy

Week 1	ACTS OF WORSHIP			SPORT	PERFORMING ARTS
	Main Hall	Dining Hall	Westminster		
Mon	Year 7 & 8	Year 10			
Tue		Year 8	Year 12 & 13	Year 9 Girls Netball (Away) Year 7 Basketball (Away)	Year 11 Music Revision in Room 612 (Lunchtime)
Wed	Year 11, 12 & 13	Year 7	Year 10	Year 8 & 9 Netball (Away) Year 7 Basketball (Away) Year 9 Basketball (Home)	Music Club in Room 102 (After School)
Thu	Year 7 & 8	Year 9	Year 11	Year 7 Basketball Tournament (Home)	School Choir in Room 612 (Before School) GCSE Dance Revision in Room 101 (Lunchtime)
Fri	Year 9 & 10		Year 11		





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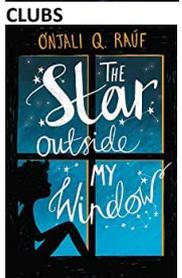
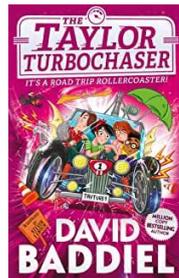
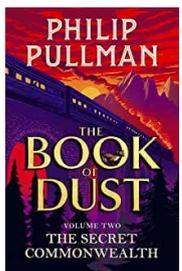
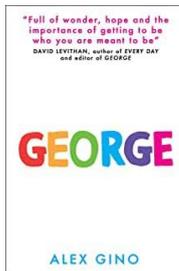
Library News

Welcome to a new term, a new year and a new decade!

I hope you all had an opportunity to read a good book over the holidays. I finally got round to reading The Book of Dust trilogy by Philip Pullman, which was great! It is the prequel to the Dark Materials Series. So if you have been watching the BBC adaptation over the Christmas holidays, you may want to get stuck into the Book of Dust too. It comes highly recommended by Mrs Patten too!

NEW BOOKS FOR THE NEW YEAR!

Here are just a few of the new books available to borrow:



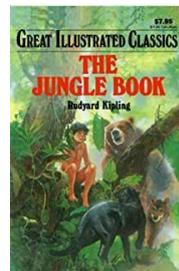
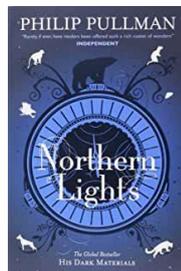
Origami Club Monday and Lego Club Tuesday after school. All welcome. Come and join the fun!

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS

If you borrowed a book before the Christmas Holiday and have not returned/renewed it yet, then the book is now overdue. Please return it/them to the library as soon as possible. Don't forget, others could be waiting to read it/them!

7B3 RECOMMEND

Last term during one of their Library lessons, 7B3 wrote down their favourite books that they would recommend to their friends following a discussion about choosing books to read. I will be creating a list for each class over the coming year, so if you are wondering what to read next, keep an eye out for further recommendations.





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WORD OF THE WEEK

Literacy for learning

How can you use it in every lesson?



Munificent

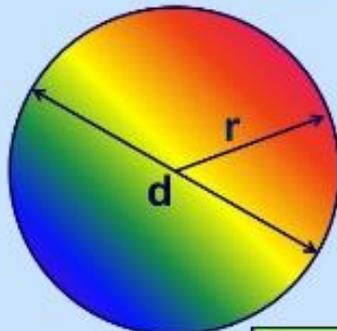
Munificent (adjective): a very generous or bountiful person; lavish. Characterised by great liberality or generosity. *Despite Year 11 not submitting their coursework on time, Mrs Siney showed her **munificent** nature and gave them an extension to the deadline.*

Related forms: **munificence** (noun); **munificently** (adverb).

Vocabulary Building: The Foundations of the Pathway to Academic Excellence

FORMULA OF THE WEEK

Area of a Circle



$$A = \pi r^2$$

$$\pi = 3.142\dots$$

d = diameter of the circle

r = radius of the circle

