

Dear Parents, Carers and Students

I hope this newsletter finds you well.

## FESTIVE WEEK

This week has certainly felt like Christmas is coming with the snow and cold weather.

I am delighted to report we have enjoyed a very festive week by engaging in a variety of Christmas activities from Year 8 Christmas decoration competitions, charity fundraising, Christmas roast dinner and today students wore something Christmassy for Help Bristol's Homeless charity.



## MUSIC & DRAMA SHOWCASE

The Music and Drama Christmas concert last Thursday was a fantastic way to kick off the Christmas celebrations. Thank you to all parents/carers and staff who supported that event and a shout out to Mrs Jerome and Ms Dawson.

Mr East who attended said it was great to see so many BFS students performing to a large audience with such confidence.



## GOODBYES

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to some members of staff today who will be leaving BFS this term. I would like to thank Ms Dawson, Ms Pearson, Mr Whitfield, Mr Badger TA and Ms Grant TA for all the contributions they have made to BFS over their time at the School and I am sure you will join me in wishing them every success in their future careers.

We also wish Mrs Harvey and Ms Bonicci all the best as they start their maternity leave today.

## TERM 3

Term 3 starts on Wednesday 4 January for all students. Year 12 will only attend their in class assessments in the first week back. A letter has been sent already explaining the timings.

Standards in uniform have slipped a bit these last few weeks with students wearing items that are not part of our smart BFS uniform. I have outlined the items that are not acceptable in a letter sent today and I ask you to familiarise yourselves with the content to avoid breaches next term. There will be a focus the first week back.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR

Finally, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas holiday and I hope you get time to do the things that bring you joy.

Happy New Year too and see you in 2023!

Best wishes



MRS S KING

# KEY DATES

- 3 January - INSET DAY
- Friday 6 January - Cyber Security Careers event at UWE
- 10 January - Nasal Flu Vaccinations (Y7, Y8 & Y9)
- Wednesday 11 January - Y12 Pastoral Day
- Thursday 12 January - Y11 Subject Evening

## THANK YOU!

Many thanks to our amazing community for these fabulous gifts!



## NASAL FLU VACCINATIONS FOR YEAR 7, YEAR 8 AND YEAR 9 ON 10 JANUARY 2023

Please be reminded that the Sirona Immunisation Team will be at School on Tuesday 10 January 2023 to administer the Nasal Flu vaccination to all Year 7, 8 and 9 students. If you have not already done so, please complete the online consent for your child to have this vaccination via this link as soon as possible.

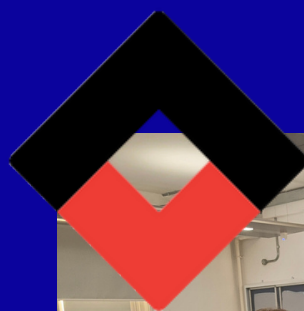
<https://imms.sirona-cic.org.uk/flu/2022/consent?v=1>

## CONGRATULATIONS SHANIQUA



## WINNER OF THE SPIRIT OF BRISTOL AWARD

## WE RAISED £755 - THANK YOU!





# YEAR 8 CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

MISS LUDWELL

I couldn't be more impressed or proud of Year 8. They have all embraced the Christmas Competition and decorated their tutor groups to a great standard.

I was lucky enough to judge the tutor groups with Mrs King, Mrs Jenkins and Miss Billing who were all equally impressed and wowed by Year 8's efforts. On our visits we saw: lovely homemade paper chains, paper snowflakes, snow globes, singing, dancing, elves (loved the outfits TG6 and Mrs Laleye) and lots of delicious bakes! I was full of sugar by 9am - not complaining when I have incredibly skilled bakers in Year 8. A huge shout out to Noam in TG2 who make a stunning layered cake with whipped cream - it was like heaven!

What made the competition particularly special was witnessing the communities created in the tutor groups and how the year group has come together.

I am very proud to be the Head of Year 8 and this week we showcased how amazing my year group are.

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year.



# BFS MFL THE LANGUAGE AMBASSADOR SCHEME



MR NOUAS

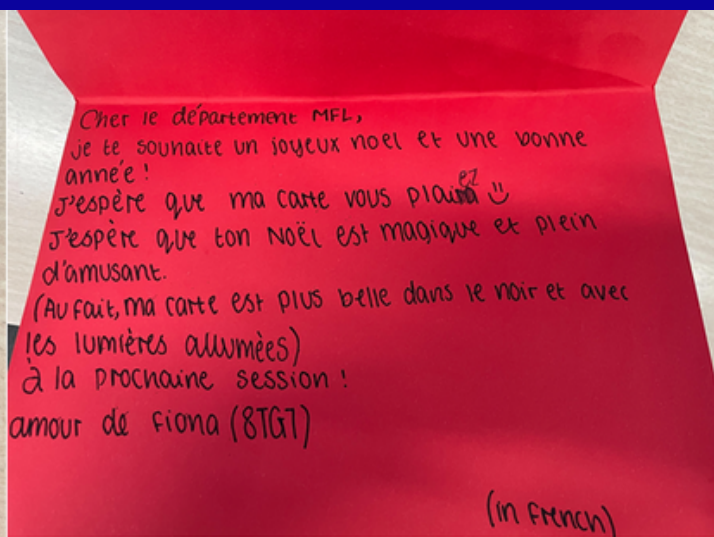
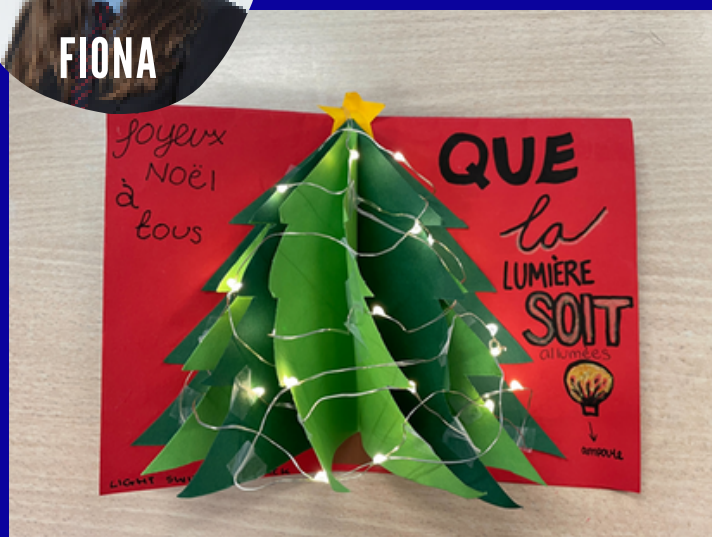
## CHRISTMAS CARD WINNER AND RUNNERS UP

Thank you to everyone who entered the BFS Christmas Card Competition - Mrs King has now picked the winner! This goes to Awura who has written her entry in Latin – congratulations, this will be the BFS Christmas card for 2022!

The following four entries have also earned themselves prizes for being in the top 5, this was very difficult to pick. These entries belong to: Fiona for her luminous Christmas card in French, Aila with sublime entry in Finnish, Arthur entering a Spanish Christmas card explaining Spanish traditions inside, and Jessica with an original Czech entry detailing where she received inspiration from.



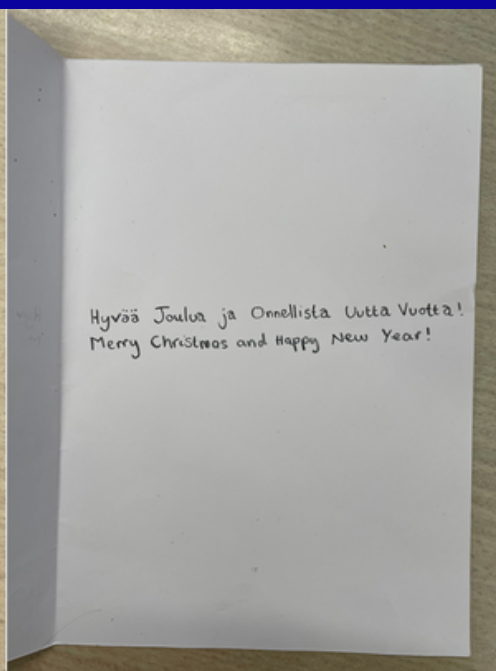
FIONA



(in French)



AILA



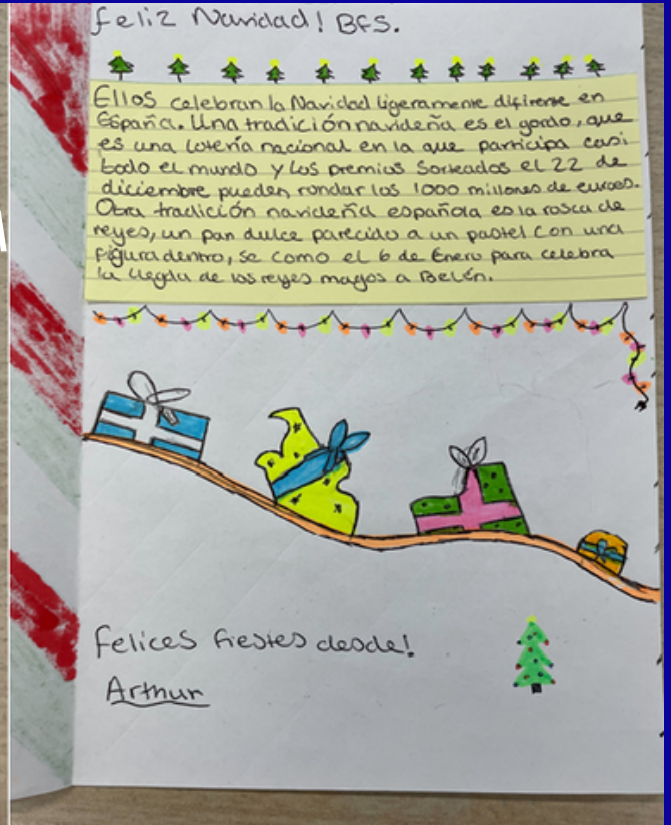
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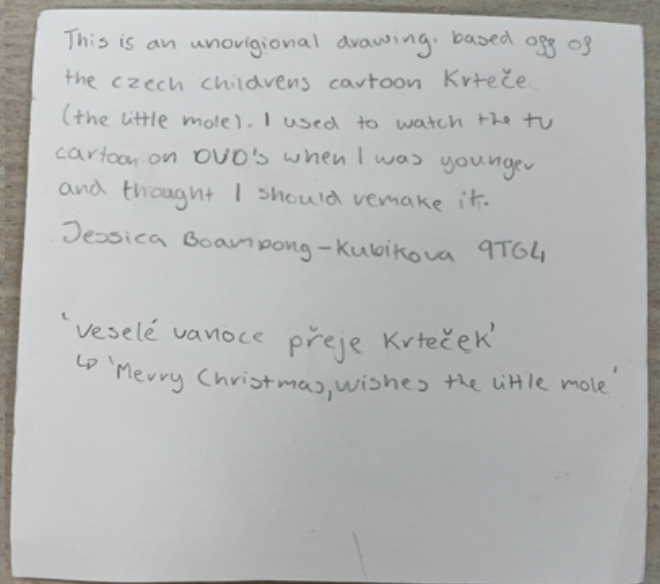
ARTHUR



AILA



JESSICA



# OUR BFS CHRISTMAS CARD WINNER!



AWURA

Awura  
ATC

*felicem  
natalem  
Christi.*

# LRC NEWS

## ACCELERATED READER: WORD MILLIONAIRES

At the beginning of the year the challenge was set to see which of our year 7s and 8s could read a million words, and win themselves a raffle ticket for our Millionaire Prize Draw. Ten of our most dedicated bookworms rose to the challenge and between them they have read over 16 million words!

They will be awarded their certificates in our end of term assembly where we will also draw the winning raffle ticket- a massive well done to;

Miranda R, Mairead S, Emily R, Alba J-G, Chloe G, Will W-B, Hattie B, Emily E, Roxanne F and Niamh C.

The counter will now be reset, giving all our year 7 and 8s a second chance to climb the millionaire wall and enter next term's raffle.

To get you started on you climb, here are some recommendations from staff and students to entertain you over the Christmas break – and remember to take the quiz, following the instructions on the school website.

## WE'D LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE READS AS WELL!

BOOKS ARE A POPULAR CHOICE FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND WE IN THE LRC WOULD LOVE TO HAVE YOUR REVIEWS ON THE NOVELS, NEW OR OLD, THAT YOU READ DURING THE HOLIDAYS. THESE WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE LIBRARY SO PLEASE MAKE THEM COLOURFUL AND EYE-CATCHING. WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY WINTER BREAK – THE LRC TEAM.

HAPPY READING!



# STUDENT LIBRARIANS RECOMMENDATIONS



**ESTHER, Y7**

DIARY OF A WIMPY KID BY JEFF KINNY  
'THESE ARE VERY GOOD CARTOON DIARIES EXPLAINING THE LIFE OF GREG HEFFERLY'



**MIRANDA, Y7**

DOUBLE CROSS (MALORIE BLACKMAN) IS THE LAST BOOK IN THE NOUGHTS AND CROSSES SERIES AND HAS A BIG PLOT TWIST WHEN YOU WOULDN'T EXPECT IT! GREAT READ FOR PEOPLE WHO LIKE DYSTOPIAN AND OPPOSITE WORLD NOVELS.



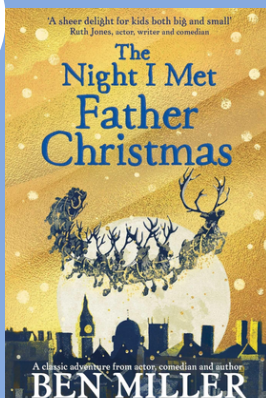
**BETTY, Y7**

SHERLOCK HOLMES (FOR DYSLEXICS) BY SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYAL. IT'S FULL OF MYSTERIES AND HAS LOTS OF REALLY COOL DRAWINGS.



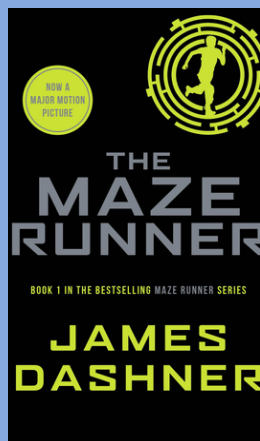
**JOSH, Y7**

THE NIGHT I MET FATHER CHRISTMAS BY BEN MILLER



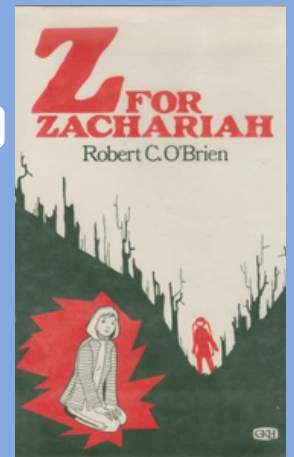
**MAEVE, Y9**

THE MAZE RUNNER BY JAMES DASHNER. ACTION AND ADVENTURE - VERY GOOD FOR MYSTERY BOOKWORMS!



**PATRICK, Y9**

Z FOR ZACHARIAH - ROBERT C O'BRIEN INTERESTING BOOK ON A POST-APOCALYPTIC WORLD



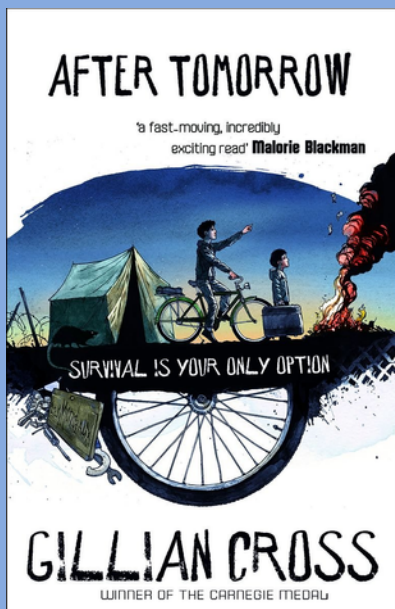


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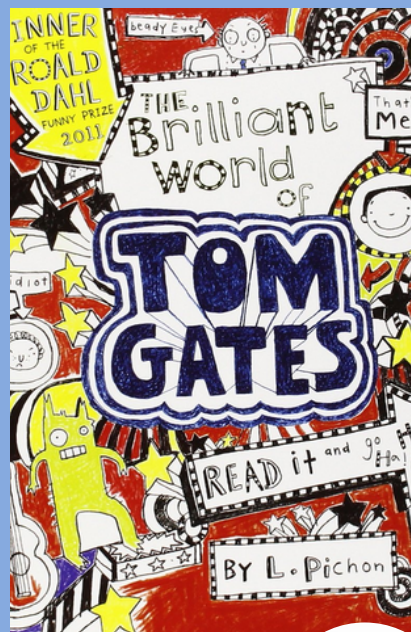
**TESS, Y7**

**AFTER TOMORROW - BY GILLIAN CROSS**  
A VERY GOOD BOOK ABOUT 2 CHILDREN (MATT AND TACO)



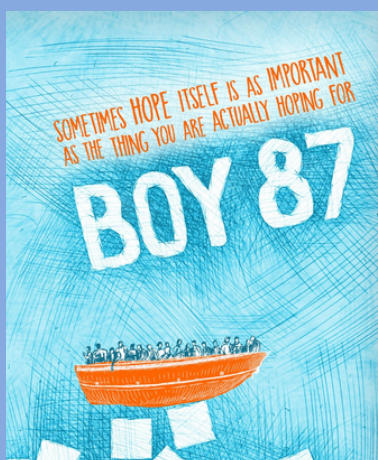
**ALBA, Y7**

**TOM GATES - BY LIZ PICHON** - I ENJOY THEM BECAUSE THEY ARE FULL OF LAUGHTER AND GAMES. IT IS A SORT OF FUN DIARY.



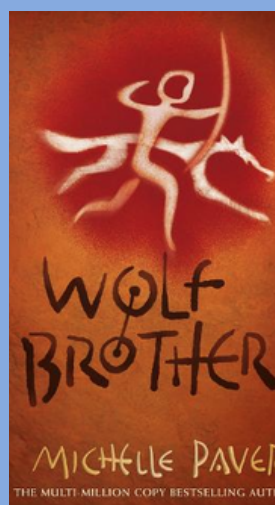
**SAMA, Y9**

**BOY 87- BY ELE FOUNTAIN**  
A GRIPPING AND UPLIFTING TALE OF A REFUGEE; PERFECT FOR YEARS 8 AND 9



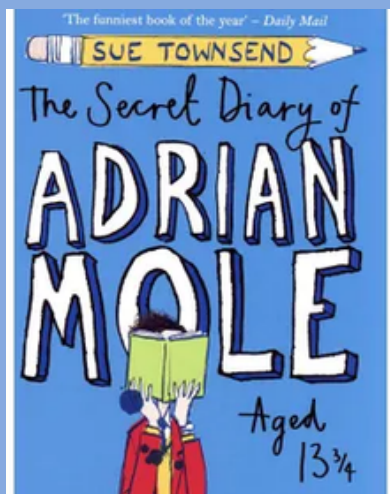
**MERLE, Y9**

**WOLF BROTHER SERIES BY MICHELLE PAVER** - THE SETTING IS SO UNLIKE NORMAL YOU HAVE TO PAY IT ATTENTION!



**SAM, Y10**

**THE SECRET DIARY OF ADRIAN MOLE BY SUE TOWNSEND**  
A VERY FUNNY BOOK ABOUT A STRUGGLING TEENAGER. SAM M



**SAM, Y10**

**CROCODILE TEARS - ANTHONY HOROWITZ**  
AN ACTION-PACKED BOOK FULL OF ADVENTURE

