

COMMUNITY BULLETIN

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Remembering the Fallen



Marking Remembrance

At this time of year we see our nation at its finest: united in remembrance of the fallen in the Great War and conflicts since. They, from all walks of life, nationalities and identities, gave their lives in service of our country and ideals so we can enjoy the freedom we hold today. It was especially moving to be present at the Armistice ceremony at the War Memorial on Jamaica Road. Once wreaths had been laid by organisations, it was the turn of individuals to pay their tributes. Many placed crosses. I couldn't help but wonder what stories lay behind these very personal tributes. During our remembrance assembly, we heard from our pupils and guest speaker, Canon Gary Jenkins, about the devastation war brings to communities and individuals, even after hostilities have ended. The battle goes on to ensure there is recognition for all those who gave their lives in the Great Wars, and that there is support for the mental health of those who serve today.

Lord Mayor's Show

This show dates back to the 13th Century and, like his predecessors, the newly elected Lord Mayor, Vincent Keaveny, made the procession to Westminster to swear loyalty to the Crown. Mrs Kennedy and I were pleased to take 5 of our pupils along to the show as guests of the Worshipful Company of Pewterers, one of the older Livery Companies in the City of London. Our pupils enjoyed refreshments and lunch at Pewterers' Hall, where they impressed our hosts with their knowledge. The fantastic parade of floats, carriages, military vehicles, you name it, capped a memorable day for us all.

Farewell Mrs Bailey

After 5 years at Compass, Mrs Bailey received rousing applause from pupils and staff in our assembly and then a personal visit from Chair of Governors, Martin Deutz. She served our community with great commitment and we wish her the very best for the future.

Marcus Huntley, Principal



Enjoying Pewterers' Hall



New Lord Mayor heading to Westminster



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Community Matters

On Wednesday 10th November, it was wonderful to welcome parents to our very first coffee morning with Mr. Huntley, Ms. Walkey-Williams and our chair of governors, Martin Deutz.

Parents were given a tour of the school so that they were able to see lessons in action (and, of course, to try and give their children a wave!) before enjoying tea and cake while Mr. Huntley updated them on the half-term so far here at Compass.

It was wonderful to hear such positive feedback about our introduction of Class Charts and how far this has improved communications between home and school; we will continue to build on this platform across the year, introducing new buttons to reward pupils even more!

It was also a great opportunity to reflect and important conversations were had about the kinds of events that we offer and ways that we can encourage even more parents to get involved. If you have any ideas or feedback, please do get in touch!

We really hope to see more of you at our next coffee morning in January to help kick off the new year in the right way!



Parent's Corner

Some parents have shared their after-school routines to ensure that homework is completed and that pupils have that all-important free time.

"The first thing he does is take off his coat and shoes, wash his hands and change out of his school clothes. Then we have dinner and talk about our day.

After dinner he does his homework before jumping into other things non school related and when he is finished he has his time to decompress and do what he likes. It's a good routine for now and it works for us."

Berna Bayirgul, Year 7 parent

"When my two get home from school they usually have a cup of tea and a few biscuits and discuss their day. Then I ask them to do any homework they have if it's due the next day or the day after. They get on and do this, knowing once it's done, they have the rest of the evening to themselves. I find this works and it's not left to the last minute, rushing to get the work completed."

Clare Barnes, Year 7 and Year 11 parent

Compass School Remembers



Remembrance Day Assembly

On Thursday 11th November, the whole school came together for an important Remembrance Day assembly to commemorate those who lost their lives in conflict. Mr Huntley began the assembly by showing a short video on the importance of the two-minute silence and then reflected on the importance of us remembering.

Three of our Year 9 pupils, Greta, Faruk and Alex, then spoke about the soldiers from the Commonwealth and beyond, who fought side by side with British soldiers and are often not given the same level of recognition, recognition that they clearly deserve.

We were then honored to welcome Canon Gary Jenkins from St James' Church. Canon Jenkins spoke about the impact of the Blitz in Bermondsey and the sobering fact that bombs dropped on SE16 for 57 days, killing more than 400 people. Our very own school, then known as Keetons Road School, was destroyed during that very first night of bombing.

Our assembly ended with Year 11 pupil, Leon, reading a stanza of the poem For the Fallen, by Laurence Binyon, The Last Post and a two-minute silence.

Later in the morning, Mr Huntley attended the local Bermondsey service at West Lane, accompanied by Katie and George, our Head Boy and Head Girl, and Mariam, our Southwark Youth Parliament Rep.



Queen Elizabeth II, at 95 years of age, is the UK's longest-serving monarch. Since her coronation in June 1953, she has remained a constant presence in the lives of so many.

Sadly, she was unable to attend the remembrance ceremony at the Cenotaph, but we wish her a speedy recovery from her illness.

Positive Power!

Congratulations to our pupils who have achieved an incredible total of positives. Pupils have enjoyed a really successful return to school following the half-term break and have kept racking up the positive points, even when preparing for assessment week!



We earned an incredible number of positives!

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Stars of the week – KS3

Jack Hilmi	36
Ronnie Lloyd	35
Myles Sheppard	34



Remember to update your LFT display!

Danny Carlise	44
Ronny Eagle	44
Hoang Ly	43
Sameeha Bakare	41

Brigette Castillo-Caicedo	56
Greta Pezzolato	53
Godsfavour Omoniyi	44

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Stars of the week – KS4

Honey Eagle	42
Oliver Springett	37
Ollie Martin	36



Remember to update your LFT display!

Ameer Peluso	35
Frankie Nazer	32
Teddie Hitchcock	31

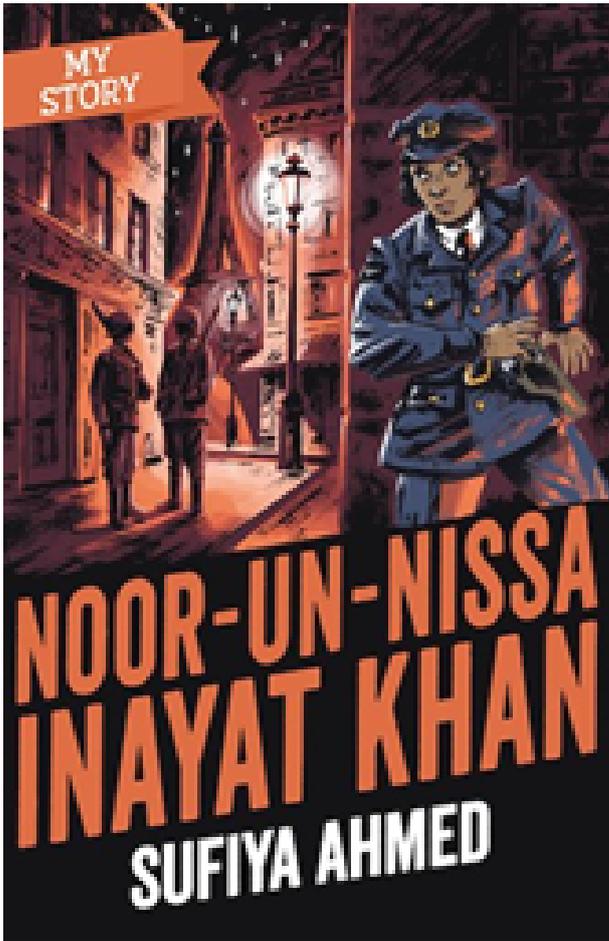
Well done, everyone!

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Library News

Book of the week!



After fleeing from the Nazis, who have invaded her childhood home in Paris, Noor Inayat Khan vows to do everything she can to end the Nazi terror. The daughter of a Sufi pacifist and descendant of an Indian Sultan, Noor joins the British war effort, first caring for wounded soldiers, then joining the WAAF. Here, she is recruited as a Special Operations Executive – aka a spy.

Based on the life of a real war hero, this is a story of heroism, espionage and resilience.

Noor is written by Sufiya Ahmed as a brave and fiercely impassioned young woman, ready to give her life. She's a just and courageous hero, but one who feels fear and makes mistakes, just like anyone else. Noor must make incredible life-or-death decisions and, based on her real life, the story has a hard-hitting conclusion.

Christmas is coming!



Create this year's official Compass Christmas card. The winner's card gets sent to everyone on the Compass School mailing list (and that's a big list!)

The winner will also receive a prize!

Entries should be sent to Ms Ragusa by Monday 29th November 2021.

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



Weekly 100% Attendance

Good Luck!

GET YOU 100% ATTENDANCE POSITIVES

LFTs get rewarding!
Who is moving up the league?

ATTENDANCE 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?

Year 7

Year 7 pupils have been proudly showing off the models of London that they completed for their Geography homework. The range of approaches was incredible: moving models, tall models and even Minecraft models! A massive WELL DONE to all pupils and make sure you look out for the incredible display in the library next time you visit!

Value of the Week:
Exploration

Year 7 students created a model of London for their Geography homework. Well done!



Jack



Henry



Lucas



Valeria



Louie-Pierre

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Accelerated Reader

KS3 Pupils have been taking part in Accelerated Reader since the start of September and they are flying! More than 250 quizzes have been attempted in that short time and the rewards have started to flow, with some pupils already having passed more than 5 quizzes!

Please help support us to really make this the year of reading at Compass by encouraging your child to read at home and take a quiz as soon as they have finished their book!

Quizzes = Prizes!



Accelerated Readers stars of the week – KS3

Who has read the most words this week?

Year 7	Aaminah Abiola	457,517
Year 8	Angelica Baker	542,130
Year 9	Ronnie Scowen-English	73,053

Who has taken the most quizzes this week?

Year 7	Aaminah Abiola	8 Quizzes taken
Year 8	Scarlettbel Cuthbertson	7 Quizzes taken
Year 9	Vivian Atroba	6 Quizzes taken

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Youth Construction Trust

Pupils in Year 7 and Year 8 were given the opportunity to work with the Youth Construction Trust this week.

Using a range of materials, pupils built some incredible structures during the workshop and learned more about careers in the construction industry.

Well done, everyone!

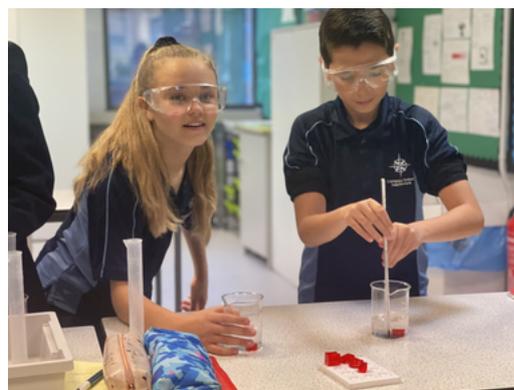


Year 7 get practical!

It has been wonderful to get Year 7 started with practical experiments in science this half-term!

They looked at physical change called dissolving in this lesson. Experimentation is what gives science its identity. Experiments are used in science to explore the world's realities, and this practical approach is as important to young students as it is to expert researchers.

Experiments are a great way to understand scientific ideas and theories, but practical work is also important for learning. It motivates students to pursue science in more depth, whether academically or technically and provides them with practical skills and attitudes that will be useful in their future employment."



Welcome back, Ms Milburn, Vice Principal!

We are delighted to welcome back the incredible Ms Milburn from maternity leave!

Ms Milburn will be returning in a new role, having recently been appointed as Vice Principal; pupils and staff are thrilled to have her energy and excellent teaching skills back at Compass.