

**December 2022**

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

During this term, our amazing pupils have demonstrated positive attitudes to school life and participated in a wide range of activities. These include attending educational visits outside of school, taking part in our annual end-of-term trips and enjoying the December World Cup 2022. We also celebrated Black History Month, 'End of term Bookselling' and raised a whopping £423 for Macmillan Cancer Research, as well as preparing our Christmas food bank hamper.

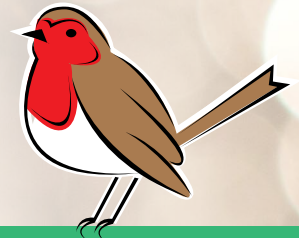
We are fortunate to have acquired additional space close to school for our Great Minds Therapy Service where pupils can have therapy sessions and earlier this year we launched our Community Café Hub for Sixth Form students where they have been building on their education and life skills and serving members of the local community and visitors.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you all well. Our Parents and Carers' support with our school is an important part of what makes us successful and it is much appreciated.

I wish you and your families a fantastic holiday season and a Happy New Year!

**Mr Ishamar Blake**  
**Headteacher**

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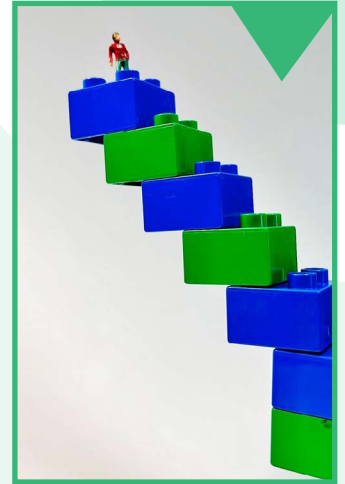


## EVENTS AND VISITS

**BEING WITH OBJECTS:** Slinkachu (*b. 1979, Devon, UK artist*) has been “abandoning” his miniature people on the streets of cities around the world since 2006. Informed by the work of Slinkachu, young artists at TCES were invited to experiment with new ways of experiencing the world. They have engaged with familiar tools and objects in the classroom, in a way that was personal to them. This therapeutic approach to art production allowed these young artists to

communicate how they experience the chosen objects and opened up a space for communicating ideas where empathy and creativity come together.

These small pieces are now on display in the school reception in an exhibition called *'Being with Objects'* and is part of a larger project where students will be creating immersive life size art installations that represent personal experiences of the world.



## TCES NORTH WEST VISITS THE NEW VANGUARD PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION AT THE SAATCHI GALLERY

The New Black Vanguard exhibition presents artists whose vibrant portraits and conceptual images fuse the genres of art and fashion photography in ways that breakdown long-established boundaries. GCSE students at TCES visited the exhibition to inform their art projects. They were excited to engage and examine the artwork. The images on display opened up conversations around the representation of the Black body and Black lives as subject matter. The works and discussions were used as a starting point that fed into a workshop where young artists developed personal responses to the ideas discussed; an exercise of visual activism that advocates for diversity and new ways of being in the world. This starting point will support young artists' art projects in embracing new perspectives on notions of race, beauty, gender and power.





# BLACK HISTORY MONTH

To celebrate Black History Month students took part in a variety of activities. In classrooms students looked at the life of inspirational black people from Mohammed Ali to our very own Spanish teacher relative, Mareena Robinson Snowden, the first black woman to earn a Ph.D. in nuclear engineering from M.I.T. Additionally class tutor groups created presentations of Black Inventors, Pioneers and Scientists in a school competition. We also had the following events in school:

- Ruby Reads Black Bookseller stall where students could purchase books celebrating black culture and diversity for their classrooms
- An African drumming workshop and storytelling session
- Tribal Mask making
- Uncs Musical performance and workshop



At the end of the month's celebration, we had a Black Culture celebration drop-down afternoon. This included performances, a fashion show, and opportunities for classes to present their research projects.



# MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Students got out their aprons and baking trays to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support. Macmillan Cancer Support is one of the largest British charities and provides specialist health care, information and financial support to people affected by cancer. This year students raised £423.



# WORLD CUP EXPERIENCE

The end of 2022 came with a difference this year. A world cup during the Winter months. Never seen before and probably won't be seen again, at least not in our lifetime. Students did enjoy a small break to their routines to be able to watch some of the games live.





# REMEMBRANCE DAY

To commemorate Remembrance Day an assembly was held along with two minutes' silence at 11am on the 11th day of the 11th month.



**The young dead soldiers do not speak.**

*Nevertheless, they are heard in the still houses:  
who has not heard them?*

*They have a silence that speaks for them at night  
and when the clock counts.*

*They say: We were young. We have died.  
Remember us.*

*They say: We have done what we could  
but until it is finished it is not done.*

*They say: We have given our lives but until it is finished  
no one can know what our lives gave.*

*They say: Our deaths are not ours: they are yours,  
they will mean what you make them.*

*They say: Whether our lives and our deaths were for  
peace and a new hope or for nothing we cannot say,  
it is you who must say this.*

*We leave you our deaths. Give them their meaning.  
We were young, they say. We have died; remember us.*

By Archibald MacLeish

# ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Students took part in several activities during anti-bullying week. We had Jayden and Pharell supporting pupils in the school communal areas, Donatello Class learning to work together in a team-building exercise, and Leonardo Class discussing the difference between banter and bullying. All students took part in the school's 7 days of kindness challenge, displaying random acts of kindness such as making toast for a teacher, asking someone if they are OK, and giving claps of appreciation.



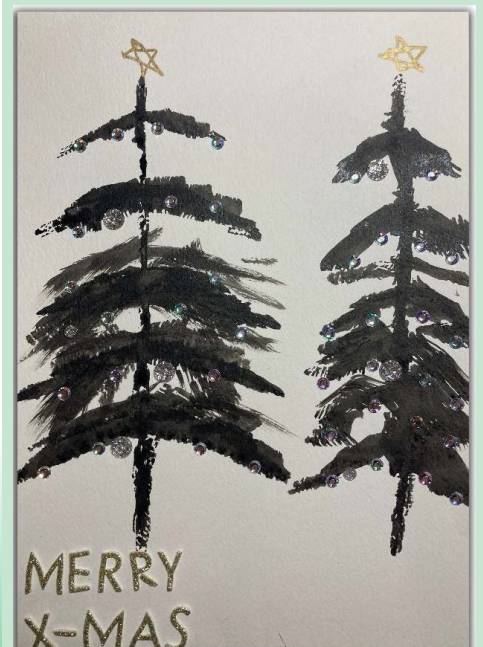
# CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2022

Christmas jumper day – pupils and staff paid £1 to raise money for 'Save the Children' charity.



# CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION

Every year the TCES Group of schools and services comes together and creates Christmas Cards as a competition. This year Bailey's Christmas card made the winning entry!



# WELLBEING DAY

For Inset Day, we organised a 'Wellbeing Day' on Friday 16th December in all of our schools. This provided an opportunity for staff to reflect, focus and strengthen their minds, bodies and attitudes. Wellbeing is defined as overall mental, physical, emotional and economic health. We cannot underestimate the importance of this for our pupils.