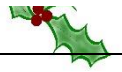
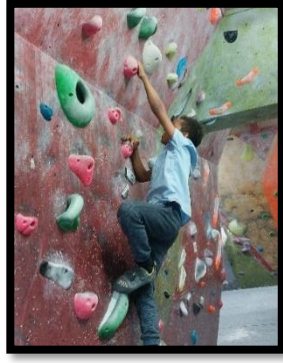
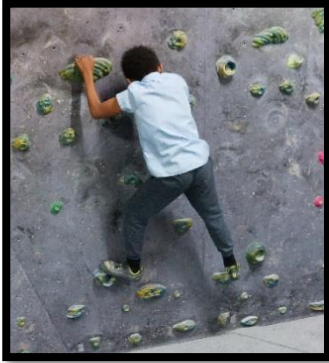




Before you head off on the winter break, I hope you all enjoy reading about what staff and pupils have been doing this term. Both staff and pupils continue to impress me with their strength, resilience and good cheer! Have a safe and happy holiday. *Ms Morrison, Headteacher*

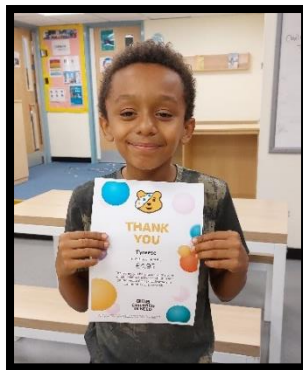


## The Leap



This term, we have been going bouldering as part of our enrichment sessions. It has really helped to build our confidence and resilience and it has also helped us try something new. We have loved learning a new skill!

For Children in Need, we took part in sponsored activities to raise money. We had to: balance on a yoga ball, cycle on the exercise bike, run a lap around the field and bounce on a pogo stick! One pupil raised £5.



Our most recent topic in English was about plastic pollution and the implications of plastic ending up in our oceans. We found out that litter damages the health of sea creatures and eventually humans. As part of our topic, we wrote a letter to the Prime Minister explaining what we had found and how he should try to help.

We wanted to find out more about how to reduce waste by recycling so we went to visit a local recycling centre to sort out some recycling

For Remembrance Day, we learnt about why we wear poppies and we also found out about the meaning of the different coloured poppies. We made our own clay poppies and chose which colours to paint them  
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## Brentry Bulletin

It's been a busy term at Brentry! Pupils have had the opportunity to get involved with visiting workshops from the army with a morning focused on team building, problem solving and first aid.

We were also visited by 'Explore' who talked openly about relationships with our pupils in a setting where they were encouraged to ask questions to a real couple about their



experiences of being together.

Brentry also joined a number of pupils from Fishponds in a friendly football match against a local school. St Matthias came out on top with a convincing win and all involved represented the school and themselves admirably.,

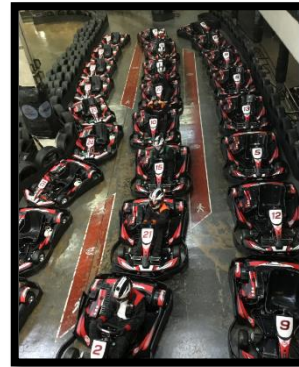
We have cooked recipes from around the world. The unusual twist of a winter world cup Has been much enjoyed. with lots of chances for pupils to get involved including watching England's first group game together.



Pupils have been working hard to earn enough points to secure their place on our weekly trips, including a great effort during our respect campaign as part of our work during Anti Bullying week. The last six weeks have seen them enjoy ice skating, laser quest and go karting. On top of that we've raised money for Children in Need.



In class we've been joined by Ms Darnton from The Leap. She is bringing a developmental and practical teaching informed approach to Maths, ICT and Music.



In Maths the students have been working hard learning about rounding, BIDMAS, negative numbers and are consolidating their time telling skills. In ICT we have been working on our

presentation, research and organisation skills. Science has been exploring the structure of the Earth and how it's changing over time. Pupils have learnt about volcanoes, Alfred Wegner and his brilliant idea of tectonic plates. In English we've been looking at a range of poetry from different perspectives and the resulting analytical written responses and



thoughtful conversations have been impressive.

## Fishponds Focus



### The Army comes to Fishponds

This term we had the Army pay our pupils a visit. They organized some team building activities and shared some of their knowledge with our students. Everyone was really eager to

participate and the pupils had a lot of fun, sharing and taking turns and helping each other complete drills and challenges. The session showed the students that whilst individual effort was important, the groups that won the challenges were the ones that worked as a team and valued everyone's contribution.

### Children in Need

Once again, our students showed how generous they were and made our Children in Need fundraising day a great success. Mr Martin wore his "sister's" dino



onesie for the day and organized the marshmallow eating contest, which was won by Tiamy. The bake sale proved popular

with the muffins, made by Tiamy and Kaycia, selling like hot cakes! One of our year 11 students, Adele, did a sponsored Hula Hoop challenge and managed to keep it spinning for 40 minutes. This contributed £40 to our total.



Adele went on to win the guess the number of Gummi Bears in the jar competition. Her

winning guess of 280 was



closest to the 287 that were in the jar.

This contributed £40 to our total. Overall the non-uniform day, cake sale and other activities raised a total of £80.

### Football

Mr Parkes organized a football match against a team from Bristol Schools Hospital Education. Kick off was 11am at the UWE Campus indoor multi sports hall. Our team was made up of 3 pupils from Fishponds site Abdi, Layton and Harvey and 3 from the Brentry site, Liam W, Harley and Che.

The game was played in 4 periods of 15 minutes, 30 minutes each half & it became apparent very early on that St Matts were the dominant force racing into a 5-3 half time lead with Layton and Liam performing particularly brilliantly. The second half was a similar story though BSHE put up a great fight and performed really well with some excellent football being played by both teams in a very good spirit, with all players showing respect towards one another. St Matthias ran out 10-5 winners. Everyone shook hands at the end of the game and BHES agreeing a return match in the near future "I think it was a great experience for all our pupils & we would love to do this again" was the final thought from BHES on departure! Big shout out to other St Matthias staff who supported on the day.



### Ice Skating

The Christmas term is always the start of the ice-skating season. This time we decided to try the new ice rink at Cribbs Causeway.

It was the first time that the students had tried skating and it took a little while before they started to feel comfortable on the ice.

Fortunately for Kaycia and Tiamy, there were some helpful polar bears to lend some support.

