



Today's Prayer

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Dear Parents and Carers

After my first full term in the school I am keen to gain feedback from Parents on a range of issues. Please spend five minutes providing us with some brief feedback on what we are doing well and how we might improve. The following Parental questionnaire will close at midnight on Monday 2 January 2023.

<https://forms.office.com/e/guVBA2fW1e>

Carol Service and message from the Music Department

We would like to say a massive thank you to all our musicians who have performed in our events this term. We appreciate your hard work and time committed to rehearsals. We have thoroughly enjoyed hearing you play and sing this term. The feedback we have received about the Carol Service this week has been fantastic. Students represented the school impeccably. Looking forward to working on our next projects in the Spring Term. Watch this space ...



Storehouse

On Monday, we delivered a whole van packed full of tinned food and essential supplies to support families in the community struggling to make ends meet. The foodbank is run by the Vineyard Church in north Bury. A huge thank you to our generous families and to staff for their donations and to Mrs Harris for coordinating the collection.





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The School that Rocked!!

The students put on five spectacular shows! Local Primary Schools came to watch during the day, feedback from them was glowing. Some children described it as "spectacular, very funny and the music was excellent."

We also had messages from Parents to say how much they enjoyed it/were proud of the students. "A short note to thank you and all the pupils for a wonderful show last night."

"Thank you for taking my children out of their comfort zone and encouraging them to succeed, I am glad they have had the opportunity to be involved."

Well done and thank you to everyone who was involved and came to watch/work and support.

The next performance opportunity for Years 8 and 10 will be the Shakespeare Schools Festival - As You Like It. There are approximately 30 spaces available, workshop auditions will take place on Thursday 5 January 2023 after school in the PAC. Performance at The Apex Wednesday 8 March 2023!! We are looking forward to it already.

Message from the Year 7 team

We have been so impressed with how well Year 7 have settled in for their first term at King Edward VI. They raised over £160 for the Royal British Legion at the Bake Sale in November and we were so grateful for our team of helpers. Year 7 have also been invited to attend the cathedral twice this term, first for a welcome event and then for a Remembrance Service along with Year 9. On both occasions, Year 7 performed a song organised by the Music Department, and some students also performed at the Carol Service.

We are so proud of the sixteen Year 7s who were involved in School of Rock and we loved seeing them up on stage! It is an amazing achievement for them to take part so early in their King Edward's journey and we look forward to seeing them in future productions.

Year 7 have also sent over 180 Christmas cards to local care homes this week to wish residents a Merry Christmas! We look forward to residents writing back to our students and becoming pen pals.

This week we handed out over 250 certificates at our Celebration Assembly and looked back on how successful the first term has been with Year 7. We look forward to the next term with Year 7 and we wish you and your families a very happy Christmas.

Miss Scarlett, Miss Otoka and Miss Organ

International Tchoukball

Last weekend a group of King Edward VI students represented the UK (with support from the King Edward VI Foundation) in an international Tchoukball Tournament in Geneva, Switzerland. As well as the opportunity of playing at such a high level it was a wonderful experience for the students to meet so many international players, enjoy time with their team mates and see a new country. Toby Cushing, Henry Flores Holland, George Humpage, Jack Law, Sam Law, Franco Symons and Harry Upton all took part. What an amazing achievement, well done boys!

First Up boys Brave the Elements

The 'First Up' group of Year 8 boys celebrated the end of their course of sessions, which have taken place twice weekly before school since September, with a trip to the Assault Course in Barrow.

Despite the freezing weather the boys vigorously attacked the obstacles led by Aiden Brown who also won the 'Iron Man' award for this half of term for his effort and commitment. Ted Colley won the award in the first half of term.

Equipment Reminder

Please provide your child with the correct equipment for school every day. The list can be found in your child's planner and [on the website here](#). You can purchase many items from our [Parent Pay shop](#) via the website and collect in school from Student Services.

Safeguarding

- Please remind your child/ren of the dangers of playing on frozen ponds and lakes at this time of year.
- The Norfolk and Suffolk NHS Foundation Trust run a series of free Parent/Carer workshops online to help with issues such as anxiety and eating disorders. [Please visit their website for more information](#)
- With Christmas nearly upon us and many children either receiving new devices or simply spending more time on them over the holidays, we have some advice to share with you for the holidays from [parentsafe.lqfl.net](#), a one-stop location for support and advice on keeping children safe online. Including tips like:
- It can sometimes be difficult to know what to do for the best when you are worried that a child is being harmed, hurt or neglected. You may think that someone else already knows and everything will be alright. Over the festive period, if you are concerned about an immediate risk to the safety of a child or vulnerable adult, please call Customer First on **0808 800 4005** or in an emergency, call the Police on **999**.

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 Old Burians' Association 

PHOTO COMPETITION

ON THE THEME: **"MY BEST SHOT"**

Don't forget -

PLEASE INCLUDE YOUR

- FULL NAME
- DATE OF BIRTH
- YOUR COLLEGE
- THE DATE YOU TOOK YOUR PHOTOGRAPH

YOUR PHOTO MUST BE TAKEN between 08 July 2022 and 14 February 2023

SEND IT as a .jpeg attachment TO: **OBphotocomp@mail.com** by 15 February 2023

PRIZES

Fourth prize	£10.00
Third prize	£20.00
Second prize	£30.00
FIRST PRIZE	£50.00

ALL WINNING ENTRIES WILL BE PUBLISHED IN THE OLD BURIAN MAGAZINE - 2023 EDITION

STRICTLY ONE PHOTO ENTRY PER PERSON

FREE TO ENTER !

Old Burians' Association Photography Competition

For those budding photographers amongst you, don't forget the Old Burians' Association competition.

Closing date for entries is 14 February 2023.

Whatever you are doing this Christmas, and whoever you are with, everyone at King Edward VI Church of England School would like to wish you a magical Christmas.



Deri O'Regan

Dates for your Diary Term Dates for 2023-2024 are now available on the website	
Sat 17 Dec 22 – Mon 2 Jan 23	Christmas Holidays
Tues 3 Jan 23	PD Day (school closed to students)
Wed 4 Jan 23	First day of term
Wed 4 – Wed 18 Jan 23	Year 11 Mock Exams
Mon 13 – Fri 17 Feb 23	Half Term

Book Advent Calendar Days 8, 9, 10, 11, & 12

Book Advent Calendar 12th December 2022

WELCOME TO MY WORLD



CHAPTER ONE

How It All Began . . .

Right at the start, there are two things you should know about Harri: one, she doesn't usually make a habit of locking herself in toilet cubicles during parties; and two, she is normally one of the most sane, placid individuals you could ever meet.

But tonight is an exception.

Because this evening – at exactly 11.37 p.m. – the world Harri knew ended in one catastrophic event. In the space of three and a half minutes, everyone she loved collided in an Armageddon of words, leaving mass carnage in its wake – sobbing women, shouting men and squashed vol-au-vents as far as the eye could see. Powerless to stop the devastation, she resorted to the only sensible option left available – seeking refuge in the greying vinyl haven that is the middle cubicle in the ladies' loo at Stone Yardley Village Hall.

So here she is. Sitting on the wobbly toilet, black plastic lid down, head in hands, life Officially Over. And she has no idea what to do next.

WELCOME TO MY WORLD

Miranda Dickinson has always had a head full of stories. From an early age she dreamed of writing a book that would make the heady heights of Kingswinford Library. Following a Performance Art degree, she began to write in earnest when a friend gave her The World's Slowest PC. She is also a singer-songwriter. Her first novel, *Fairytale of New York*, was a *Sunday Times* top ten international bestseller. *Welcome to My World* is her second novel.

To find out more about Miranda visit www.miranda-dickinson.com

A book for a little something different – love, upset, some of life's questions put to the test!

Book Advent Calendar 13th December 2022

THE PENGUIN BOOK OF MODERN BRITISH SHORT STORIES

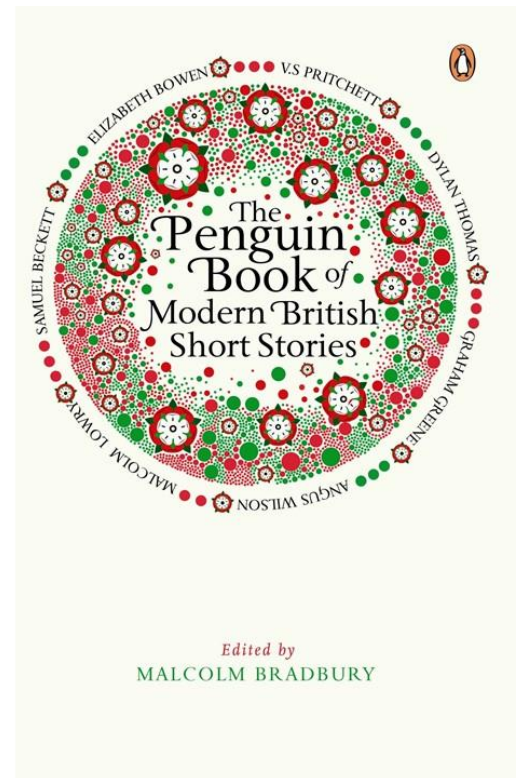
A collection of the finest short stories from our best loved authors, including Samuel Beckett, Graham Greene, William Golding, Kingsley Amis, Doris Lessing, Muriel Spark, J. G. Ballard, William Trevor, Ian McEwan, Martin Amis, Rose Tremain, Salman Rushdie, Graham Swift and Kazuo Ishiguro.

'The short story has become one of the major forms of modern literary expression - in some ways the most modern of them all.'

The story of the British short story since the Second World War is one of **change and revolution** and this **powerful and moving** collection brilliantly demonstrates the evolution of the form.

Containing thirty-four of the most widely regarded postwar British writers, it features tales of love and crime, comedy and the supernatural, the traditional as well as the experimental.

A brilliant portrait of the generation of writers who have immediately influenced the brightest, sharpest and most intriguing writers who continue to emerge today.



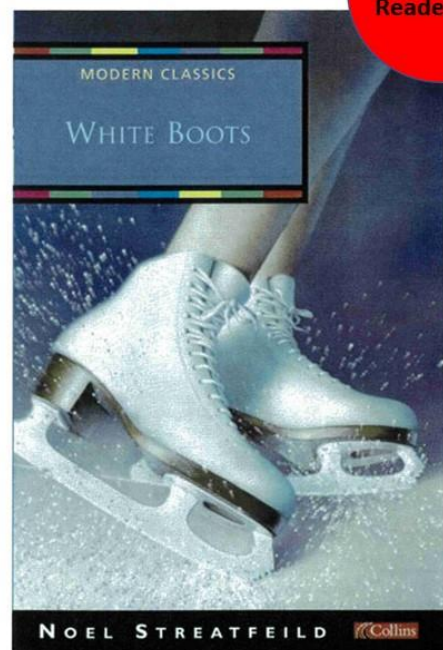
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WHITE BOOTS

Publisher's Synopsis

HARRIET MUST CHOOSE BETWEEN HER FRIEND LALLA AND HER NEW-FOUND LOVE OF ICE-SKATING... **"IF YOU PASS YOUR INTER-SILVER, I'LL TELL AUNT CLAUDIA THAT I DON'T WANT TO WORK WITH YOU ANY MORE."** HARRIET IS TOLD THAT SHE MUST TAKE UP ICE-SKATING IN ORDER TO IMPROVE HER HEALTH. SHE ISN'T MUCH GOOD AT IT, UNTIL SHE MEETS LALLA MOORE, A YOUNG SKATING STAR. NOW HARRIET IS GETTING BETTER AND BETTER ON THE ICE, AND LALLA DOESN'T LIKE IT.

DOES HARRIET WANT TO SAVE THEIR FRIENDSHIP MORE THAN SHE WANTS TO SKATE?



An Accelerated Reader Book

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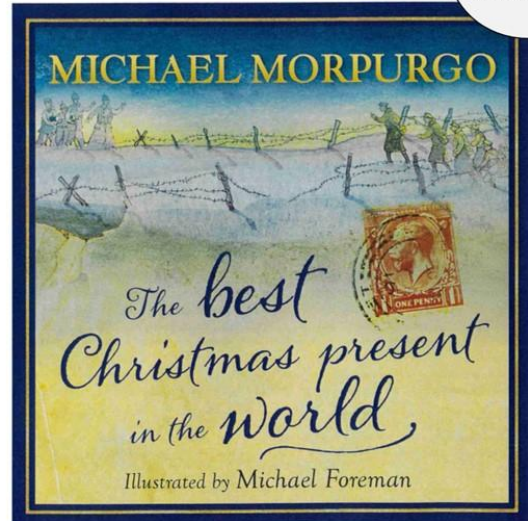
THE BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT IN THE WORLD

An
Accelerated
Reader Book

A cute little book of a heart-warming tale from the First World War. Written and illustrated in a touching yet haunting way that reminds the reader that even in times of conflict, there can be good.

From the back cover -

The chance discovery of an old letter brings to life the story of a Christmas miracle amid the horrors of the trenches.

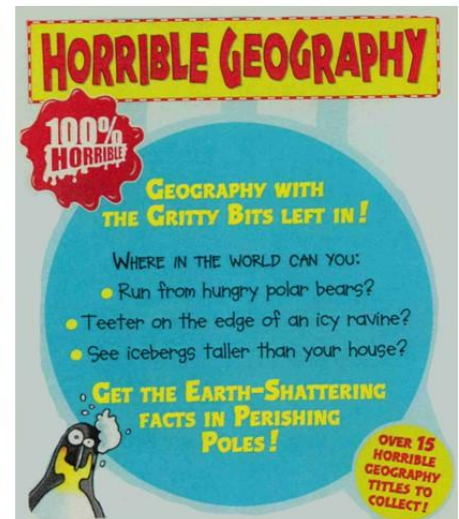
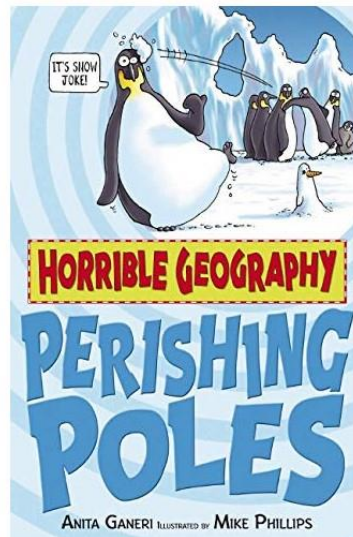


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PERISHING POLES

An
Accelerated
Reader
Book

And now for something a little different!
Some horrible yet funny facts about the Poles...will Santa feature?



Thought for the Week

'You get old and you realise there are no answers, just stories.'
Garrison Keillor

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