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# Blackfriars Bulletin



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This week, some pupils from Bridgewater joined in a community project with Newcastle Borough Council. Mariya can be seen working with Alison Wainwright, the Environmental Project Co-ordinator for Community Management at Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council. Working in their local community, Lewis and Paige tried very hard to safely litter pick, the photograph shows what a fantastic job they did.



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Referral Team :  
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Referral Team:  
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## Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

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0800 561 0015

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Bridgewater also invited a member of our community in to talk about their role in the community. PC Shaw demonstrated some of the equipment he wears and showed the students his unmarked police car.



Moorcroft have also been out and about in the local community – their focus this half-term is on reading and they are visiting Clayton library every Friday to listen to stories and to choose their own books to read.



'Student Voice' is a relatively new idea in schools and you hear many talk about how they ask their students their opinion on things like the playground and school toilets. Blackfriars' students go one better than that, I was delighted to receive this email from Shannon on Thursday. Portmeirion do not wait to be consulted with, they are so confident in using their own voices that they consult with us!!

We will keep you posted on what decision they make!



Good morning everyone, This term we are looking to help homeless people. the following ideas.

- a collection for the Macari center
- sponsored silence
- own clothes day/ cake sale

Please let the class know your thoughts

Thank you Shannon

We were very lucky last year to be awarded an Erasmus Award to engage in research about Inclusive Pedagogy. This has meant that over the last year, we have had the opportunity to work with colleagues in Romania, Malta, France, Belgium, Poland and Sweden looking at European approaches to meeting the needs of students with special educational needs in schools. Mrs Rawlinson and Ms Mitchell are the key researchers on the project and they took part this week in a visit to Sweden to look at a SEND school. They were accompanied by Ms Johnson who had the task of carrying out the risk assessment because in the summer, four lucky students will have the opportunity to experience schooling and the cultural life of Sweden.

Last Wednesday, we held our annual Celebration of Achievement, always a joyous occasion bringing together students who have moved on to different settings together with those who have stayed at Blackfriars to receive their certificates. We had two special prizes to give out – the Alex Laytact Award presented by Ms Charlene Beswick who authors 'Our Altered Life' which went to Haydon and the Mark Adams Trust award presented by Malcolm Lycett which was proudly received by Iris, both very worthy winners. Each of the students received their certificates and had the chance, with their parents and carers, to hear our very own Sam Mitchell talk about her 'altered life' living on dialysis – Ms Mitchell (as she is properly called when teaching Moorcroft!!) was accompanied by her mum, Elaine, who recounted what the experience has been like from a parents' perspective. They finished their speech with a rousing call to the students to not let their disabilities get in the way of achieving their goals.

We ended our Celebration of Achievement by opening the doors to all ex-students who wanted to get together and re-live old times. They were joined by staff from years ago and there was much hilarity as 'students' – now in their 30's, trawled through the old photos trying to work out who had aged the most. All agreed that school was the best years of their lives and many have committed to coming back into school to talk to our current students.



*Celebrate!*

### Scholars of the week:

Nathan (Dudson) for vocalising "you" when singing during our communication class.

Holly (Wedgwood) for being helpful, confident and excellent swimming.

Arwen (Portmeirion) for sportsmanship and determination, making the table top cricket and having FUN.

11th February - Bendrigg

11th February - Progress Review Evening - Years 7, 11, 13 and 14

14th February - Half Term Starts

24th February - School opens

Don't forget that the school calendar is available on our website:

<http://www.blackfriarsacademy.org.uk/>