



Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

I'm pleased to share some heart warming stories with you all this week.

At school, we talk often of what it means to be a positive member of our school community. It is important that we all understand, practice and celebrate the qualities that individuals display which add great strength to various communities we all belong to. Qualities of giving, sharing, supporting, kindness and empathy are ever more important now after what everyone has been through over the last 18 months.

My thanks and congratulations to all our students demonstrating so many of those qualities in this weeks newsletter.

I wish you all a good week ahead,

**Mr Clayton, Headteacher**

## An Audience with Jeff Kinney ~

### Author of the 'Diary of a Wimpy Kid' Books

This week some of our Year 7 students had the opportunity to see "*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*" author Jeff Kinney during a live on-line virtual event. Jeff is currently in the UK to promote his new Wimpy Kid book "*Big Shot*".

During the event, Jeff talked about how the funny things that happened to him as a child which inspired him to create the character *Greg Heffley*, and, how a lot of the things Greg does in the books actually happened to him.

Not only does Jeff write the *Wimpy Kid* books – but he also draws all of the illustrations himself. He originally wanted to be a newspaper cartoonist, but was told that he wasn't good enough so he became a writer instead.

The event was a fun experience and Jeff Kinney was very entertaining. At the end of the event the students got to see a sneak peak of the new Disney animated '*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*' film that will be out soon.

**Library Staff**





## Nilash Inspired by Jeff's World of Writing

My name is Nilash Neil and I am a Year 7 student. Recently, some students from our year group have had the privilege of receiving an amazing author talk by the one and only Jeff Kinney.

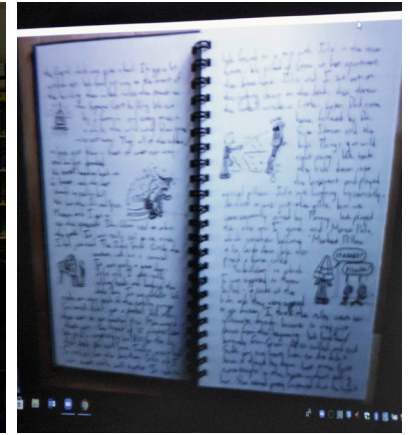
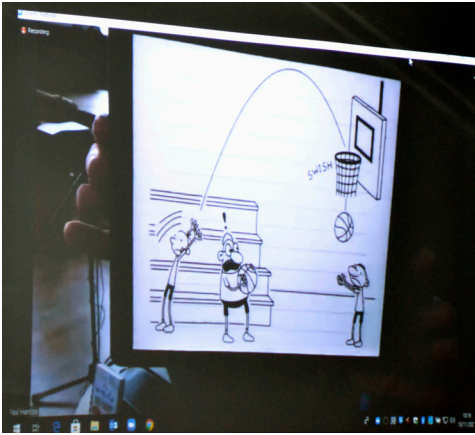
Jeff Kinney is the author of a best-selling series called '*Diary of a Wimpy Kid*' and so I was very happy when he was able to talk to us virtually about his career in the world of writing. He talked about his '*Big Shot drive-thru tour*', and how he used this opportunity to promote his new book called '*Big Shot*'.

What really attracted me to this book was the fact that it focussed on humorous childhood memories about team sports.

Learning about Jeff Kinney's work was a fascinating experience that has influenced me and my understanding of his world of writing.

I am sure it has provoked many others to think about be what they want to be.

*Nilash Neil, Year 7 Student*



## Hamper Help - Year 7 Collect Food for Local Community



Year 7 have been busy collecting food items in preparation for creating Christmas Hampers for Holbrooks Community Centre.

These items have included foods that we typically enjoy around the festive period, such as crackers, trifle mixes, Christmas puddings and pickled onions/cabbage!

All tutor groups have responded brilliantly to this community

collection, but one tutor group stood out in their commitment to helping others.

7 Warwick were the first tutor group to collect all items and therefore received a fabulous breakfast on Friday 12th November.

Well done 7 Warwick- a great achievement!

*Mrs Arnett, Student Leadership and Character, The Bridge*

## Year 9 Raise Money for Coventry Food Bank

In Year 9, each tutor group have been allocated charities to raise money for.

9MM have chosen Coventry Food Bank and students made cakes and bought drinks to raise money.

The tutor groups will work closely with the charities throughout the year in various fund raising activities.

*Mrs Sandhar, Year 9 Pastoral Leader*



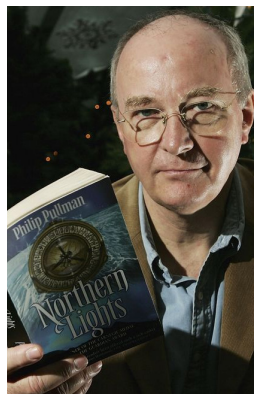
## International Selling Author to Talk with President Kennedy School Students!

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am excited to announce that President Kennedy School, in collaboration with Stoke Park School, have managed to secure tickets to an online discussion with International best-selling Children's Author Philip Pullman.

During the event, Philip Pullman will be talking about the inspiration behind *Northern Lights* and the *His Dark Materials* trilogy. There will also be an extended Q&A, which will be an opportunity for students to share their thoughts on the book and learn more about the character, themes, and process of writing.

For those who haven't read '*Northern Lights*' yet, the story introduces us to Lyra, a young girl who begins to uncover dangerous secrets about the adults around



her. When her friend Roger goes missing, Lyra and her pet daemon Pantalaimon embark on a perilous journey to the ice kingdoms of the North to find him – but what they discover there changes their destiny forever... Copies of this excellent story, alongside other fantastic novels, can be found in the school library.

The event will take place on Wednesday 24th November 2021 and will run from 4.00pm to 4.40pm.

If you would like your child to take part in this fantastic opportunity, then please return the slip attached to the letter that is being sent out back to their English teacher. If you have any questions about this event, then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I thank you for your continued support.

**Mr T Lane, Assistant Headteacher**

## Jayden to Travel to South Africa to Help Young Children



Jayden Thorpe has been working hard towards embarking on an amazing opportunity that will help young children and families in South Africa.

Jayden is part of the Army Cadets Force and this year, he and 29 other applicants who were chosen out of a possible 50,000, will be travelling to South Africa in 2023 to

help young children in need.

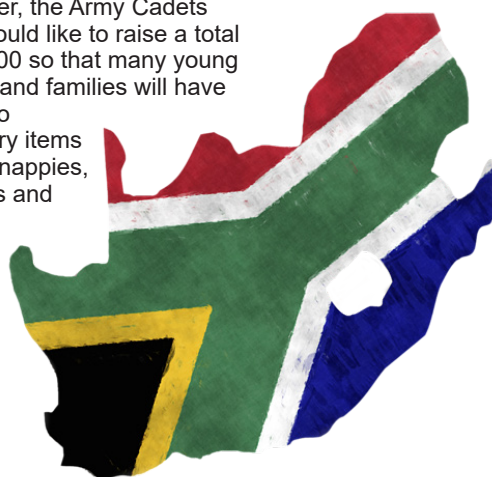
Altogether, the Army Cadets Force would like to raise a total of £30,000 so that many young children and families will have access to necessary items such as nappies, dummies and toys.

If you would like to help Jayden, please follow the 'Go Fund Me' account link below.

[shorturl.at/lqAHW](https://shorturl.at/lqAHW)

Well done Jayden!

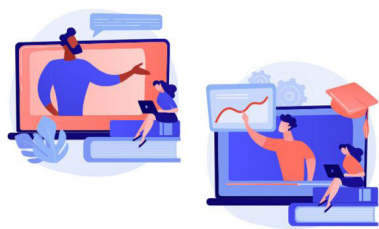
**The Year 10 team**



## Want to help your child make informed decisions about their next steps?



**Parents' Insight Webinar**



Is your child in Years 10-13? Then join us on 24th November (6.30pm - 7.10pm) for our FREE parents' insight webinar in partnership with IBM, to find out about the varied school leaver opportunities IBM can offer your child.

Hear directly from IBM early careers managers on school leaver opportunities including apprenticeships, degree apprenticeships and gap year roles.

Hear from current apprentices on their journey at IBM so far.

PLUS a Q and A session, giving you an opportunity to ask any questions.

Don't miss out, register now to secure your place!

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