



ONE KIND WORD...

was the theme for this year's anti-bullying week that ran from 15th – 19th November. Compass School shares the view of the Anti-Bullying Alliance that kindness is more important today than it has ever been. We know the impact of the pandemic on our community and particularly our well-being and mental health. 'One Kind Word' was chosen as the theme of Anti-Bullying Week in recognition of the difference this can make in brightening someone's day.

During this week, almost half the school decorated a cupcake or biscuit with their chosen "kind word". Student council representatives Greta, Kwame K, Kimora, Natasha L and Tai, gave out treats for those they "spotted being kind" and everyone was welcome to spray paint their kind word on our graffiti board. "U R Enough" was one thoughtful response.

Our pupils have always played a leading role in anti-bullying, with our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors receiving specialist training through the Diana Award. This ensures they can provide that peer support for those in need and ensure they know where to go to get help. Our Golden Lions club was set up by pupils as a support network for those who may be a little shy in the playground or with making friends.

"Be Kind" was the message for our hit Christmas Film 2020 which had over 1,000 views. Time to take another look!

Sorry You are Leaving

We say farewell to two fantastic colleagues this week. Our Head Chef, Izzy, has ensured pupils, staff and visitors have eaten very well over the years. While table tennis coach, Simon, has set up our Greenhouse programme from scratch, and in just over 2 years has made the sport a firm favourite with our pupils and local primary schools with whom we have shared the provision. We wish them both the very best for the future.

Please see links to our [Twitter](#) page, [Compass School Website](#) and for our [Facebook](#) page.

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Library News

Book of the week!



Three years ago, Ghost's dad chased him and his mum down the road with a gun. His dad got ten years in prison, and Ghost learned how to run.

Ghost has never thought of athletics as a sporting option – basketball is his thing. But now, after challenging a sprinter to a race at the local track, he's won himself a place on an elite running team. To keep it, he just needs to stay out of trouble. That's easier said than done when Brandon Sanderson is in your face every day at school, you can't forget your painful past, and when you want a new pair of trainers so badly you'd do anything to get them.

Ghost's voice and character spring off the page in this stunning novel about facing your fears and finding your feet. His character is so authentic, you wouldn't be surprised if he walked straight off the page, living and breathing. And as Coach takes him under his wing, Ghost discovers that even if you can't run away from where you come from, you can run towards where you want to be.

A page-turning book with plenty of challenges and moral dilemmas along the way.

Jason Reynolds is an American author of novels and poetry for young adults and a National Book Award Finalist for Young People's Literature.

The Library of Congress named Reynolds the National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.

During a talk with students in America, Reynolds said that "We're more than our traumatic moments. We have just as many triumphs as we do trauma," he told the students.

Check out this book in the library today! Not your thing? Speak with Ms Edwards to find the right book for you.

Accelerated reader



Accelerated Readers stars of the week



Who has read the most words this week?

Year 7	Aaminah Abiola	887,405
Year 8	Angelica Baker	643,057
Year 9	Greta Pezzolato	156,982

Who has taken the most quizzes this week?

Year 7	Finlay Hanley	10 Quizzes taken
Year 8	Nam Hoang	12 Quizzes taken
Year 9	Blue Cleary	6 Quizzes taken

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Since the start of September, students taking part in Accelerated Reader in KS3 have read a whopping **6,223,575** words That is an amazing amount.

Please keep encouraging your child to read and take a quiz as soon as they have finished their book. Quizzes can be taken at home as well as in school. Remember quizzes = Prizes!

Reading Legend of the Week is
Faruk.



He is currently reading the Jamie Johnson Series by Dan Freedman.

He is now on book 5 of the series and finished book 4 in two days, epic!

Faruk had this to say about being the reading legend of the week.

"It has made me feel like never before, a wonderful feeling. Reading really inspires me. As a footballer, I like reading books about football, maybe you could read it too."

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Community Matters.



We are delighted to be able to hold our Christmas Fair this year!

On December 10th, 4pm-6pm, come along and join us for what is set to be an incredible event.

Alongside our Enrichment show and live music, there will also be a range of stalls, games, side shows and an epic raffle with JD Sports vouchers and hampers up for grabs!

If art is more of your thing, you can make your own fresh wreath, your own tree ornaments and even your own cards.

For the children (and young at heart) there will also be a face painter, 36ft inflatable assault course with slide and the opportunity to win prizes in our Beat the Table Tennis Master competition and Basketball challenge.

Time and Talents

Our Christmas Fair will be raising money for Time and Talents, a historic organisation whose values are so aligned with our own.

They have a history stretching back more than 134 years, supporting people of all ages in our area, and bringing people together for mutual support, fun and friendship. With a wide range of activities at their centres, along with volunteering and schools' outreach projects across local neighbourhoods, they work to help everyone feel part of a community.

Please see their [website](https://www.timeandtalents.org.uk/) for more information about the incredible work that they do and know that, by attending our fair, you will be helping to support them and our very special local area.



Where everyone feels part of a community

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Positive Power!

Congratulations to our pupils who have achieved an incredible total of positives. The introduction of Class Charts this term has made it easy to see your child's rewards in real time! Don't forget to discuss and reward their efforts at home too!



We earned an incredible number of positives!

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Stars of the week – KS3

Andi Howard Carlisle	59
Poppy Biddulph	52
Sami El-Faour	47

Kornel Owolabi	43
Owen Lucas	42
Nadia Mohamed	38



Brigette Castillio-Caicedo	54
Greta Pezzolato	54
Godsfavour Omoniyi	47
Chau Chu	46

Remember to
update your
LFT display!

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Stars of the week – KS4

Osasenga Osadiaye	58
Teddy MacDonald	51
Taylor-Rae Phillips-King	50



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Well done, everyone!



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Attendance News

ATTENDANCE

Everyday matters!

For every student that gets a 100% attendance for the week, the LFT will receive 5 positive points.

Your LFT will now be entering into the new **Attendance League**. Every Friday, your LFT will click on the button seen on the slide so any students that get 100% attendance that week receive 5 points. The more points you get, the higher up the league you will go!



Weekly 100%
Attendance

Good Luck!



Weekly 100%
Attendance

**GET YOU 100%
ATTENDANCE
POSITIVES**

LFTs get rewarding!
Who is moving up the league?

ATTENDANCE LEAGUE!



Premier
League

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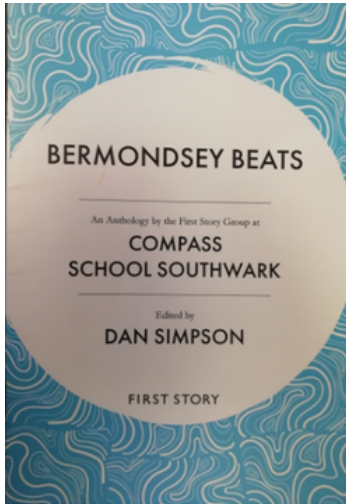
REWARDS!



- 1 Log-on to the Class Charts app and click rewards
- 2 Choose the reward you want using your positive points
- 3 Collect your award from Students Services

What's been happening!

COMPASS- POET IN RESIDENCE – DAN SIMPSON



"Putting a poet-in-residence into Compass School is a brilliant thing - and I'm delighted that it's me! I'll be encouraging students' creativity and literacy, helping them to become confident writers and speakers - key skills for life. I believe in the power of self expression and communicating with your unique voice, and can't wait to hear what our students say!" Dan Simpson.



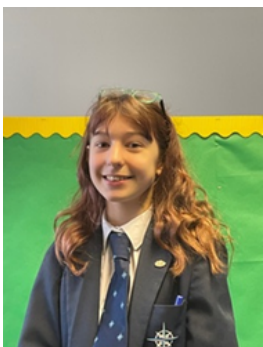
Dan working with students in year 7



My Name

My name means warrior
I cause war
I am the shape of a grave

Excerpt from a poem by Saxon Salkeld-Townsley



Anxiety

But still you tell no one,
Tell no one of your pain.
You lie in their face,
Not a care in the world,
Not thinking about the level of hurting



So instead don't listen to the voices bringing you hell,
Listen to your friends.
Your friends who always bring you well.

Excerpt from a poem by Eden Price

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Artist in Residence

Year 10 students had the opportunity to work with an artist in residence over a day and a half workshop with artist, Jane Smith. On the first morning, students were introduced to the working style of Jane and they spent the morning drawing from observation using expressive lines. On the second day, students focused their drawings on the theme of structures and produced sustained drawings combining media such as watercolours and charcoal.

Student, Lucy said 'It was really useful having an artist because she helped us improve our pieces and gave us an expert's opinion on perspectives and which colours would look the best. She helped us achieve our full artistic potential, showing us really how much we can achieve'.

We look forward to working with Artist in Residence on further exciting projects and thank The Worshipful Company of Pattenmakers for supporting this initiative at Compass School.



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