

# NEWSLETTER

**BATLEY**

## AN AMAZING RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO WALES

Students had an amazing 3 day residential in the North of Wales enjoying a wide range of challenging but fun activities that were focused on maximizing personal potential, building balanced high performing teams and creating energy and resilience for success.

Students hiked up high into the tight and narrow passages of the oldest Neanderthal caves. Using their lights, students discovered the environment in its natural formation, learning about cave formations, underground rivers as well as an encountering piper Strali bats and various other creatures in the dark .

Students also enjoyed various assault courses and Nightline team activities experiencing visual sensory deprivation as they navigate their way around a course and learn to appreciate the importance of other senses and, as importantly, learn to rely on team-mates for support.

Students learnt the art of aiming and shooting and how important defense strategies can be for survival during a range of warzone scenarios of Paintball shooting, pompom archery and rifle shooting.

The highlight was definitely enjoying getting wet during the Paddleboarding and Canoeing challenges in the nearby lake. The entire trip was an absolutely amazing experience, picking up so many life skills on the way. These three days will definitely be in our memories for a very long time.



## WRITER'S VISIT

Students learnt the art of becoming a published author and how their works can make the print whilst having a practical workshop with local author Sahera Patel. The Inspiring open discussion discussed different genres many authors use to kickstart their careers, encouraging creative writing within the students aspiring them to become authors one day.



## CELEBRATING ALL THINGS PALESTINIAN



Students hosted a Palestinian themed interactive exhibition for the local community celebrating the history and culture of the Palestinian people. Students showcased their own poems on this theme as well as eloquently presenting many workshops on the history of Masjid al Aqsa, and the significance of Al Quds. There was opportunity to try on Palestine outfits, taste the cuisine as well as sending a message to people of Gaza. Here are some of the feedback we got from the event:

"The pupils interacted really well and were able to present their speeches confidently"

"Historical, informative, factual and the reality of the situation on the ground. We all learnt a lot of history."

"May Allah accept the efforts of everyone grant the school success and make all of our children true ambassadors of the deen. Ameen"

"One of the best exhibitions I've attended!"

"Boys very knowledgeable, courteous, articulate, well prepared and well mannered."

"The boys kept us occupied"

"Really enjoyed sending a message to Gaza. That was a personal touch!"

"The hospitality at the Palestinian cuisine was enjoyed by everyone!! Was absolutely delicious!"

## REMEMBERING THE MASSACRED MUSLIMS; SREBRENICA

Students remembered those dark days in July 1995 when, thousands of men and boys were systematically murdered and buried in mass graves. The Muslim victims, were selected for death on the basis of their identity. This was the worst atrocity on European soil since the Second World War. Claire Ewart and Mohamed Saloo from Kirklees council delivered a heart wrenching workshop on this sad part of history and the lessons we can all learn from it.



To stand against prejudice and confront hatred in Kirklees I pledge to...  
to act and understand

## AT THE FALCONRY WITH BIRDS OF PREY

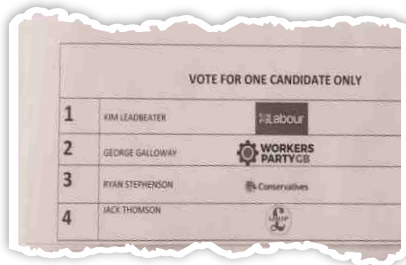


In conjunction with our school's Science lessons, our school students paid a visit to SMJ Falconry which was an excellent opportunity for the children to witness first-hand the amazing habitats and different natural environments of birds. The children also witnessed different flight paths, feeding, nutrition and wonders of the creation of the almighty as well as training on keeping birds of prey. Students were also given the opportunity to hold the predatory birds.





## OUR CSS ELECTIONS



Students joined in the community spirit and got competitive in their own elections during the recent by elections in the school constituency. Students decided which political party they wanted to win and then tried to win over as many people within the school to vote their party. Well done to the Workers party who managed to secure the most amount of votes

## SPORTS WEEK

Students enjoyed a variety of sports in the last week of term with our sports themed activity week. Well done to our year 8's for their excellent archery skills.



## Our students look after youngsters in Kashmir.

Year 7 and 8 learnt the lessons of Surah Ma'oon and the importance of being kind to orphans.

Students requested if they could raise money to sponsor an orphan for one year. They did this by them planning and arranging a tuck shop in which they sold various items which they brought from home, they asked their friends and family to sponsor them and finally a non school uniform day was arranged.

Through this initiative the students raised an amazing total of £850 which was enough to sponsor two orphans in Kashmir, who sent a video of appreciation to all the students. Well done!



## DRAMA PERFORMANCE



Year 7 demonstrated their impressive drama skills alongside their knowledge of history by performing a gripping play for the whole CSS community. Set in 13th century Ottoman empire era, the overall message portrayed to the audience was that Islam is a religion of peace as well portraying the power of prayer.

## RAMADHAN FUNDRAISING APPEAL UPDATE

A heartfelt thank you to all our parents and students for their generous donations towards our recreational area appeal this Ramadhan. The target was to raise £6000 to renovate our current facility. However due to your immense support we were able to raise a staggering £9247.

Well done to Sajeel Iqbal and Muaawiyah Dhorat who won the most raised competition raising an amazing total of £2033. The two boys were awarded with a PS5 and an 8th gen Apple Ipad.

Well done to Ibrahim Ali Shah and Abul Mahfooz who gained the most supporters in the competition. The two boys were awarded with a Gaming chair and a Samsung tablet.

Our Mystery raffle prize of a Lenova tablet was won by Adam Miskeen. Boys who reached their target of £300 were awarded with a fabulous hamper. All the boys who took part in the competition, regardless of amount, were awarded with a unique experience of a Limousine ride around Batley and a visit to enjoy the beautiful scenery of Wilton park.



## GARDENING



Students worked hard with a local gardener/ youtuber creating our CSS garden. The students discussed how to compost and the importance of compost in building soil. Students learnt that composting is an important tool in building a sustainable world in which supports life.

Students created a new garden project which transformed waste land into a sustainable fruit and vegetable garden. Video of the event was posted online which received an overwhelming response and interest from many people around the world:

'I am a Roman Catholic, but if this is how Muslims teach their children, then my church needs to sit up and take notice, Marvellous! Peace be with you'

## STAFF SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY DURING LOCKDOWN



During both lockdowns, staff took on the initiative to lead by example, working with One Nation and the local church to help support over 200 residents in our local neighborhood with food parcels, hygiene packs and gifts. We also managed to support over 40 families directly affected by COVID-19 as well as residents of the local care home.

Our previous MP Tracy Brabin visited the school to where the Food Bank was based to help distribute food packs and was amazed by the organization management, hard work and dedication put in by the staff.

## STUDENTS LEADING JUMMAH FOR FIRST TIME

Special mention to Ammaar Adam and Subhan who led our CSS family in Friday Prayers. The courage is always appreciated and recognised as a good example for our younger students