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SCHOOL AIM

“To provide a Christian environment in which young people are safe, secure, cared for and happy, and are able to develop into articulate, confident and well qualified citizens of the world.”



Trinity Life; Making Music

As the above photographs show, composing, practising and performing are key components of both GCSE Music and GCSE Music Technology at Trinity.

Music is a popular option in Y10 and Y11 and, during the last year, our musicians have performed at the Bridgewater Hall, the Royal Northern College of Music, The Great Hall at Manchester University and Manchester Cathedral. This week, our choir and orchestra are “on tour”, based in Barcelona, Spain, giving a range of performances as part of their concert tour of the Iberian Peninsular.

Black History Month Update

Deputy Head, Mr Nicholls, provides us with a summary of October highlights.

“Five subjects have been marking Black History Month by paying particular attention to individuals and events. In science, looking at the work of Lewis Latimer and George Washington Carver, pioneers in the fields of lighting and agriculture. Drama students have been learning about Martin Luther King Jr. and the ‘Montgomery Bus Boycott’, thinking about ways in which today’s citizens can protest about injustice with dignity and effectiveness. In English, studying the First World War unit and discovering the history of the first black officer in the army, Walter Tull, who, before the war, played for Tottenham Hotspur. Tull was mentioned in despatches for his “Coolness and gallantry” in combat.

In Enquiry Skills, a project called ‘They Made it Happen’, in which Y8 have studied and made a presentation on famous black people; from Civil Rights leaders like Malcolm X, to politicians such as Barrack Obama and Nelson Mandela, along with famous black sports people. Jesse Owens, in the 1936 Olympic Games in Berlin, was certainly noted by many students.

History has continued to promote Black History in all years. Y7 have learned about the voyage of the ‘Windrush’, the boat that brought the first people from the Caribbean to the UK in 1948. Students then found out about how Caribbean migrants have become a vital part of British society. Y8 have been discovering Tudor attitudes towards Africa and black people. Y9 has a specific unit of work on the ‘Black Peoples of the Americas’ and, at GCSE level, Y10 have studied Haile Selassie, whose name actually means ‘Power of the Trinity’. He was influential within the League of Nations in the 1930s. Y11 have been studying the Vietnam conflict and the hypocrisy of ‘Fighting for freedom’, whilst at the same time having to put up with racism and discrimination in America.”

Ms Valade has announced the winners of the Black Poetry Competition.

Winner Y7; Carina Hamilton. Runner-up; Reiko Hunter. 3rd position; Harkaram Singh Sathi. Most moving poem; Zeyna Campbell. Winner Y8; Jeffrey Otota

BBC Radio 2: Growing Up With God

A group of students took part in the recording of ‘Growing Up With God’, a Radio 2 programme which will be transmitted at 10:30pm on Tuesday, 27th October. We look forward to hearing Gursevak Singh, Romano Brown and Nick Blakely from Y9; Evie Basson and Jesse Yobera, Y10; and from Y11 Tom Bishop, Latrice Gray and Leonne Bryan. Ms Buck tells me that she was “Thrilled at the maturity and depth of what they had to say.



Trinity Students Meet The Archbishop Of York

Revd John Hughes of St John the Evangelist Church, Old Trafford, has sent this very positive message.

“I am writing to thank those students who accompanied Ms Burgum to Manchester Cathedral on October 8th. As you may remember, this was a day when we invited members of church schools to offer advice to the Dean, Rogers Govender, and others from local churches, on how to create greener church buildings.

Trinity students danced superbly as part of the midday worship in a piece choreographed by Ms Burgum. As on previous occasions, this was well conceived and beautifully executed. It was clear that much hard work had gone into the preparation. As an organizer of the event, it was so reassuring to know that we could rely on the quality of the students’ performances and I would like to thank both teacher and students for the inspiration, and indeed ‘gift’ they brought to the act of worship.

The students had a long time to wait to dance in a cold cathedral. I thank them for their resilience and their patience in listening to presentations from five church eco-school committees. I am also glad that they were able to meet the Archbishop of York, who came to commission us all to be ‘green apostles’, at the start of the day. I enclose a photo of a rainbow created for the occasion by artist Stephen Raw, whose children all attended Trinity, as did Dominic Biddle, my son, who painted the green palette on which Steve’s lettering sits.

Perhaps, in Black History Month, it is appropriate that students from Trinity were able to meet the Archbishop, who hails from Uganda. What a role model for Trinity’s diverse ethnic intake he is!”



(Trinity students and Mrs Burgum can be seen hiding away at the back of the photo’.)

Planning Our Christmas Fair

Last week, an energetic and enthusiastic group of parents met at school to confirm details of this years Christmas Fair; 12:00 noon – 2:00pm on Saturday, 5th

December, in the Temple dining room and drama hall. We are hoping that many of our boys and girls will want to organise and run stalls in what is always a popular and well supported event. Have your photograph taken with Santa Claus, join in with the carols, buy your presents early, win one of the many raffles or tombola prizes, sample the seasonal refreshments and, in the process, support your school! Put the date in your diary. It's never too early to start planning for Christmas.

Baby Boom At Trinity!



Above, left, Mrs Blayds' (Cooper) son, Jonah, 6lb 7oz.

Above, centre, Miss Heavey's daughter, Jasmine Faith, 8lb.

Above right, it's only fair that our LRB Manager and Newsletter photographer, Mr Richardson, should be photographed with his wife and new baby boy, Noah Luke, weighing in at 8lb 14oz.

Not photographed but also newly born, Mrs Pickering's son, Elliot Felix, 7lb 6oz.

And Finally...

October half term next week, so no school until Monday, 2nd November. If you've not made any plans for next Thursday evening, why not pop along to the "St John's Got Talent" night at St John's Church, Ayres Road, Old Trafford. £2 on the door, £1 with a ticket. For more details contact Elaine 07816 688 280 or Janet 07939 198 973.



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