



# St Benedict's Newsletter



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**YEAR 7 GEOGRAPHY** students have recently started a new topic about Earth's history. Students have been learning about how life on Earth began from 2 million years ago to the present day. Daniel Allen in 7D brought in a surprise for the class... an 80 million year old Mosasaurus tooth. This species of dinosaur was from the late Cretaceous period. A fantastic way to start the topic, the whole class was amazed by Dan's Dino facts!



**MAX GILBERT** in 7B challenged himself and raised money for Children in Need by doing a 12 hour sponsored silence! Despite having all his lessons including Music where he mimed his way through the songs... Max completed his challenge raising a whopping £105 in total and would like to say a big thank you to all his teachers and classmates who showed their support for his fundraiser.

**CLASSCHARTS** We will soon be launching our new software, 'ClassCharts', for recording pupil behaviour and will be publicising this to students during assemblies on Wednesday and Thursday, 5 and 6 December. This is a fantastic system that will enable us to monitor student behaviour, both positive and negative, in a very proactive fashion. It will also help us to use technology to communicate with parents through the ClassCharts Parent App available for download on all smartphones or through automated emails that will notify you of positive and negative behaviour incidents and of any detentions that have been set for your child.

We will be sending out a letter to all parents with details of how to access their child's behaviour information via the app or website in due course. We believe that 'ClassCharts' will be an incredibly powerful tool to help support the behaviour of your child at St Benedict's so that they can achieve their full potential.

**SCHOOL BUSES** We have received a notice from Warwickshire County Council to remind any students using transport services that they must have their bus pass with them and show it to the driver when they alight the service in order to travel. If students do not have their bus pass they will not be allowed to travel.



**CHRISTMAS IN THE LIBRARY** has begun this week with Colour Me Christmas Tree – we currently have a Christmas Tree made from different Christmas themed colouring sheets for students to fill in when they are in the library outside of lesson times. Coming soon will be the Great Grinch Hunt.....see the next newsletter for more on this.

**CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS AND DISPLAYS** For the last few weeks students using the library during lunch times and after school have been busy making decorations for the library from old, damaged books. We have salvaged as many pages from the books as possible and have upcycled them into Christmas bunting and star decorations for the various Christmas displays in the library. We have also been busy doing some book folding, again using old, damaged books and have turned them into Christmas tree books. Thank you to all of the students who have helped with this.



**WARWICKSHIRE STUDENT LIBRARIAN OF THE YEAR** Congratulations to Ethan Holliday who has won the Warwickshire Student Librarian of the Year Award for 2019. He shares the prize with a Student Librarian from a school in Polesworth. The panel judging the entries could not separate the two so decided they would have a joint award this year. Ethan worked incredibly hard on his application and his award is well deserved. Well done Ethan!

**STAFF VACANCY** St Mary's Catholic Primary School in Evesham are looking to recruit 2 cleaners to work 2 hours per day, 3:30 – 5:30pm, starting in January. If you are interested please call the office on 01386446748 or email [office@stmarysrc.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@stmarysrc.worcs.sch.uk)



**CONGRATULATIONS** to Esmee Beattie in Year 7 and Evie Lowe in Year 10 for their recent success in the National Jump Rope Masters and Team championships held in Stratford upon Avon. Esmee competed as a Junior in the 12-14 age category in team and individual events and amassed an amazing 9 medals (6 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze). Evie moved up to the Seniors this year and at 14 made her debut in the 15-19 age category, she only competed in the 3 individual events but won 2 golds and 1 silver, topping her age group and also winning a bronze medal for the all round senior skipper.



**OUR ARTS AMBASSADORS PROGRAM** launched back in September. The team have been working very hard and are almost ready, to make their mark and kick-start their fundraising campaign. They hope to bring you some festive cheer through a 'Christmas Fete with a creative edge', next Friday 7 December. The team are looking to raise funds for creative equipment and experiences in school, for ALL! The event is shaping up to be an exciting one, with support from the Sixth Form Young Enterprise and Inspire2B groups and the main school Library. On top of all this, we are thrilled to announce that we will be welcoming the secretary of state for Digital Media, Culture and Sport in the afternoon. Enquiries to [harrison.a4@st-benedicts.org](mailto:harrison.a4@st-benedicts.org) or TWEET US @ #stbensfestivefringe

**YEAR 12 YOUNG ENTERPRISE** Our students will be selling their gifts at the Christmas Market at Coughton Court tomorrow. If you're passing, please pop in and see them to do some Christmas shopping.

**REMINDER** Parents or carers may drop students off in the car park until 8.15 am. After this time, the car park becomes very busy with buses, so we would ask students to be dropped off safely elsewhere.

8.00 Students may arrive in school, through visitor reception. Students should remain in the main school hall, or playground and the PE toilets will be open.

8.15 The dinner hall is officially open for breakfast, and the school gates will be opened.

8.30 Staff on duty – whole school open

Once students come in through the school gate, they must not leave until the end of the day. For example they must not get off the bus and go over to the shop.

After School - Students normally leave school at 3.35pm. If they are staying for a club, they must go straight to the club. They must not leave the site and then return. If students catch a bus from inside the school grounds, they must not leave the school site and then come back to catch the bus. Parents or carers must not collect students by car from inside the gates until after 4pm.

Mobile phones are not permitted at any time within the school gates.

**Dates for your Diary**

Friday 7 December	Festive Fringe
Wednesday 12 December	Carol Service 5pm
Friday 21 December	End of Term
Monday 7 January	INSET Day (students not in School)
Tuesday 8 January	Term Begins

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