

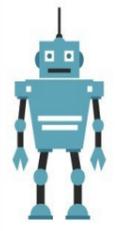
# MERRY CHRISTMAS

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## Note from the Editor and Writing Team

Welcome to the first edition of Sandal Castle Primary School's Newspaper. We have collected articles from our talented writers about areas of the curriculum and world around us which inspire us or motivate us to take social action. Our Sports Correspondents explain how to keep active in a world where it is easy to stay on our bottoms and our Music Correspondent lists their top

ten picks for this year as we look forward to 2019. Others articles include our thoughts on Reading in school, what it is like to be a local Muslim and who on earth is stealing all of the Blu-Tack around school? On a more serious note- our Political Correspondents write passionate articles about animal welfare and look back at Black History Month to see how we can

make a change in the world around us as well as Christmas at school. You are in for a good read! Mrs Waddington, Kerys, Inaaya, Dan, Tymon, Musa, Frankie, Lydia, Mia, Kudzai, Alfie, Luke and Alexis.



## Help the Homeless Help us Fight against the Cold Death

Since temperatures are lowering, the Wakefield Baptist Church has been setting up their homeless shelter for the winter. 6FW has been collecting coats for the homeless people to stay

warm. If you can bring in your old coats, bring them to 6FW-we would be very grateful. We take a carload full of coats and warm jumpers every week and they are distributed to the peo-

ple who need them the most. Musa, Caitlin and Siena helped to take the coats to CAP (Community Awareness Programme) on Monday. Continue reading on page 2.



### Who is the mysterious Blu-tack fairy?

Staff and children have noticed that around school, Blu-tack is going missing from displays and we have come to the conclusion that we must have a Blu-tack fairy thief amongst our ranks. We have our suspicions but would ask whoever it is, please to leave the Blue-tac well and truly alone!

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Help the Homeless continued...

Also we have been collecting food products for the Reverse Advent Calendar. Although St Helen's have already collected the majority of the items, 6FW are still donating anything brought in to CAP in Wakefield so bring any spare items to 6FW which families could use over Christ-

mas. Lots of people (especially young people) are out on the street this Christmas so please help. Last Friday 6FW went to the homeless shelter to learn about the homeless people on the streets and how we can help them. It is real and it is happening on our doorstep- join our campaign!



### Animal Cruelty- Why does it Matter?

As part of our work towards a better future for our planet, we have been learning about issues affecting wildlife and animals near and far.

Animal cruelty comes under two categories: neglect and intentional. Neglect means that humans don't provide the right care for animals. Intentional means that humans use physical harm against animals.

#### How to help

- Donate
- Report
- Raise money
- Adopt
- Foster

We have an insight in to fight against animal cruelty with two

passionate vegans working in school. Here is an interview with Mrs Wadsworth and Mrs Waddington.

#### What does it mean to be a vegan?

##### **Mrs Wadsworth**

To be a vegan, I believe you are determined and kind and that you value all creatures the same as yourself and have hope for a future of peace and harmony.

##### **Mrs Waddington**

Being a vegan to me means that I am not contributing or supporting any form of animal cruelty: I am living cruelty free. I can't be aware of animal suffering and not do anything about it, this is one way I can make a stand.

#### Why do you Care about the animals so much?

##### **Mrs Wadsworth**

I believe that all creatures have a right to be happy and free. I've always felt a strong connection to animals since being a little girl. Animals are very forgiving even after not being treated particularly well.

##### **Mrs Waddington**

Animals are intelligent creatures that feel joy, comfort, pain and suffering as well as fear. Humans take advantage of them and I want to be their voice.

## Year 3/4 Christmas productions 2018/19

I loved the Year Three and Four production - it was amazing! I noticed that a lot of the children were smiling, which made the performance even better! The children were also very enthusiastic and looked like they were really enjoying doing the concert. They were great at acting and they remembered their parts- they used humour and expression to engage the audience. Props were professional and there were some absolutely amazing costumes! They were singing loudly and even people at the back could hear them, it sounded really good and I was really proud of them all, their singing gave us all goose bumps and we wanted to dance along! They sang like

there was no tomorrow! What's more, they did really good sign language to accompany their singing in Silent Night. What a wonderful skill to showcase! The songs were enjoyable and had a lot of groovy beats- but still related to the story of Jesus. Even though on one of the songs there were technical issues, they kept on singing and sounded amazing, we could hear their beautiful voices ringing out clearly. They were doing very funky dancing and that made the songs feel so much more fun. It really got me into the Christmas spirit and there was a really good recreation of the birth of Jesus. They sounded amazing even without music. It was outstanding, I would recommend a





# Year 2 Christmas Concert

The Year Two Concert was an amazing experience. It was really sweet to see all of the children singing so beautifully and working hard to produce such a wonderful performance. The props were very good and we liked the design on stage- it helped us to understand the story behind the songs. Action and hand gestures were cre-

ative and enthusiastic; the Year Two children were expressive. The outfits were adorable and brought the show alive. The music and singing made the show a real hit. Our Year Twos are certainly confident, wonderful readers-we could hear their readings loud and clear. Most of all, it was wonderful to hear such beautiful singing-



## How does it feel to be a vegan?

### Mrs Wadsworth

Being vegan can be challenging as many people don't understand or agree with the reasons why.

I also feel proud and have learnt many new things since turning vegan.

### Mrs Waddington

I know that I am not contributing to any form of animal cruelty or suffering by being a vegan - I just wish I could do more.

We wanted to know why it is such an important decision for their life because to be a vegan it means not eating anything from an animal.

### Endangered animals.

Orang-utans are losing their homes to make way for palm oil plantations. Palm oil is in 50% of our products found in local supermarkets because it is cheaper than other oils to

produce. However, this cost saving comes at a very high price for wildlife. Orang-utans live in rainforests/forests, so their homes and lives are destroyed.



Polar Bears are endangered because of global warming which affects their natural habitat. Other threats to polar bears are pollution, poaching and unregulated hunting. If global warming continues, Polar Bears will become extinct.



Because of this happening, 6FW wanted to do something to help, so for Golden Time we

have made miniature Polar Bears using recyclable materials so we can send them off to a competition to win the adoption of an endangered Polar Bear. In addition, we have adopted an Orang-utan and the WWF is going to update us with how he is getting on. We feel strongly that it is our duty to protect animals, wildlife and our environment. As a school, we are taking a stand and will work hard to raise awareness about issues affecting the wildlife and therefore children of our future.

Written by Kerys Concannon and Mia Irving.

Models made by Caitlin, Siena, Kerys, Mia, Uchechi, Inaaya and Tinashe.



## **Tackling Racism in Black History Month**

Year 6 have been learning about how racism shaped the society in America and how recent government decisions in the States have caused us some concern about a return to some really quite unacceptable attitudes and behaviours towards non-white people in

America.

This article reviews how Black History Month was marked in school. We have included a persuasive speech written by Alexis as a reaction to racism against black people in America in the past. Read it and see how you feel about it. But be-

fore we do that, let's consider: How do you feel about black history? It is very interesting to learn about how black people have helped shape our world. We are going to tell you about it. Did you know about Martin Luther King? Do you know what he did?



### How is this fair?

If you have read about Black History, the one thing that stands out is the campaign for 'whites only'. It has been a very big issue in America and remains a big issue. If you know about Rosa Parks, you will know that she stood up for her rights. There is another black female who stood up for her rights. Her name was Ella Fitzgerald.

All of these people changed how the world sees Black History. Ella Fitzgerald, Martin Luther King and Rosa Parks and many more risked their lives just to change history. Hooray for them! Not everybody liked it but we need to respect our Black History and learn from their bold and brave actions and ideas. Before we dive in to the thoughts of Alexis on this matter, let us learn a little more about a few other key figures in this fight against racism.

### Martin Luther King

He was a peace maker. He was assassinated by James Earl Ray. Before that he was a very good man because he led change in America- even though he was black. Not white. His famous speech was 'I have a dream' which exploded everywhere. Martin Luther King has his own day which is called 'Martin Luther King Day.' It is on the 21<sup>th</sup>



of January. Martin Luther King had a wife, she was called Coretta Scott King. She died of ovarian cancer. Pretty sad huh? He used his pain and strong opinions to help shape the future of black people.

### Rosa Parks

She was nicknamed 'the first lady of civil rights.' It all started at the bus stop. Since it was 'whites only', all of the black people had to sit at the back while the whites sat at the front. Doesn't seem bad huh? But if there were no more seats the black people had to give, not offer give them their seats. But Rosa Parks thought about this and when somebody came to sit in her seat, she just looked away and didn't move. She refused to move, she made a stand. The white lady asked again but Rosa didn't even budge. The bus driver CALLED THE POLICE! HOW IS THAT FAIR? She had to pay a fine of \$14. I know what you are thinking- it's not a lot, but if you were black, it would be a lot because there were hardly any jobs for the black people. That's pretty rude to other people and myself included. Here are just a few inspirational black people who made a change. Let's hear from Alexis now- if we are not already con-



vinced, can she persuade us to stand up for equal rights of all?

Whites only, they said. I can't believe this! Whites only.

I had to say it two times, I just can't believe it! Whites only- what does this mean? Does it only mean white people can do certain things? Does it only mean only white people's lives matter? They are saying that black people can't enjoy their life. They can't dream, exist, or love? What does this mean about the white people who think this?

I am here to say to all of you that we will not accept this. I will not accept this. We MUST NOT accept this! No one is white because a piece of paper is white. If it is truly meant to be whites only, why do we need the wonderful cultural diversity that we all share throughout the world. If it were meant to be whites only, why are we all multi-coloured? Do you really think that our lives would be as interesting it is now, as our society is a colourful jigsaw puzzle? Treasure it. Share it. Don't shut it out.

Looking at this racist slogan full of madness (because let's face it that's what it is), somebody bounced into my mind. They had no one to care for them. Somebody beautiful and talented, somebody who was black, no white. She made a living of dancing



## Christmas Special

Our team of journalists have been attending the Christmas performances in order to review them. Here are some snapshots of the tremendous singing, acting and Christmas spirit we have witnessed across school.

### Whoops-A-Daisy Angel

What an outstanding performance from our Year Ones! They had beautiful costumes and we were impressed by their powerful singing. When the reader was explaining the story, she had a loud and clear voice. They worked so hard to produce such a wonderful performance. Everyone got involved and nearly made our Head Teacher cry with laughter. They also included musical instruments to go with the performance-what incredible talents we have in school! The show was such a hit that one of the youngest members of our audience

jumped up on stage at the end and joined the festivities! After watching the children, we were impressed with their confidence and bravery. They were smiling all the way through. We had a wonderful audience including parents and relatives. During the performance, we had some emotional reactions featuring tears of happiness, smiling and laughter. Throughout the performance, our parents were taking photos of our children to capture the special memories so they don't forget the happiness of seeing their children perform. It was





“Books are portable magic.” Stephen King  
 “A children’s story that can only be enjoyed by children is not a good children’s story in the slightest.” C.S Lewis

Children and Staff Reading Recommendations:

We have been interviewing some children and staff. Here are some of their favourites:

- Oliver- he likes Killer Creatures.
- Jack- he likes Harry Potter by J.K Rowling
- Ali - he likes Horrid Henry by Francesca Simon
- Lydia-she likes Dork Diaries by Rachel Russell
- Frankie-she likes Wonder R.J Palacio
- Kerys-she likes Midnight Gang by David Williams

- Dan-he likes Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
  - Tymon-he likes The Hobbit by J.R.R Tolkien
  - Kudzai-she likes the Indian in the Cupboard by Lynne Reid Banks
  - Musa-he likes Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney
  - Alexis-she likes Harry Potter by J.K Rowling
  - Mrs Waddington-she likes Anne of Green Gables by LM Montgomery
  - Inaaya-she likes Notebooks of a Middle School Princess by Meg Cabot.
- You can see that we have a wide range of reading tastes and look forward to escaping into worlds of adventures both in school and at home.

## Darkness Follows

In each issue, we will publish a chapter of a story by our very own Timmy Brook. In Book Club, he has been working on a spooky story to enter a competition. In this December issue, we include the first two chapters. I promise you this- they will leave you on a cliff-hanger and desperate to find out what comes next!

Chapter One  
It’s Coming.

I was on my home from school. Running. Dying to tell my mum what I had done that day, when I started to feel a touch of coldness skim my shoes, sending shivers down my spine. I ran much faster, scared now, and I swore I could see back creatures when I looked behind me. Faster, faster. A wave of coldness filled my body. Blackness behind me.  
 BANG!

Chapter Two  
The Pain

I felt my feet being dragged along the floor. My phone was ringing. I cried for help. The pain of the creature’s claws dug in. What was happening? Where was this thing taking me? I was dropped and then I started to see light. Then I saw it.



and singing on the streets. She was black, not white. Of course I’m talking about Ella Fitzgerald. Wait a second let’s look at her life and achievements for a few minutes. Ella was the first lady of song, she was black, not white. Ella lost her mother at a very young age, she overcame this. She was black, not white. Ella stunned her audience with her sweet pleasant voice. She was black, not white. Her velvety voice enclosed around the crowd like a

jumper. She was black, not white. Ella’s voice swooped, dived and pounced. She was black, not white. I ask you if we live again in the world where only white people can live, hope, dream, aspire and plan, what will happen to all of the Ella Fitzgeralds? What would happen to the people who aren’t white but they have the right to dream, hope, aspire and plan? What will happen to all of those people who want to lead their lives but they can’t because they were born the

wrong colour? Who would want to live in a world like this? Ella Fitzgerald once said that, “It isn’t where you come from, it’s where you’re going that counts.” I say that we should listen NOW! We are meant to celebrate diversity and culture it is to share our lives with other people. We CAN’T SHUT it out. WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT! We are all human beings but different in different ways. Whites only? It is NEVER EVER going to be whites only again! I repeat, everyone is welcome to live!

## SPORTS IN SANDAL

### Bottoms Up!

As Sport Correspondents, we have been reflecting upon the importance of staying fit and healthy in a world where we can be tempted to sit down, play video games and eat junk food. That’s all fun to do right? Yes, of course it is! We are here to teach how to achieve a healthy balance.

First of all, you need at least half an hour of exercise a day. To do that you can go for a walk or a jog or if you are finding these things boring you can go on a scooter, a bike or go swimming. Also you could play a sport for example football (soccer) or basketball or maybe

even tennis. Top tip- remember before you are doing any exercise to stretch because you might pull a muscle or get a stitch.

If you don’t have enough exercise it could cause obesity, which could lead to heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, some cancers and breathing problems (asthma)! Surely it is worth acting now to prevent these things becoming a reality in the future?

QA

Here I am with our school football team’s centre-back Musa Huma and striker Alfie Corp.

Q. How is it to play football for our school’s team?

A. It feels really good because all of the hard work has been shown through the football results achieved for our team. I am glad to be in the football team because it has inspired me to be a better player and put in the hard work.

Q. Are you having a good season this year?

A. We are having a great season so far as we have won all of our games except the game we drew against Dane Royd and we are happy about all of our wins.



. How do you feel when you walk onto the pitch?

A. The pressure's on.

We have many football fans in school and you can often hear conversations on the playground about which teams we support and how well they are doing. So in the spirit of en-

couraging a bit of friendly rivalry, here are the top 5 teams in the Premiership:

- 1 Manchester City
- 2 Liverpool
- 3 Chelsea
- 4 Arsenal
- 5 Tottenham Hotspur

And here are the top five

teams we support:

- 1 Manchester City
- 2 Manchester United
- 3 Liverpool
- 4 Durkar Devils
- 5 Arsenal

This is presented by Musa Huma and Tymon Drzewicz.

### MUSIC IN SANDAL

#### TOP 10 MUSIC WITH DAN

At Sandal, we are big music lovers and we love to listen to songs outside of school. Music is powerful and inspirational. These are some of our top picks:

- 1. Eastside  
Benny Blanco
- 2. Girls Like You  
Maroon 5
- 3. Young Blood

- Five seconds of summer
- 4. FRIENDS CLEAN  
MARSHMELLO and Anne-Marie
- 5. Thunder  
Imagine Dragons
- 6. Believer  
Imagine Dragons
- 7. High hopes  
Panic at the Disco
- 8. Alone

- MARSHMELLO
- 9. Young, Dumb and Broke  
Khalid
- 10. Ride  
Twenty One Pilot

These are my favourite songs; I would like to know yours. Let's use this space to share and recommend music which will rock our world!

## Life as a Local Muslim

Our school community welcomes people from all faiths. As your Religious Correspondent, this first issue delves into what it is like to be a local Muslim.

First, some facts about daily life as a Muslim.

Our focus today is prayer.

Being a Muslim commits us to pray five times a day. We do actually pray five times a day! The names of the prayers are Fajr, Zuhar, Asr, Magribh and Isha.

When we pray Salah we pray a Dua at the

end. Here is someone making Dua.

Dua is when somebody prays a Dorood which is words from Allah our Lord. Then we ask Allah for some thing we really want, then close with a Dorood. The prayers are seperated into times. The first one is Fajr which is really early in the morning, Zuhar which is before lunch, Asr which is Mid Afternoon, Magribh which is when the sunset appears, Isha which is at late night. Our prayers are called Namaz or Salah. The males pray at the mosque with the Imam. He is the leader that leads the Salah and any-



one who comes can do the Azaan which is to call everybody to the Salah. The female pray at home alone.

Sound complicated? Well let me tell you what myself and other young Muslims think of being an active part of the Islam faith.

I have interviewed some children who are Muslims to see how they feel around multi faiths.

#### **What is it like to be a Muslim in Sandal**

It is just a natural part of my life- it might sound complicated to others but it second nature to me.

#### **How do you feel to be in a school of mixed faiths?**

It makes me feel unique but included because we are all valued.

#### **Do you feel safe around people from other faiths to be yourself?**

I definitely feel happy and comfortable to be myself- we respect one another.

#### **Why do you like being around other people who believe in other religions?**

I feel good because they teach me things and help me to appreciate others.

Being a Muslim is valued and respected here at Sandal, as is being a part of any faith. We are all part of a much-loved community and we are excited by our differences shared experiences.

#### **Word pronunciation**

- Fa-jr
- Zu-har
- As-r
- Mag-ribh
- Du-a
- Daro-od
- All-ah

## Our Thoughts on Reading in this School

Everyone in this school is passionate about reading. It is fascinating that there are people that like different genres, from action to comedy but that reading is important to us all. We know we can achieve our goals in reading because there are different levels of reading and we are not judged if we are at a lower or higher reading level than others. People from all around the world have different opinions about books because there are hundreds of millions of varieties of books to choose from. We are excited to be part of a global reading community and to develop our own tastes and favourites whilst also challenging ourselves.



There are different book bands in school which help us to find books at our level. Every year we do a Christmas Fayre and sell second hand books and more to raise money to buy different resources for our school. Last year with the money we raised, we bought books for the school. Our libraries are full of good reads!

#### **Here are some quotes from famous authors and people about books, which inspire us to read:**

“So many books, so little time.” -Frank Zappa

“A room without a book is like a body without a soul.” -Marcus Tullius Cicero

I can never read all the books I want; I can never be all the people I want and live all the lives I want. I can never train myself in all the skills I want. And why do I want? I want to live and feel all the shades, tones “and variations of metal and physical experience possible in my life. And I am horribly limited.” Sylvia Plath