

Curious and Active Reading Group

Five of our excellent Year 7 students – Anthony, Etin, Liam, Imaan and Shaequan - have been chosen to visit Maryvale Catholic Primary School every week to support a selection of Year 5 and 6 pupils who need a little bit of extra help with their reading. We have forged strong bonds with Maryvale School, and it is wonderful to see the older students supporting their younger peers. The photographs, taken by our Lay Chaplain Liam, show the children engaging with the text they are reading – **War Horse**. The Cardinal Wiseman pupils listened carefully to the children from Maryvale reading aloud, helping them to pronounce and understand the meaning of difficult terms, and asking them probing questions about what they could infer about the characters and plot.



“On Monday 15th January, me and 4 others went to Maryvale and assisted multiple Year 6 pupils with their reading. We were put in pairs, which granted the Year 6 pupils the attention they needed to become better readers. This was our first time there, yet it was very productive for the pupils. We are going to help them each week so that they will be able to learn new techniques for reading”. **Anthony Hewson, 7Bo.**



“All of the students made me very proud by working well with each other and by showing that they genuinely cared for each other’s learning. Our Students were using probing questions to ensure the comprehension of the text for their partners; this will benefit all of them because it encourages them to be curious in reading and to analyse more deeply the meaning behind what they are reading. I was particularly impressed by how willing they were to get involved and work closely with the Maryvale children who needed support”. **Liam Thomas- Lay Chaplain.**

You can borrow War Horse from our library. If you haven’t yet read it, why not give it a go? The book charts the story of Joey, the horse, as he is sold to the British army and sent to France during the First World War. It is an emotional roller coaster of a book, and one that definitely brought a tear to my eye. Happy reading!



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