



St Ursula's Weekly

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Message from the Headteacher

Thank you very much!



Stuart from the Foodbank came to collect our donations on Wednesday afternoon and he was overwhelmed! So thank you very much.

We have spent the last few days of term having celebrations, with achievements assemblies for the girls and Christmas Masses. The school has been alive with joy, singing and laughter which has been a pleasure to behold.

Our first day back in the new year will be Monday 6 January 2020 and 8.40am – with the usual uniform check. We return on Week 2. Please refer to the website for details if you require them.

I would just like to take this opportunity to wish you all a peaceful Christmas time and enjoy the break however you will be spending it.

With Christmas blessings to you all and I look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

Ms Hamilton

“Without
doubt you
will see
marvellous
things”

St Angela Merici

Prologue to the
Counsels/18



A Term of Ravenous Reading!



All copies of ordered books apart from 'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' are now available to collect from the library. Apologies to pupils still waiting, the publisher has a backlog so we are waiting for them to be printed – but they'll be hot off the press!

'The Poet X' Competition Winners!

Your challenge was to write a short free verse poem about yourself and your life in under 200 words, and you didn't disappoint! Miss Deegan and Ms Cahalane have examined the poetry entries, thought long and hard and decided the winners of the winter term free verse poetry competition are...



- 1st: Louisa C., 7 Ursula**
2nd: Emily C-L, 8 Francis
3rd: Charlene K., 11 Angela



All pupils received their prizes in Achievement Assembly! Congratulations!

A short fiction competition is coming in the New Year, keep your eyes on SMHW and the Library Google Drive!

A small Difference

It's hard living with someone who
Thinks and reasons different from you,
Someone who has different concepts. “
that's my brother and Autism.

Everyday time by time,
I wonder what happens
As I wake up to the sheer bitterness of silence.
He has so much knowledge,
Yet it's all Clogged up in a tiny hole.
Sometimes he is unaware of this surrounding
Which could cause a problem.
However, he is AMAZING at navigating
Better than me.

It's like he's got a GPS inside of him
I guess that's one special quality he achieves.
When things change,
He can get quite stressed and panics,
So, we try to stick to routine.

Despite all these disadvantages he has many great
qualities, like: Playing games and helping you with
your journey. “

I have learnt to accept these changes,
As he is the same as all of us but even cleverer
I guess he will always be my brother.
Today, Tomorrow Always.

First Place Winner Louisa C., 7 Ursula



The Top Borrowers of Sept – Dec 2019!

St Ursula's pupils love reading, here are the top library book loaners by year!

YEAR 7: Nwachiamanda A., 7 Catherine

YEAR 8: Brianna J., 8 Francis

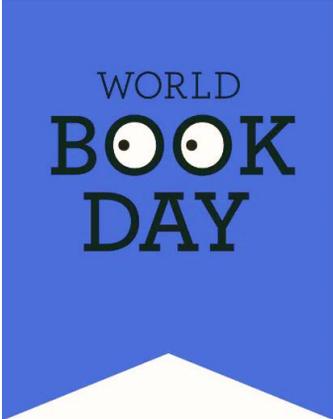
YEAR 9: Gabrielle F., 9 Angela

YEAR 10: Daniella-Jennifer N., 10 Elizabeth

YEAR 11: Naomi E., 11 Catherine

All pupils received their Top Borrower Certificates and Free Bookmark in Achievement Assembly!
Congratulations on being excellent library users!

The Top 100 Book Loaners List is now available to view on the library display board!

The logo for World Book Day is a blue banner with a white ribbon at the bottom. The text "WORLD BOOK DAY" is written in white, with "WORLD" in a smaller font above "BOOK", and "DAY" below "BOOK". The letters "O" in "BOOK" are stylized to look like eyes.

WORLD
BOOK
DAY

Next year St Ursula's will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March 2020 with a costume and own clothes day. To participate pupils will pay a £2 donation upon arrival.

Due to the year 11 mock exams in March, only year 7-10 will be participating in World Book Day next year. This is so they can concentrate on their exams!



Chaplaincy Corner

Friday, 20th December 2019

O ANTIPHONS 17th – 23rd December



As this busy term comes to a close, I share with you the O Antiphons, which remind us of the wonder of God who came to us on that first Christmas day in Bethlehem. Over this Christmas season, I pray that you will all know the peace and love which Christ brings to each one of us. Wishing you all a peaceful and blessed Christmas period.

The O Antiphons are the words recited in the final days of Advent before and after the Magnificat prayer during Vespers (evening prayer). Each one refers to Isaiah's prophecy of the coming of the Messiah, each day highlighting a Messianic title: O Wisdom, O Lord, O Root of Jesse, O Key of David, O Rising Sun, O King of the Nations, O Emmanuel. You might recognise them from the hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel".

17th December



O Wisdom, you come forth from the mouth of the Most High. You fill the universe and hold all things together in a strong, yet gentle, manner. O come to teach us in the way of truth.

O Lord of Israel, you appeared to Moses in a burning bush and you gave him the Law on Sinai. O come and save us with your mighty power.

18th December



The logo for FOSTUR, consisting of the letters 'FO', 'ST', and 'UR' stacked vertically in a bold, blue, sans-serif font.

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- 1** Download the Easy Fundraising APP from AppStore or Google Play.
- 2** Select Friends of St Ursula's Cause, click on Support.
- 3** Continue signing up and create your account.
- 4** Follow the instructions and select the retailer.
- 5** You'll be redirected to the retailer website, continue buying as you normally do.

Website access also available at:

easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofstursulas

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