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Ofsted Visit

Thank you so much for your support in the build up to our visit from Ofsted, we had some lovely supportive messages. Ofsted conducted their Interim visit on Thursday. It was a research visit and as such, we were asked a lot of questions about how we coped & what we did in Lockdown and then what we are doing as school has re-started.

We showed them the video that was made during lockdown (<http://www.blackfriarsacademy.org.uk/news>) and that set the tone for the visit because they could immediately see how committed all of our staff are to supporting our young people and their families. We described how very, very hard everyone (parents, carers, support staff, teachers, TAs and pupils) had worked. It was a pleasure being able to talk about the way that this school operates, even in adversity, because of the way that we all (you included) all work together.

AS I said in my letter on Wednesday, there is no judgement grade or even any evaluation, it is just about fact finding – BUT, they did say:-

- * We can hear how hard you have all worked
- * You have done such a lot as a school
- * We regret the fact that we could not come up to school to meet staff and the pupils
- * We really enjoyed our day and could talk to you forever, it is fascinating

Safeguarding Contact Information

Staffordshire

First Response :
0800 1313 126
Outside office hours:
0845 6042886

Stoke-on-Trent

Advice and Referral Team:
01782 235100
Outside office hours:
01782 234234

Cheshire East

Referral Team :
0300 123 5012 Option 2
Outside office hours:
0300 123 5022

Shropshire

Referral Team:
01743 254 259
Initial Contact Team:
0345 678 9021
Outside office hours:
0345 678 9040

Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response –
0845 604 2719

Stoke on Trent: Adult Social Care –
0800 561 0015

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This week, Middleport took part in a PRIDE gameshow where they watched short performances of social situations and decided whether the characters showed PRIDE or not. They all did a fantastic job at spotting what PRIDE looks like in school! Well done Middleport who have all made a fantastic start to the school year.

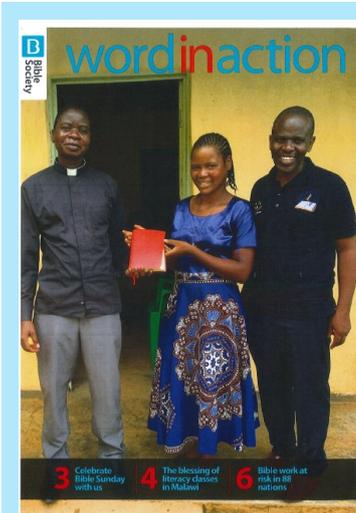


Middleport

Scholar of the Week

Middleport's Caitlin has been nominated for scholar of the week for amazing determination and continued hard work in each and every part of each school day.

Oll in Royal Doulton has become a published poet – his fantastic Covid inspired poem appeared in his church magazine and has earned him a nomination for Scholar of the Week.



Oliver age 12

When in lockdown because of Corona
 We must stay on our own-er.
 Although we must consider our needs,
 We must follow the health decrees.
 Make our voices heard – take a stand,
 Help with the little things, like washing our hands.
 Fight as a community, fight as one,
 Until lockdown is over and done.

Dates to remember:

OCTOBER HALF TERM –
 Monday 26 October to
 Monday 2 November –
 pupils back to school on
 Tuesday 3 November



Christmas Cards, Mugs and Other Products

We are once again pleased to announce that our school is raising money by taking part in the RUDOLPH CARDS Personalised Card, Mug and Products Project!



We will be sending home an order form showing the drawing that your child has done and this can be printed on to their very own packs of Christmas Cards or on a ceramic Mug and even on to a wide range of products from Teddies to Placemats! Perfect for family and friends this coming Christmas Season, as they will be truly unique! We were able to put over £130 into school fund from the sales as well.

If you wish to purchase any items then please complete the order form sent home, make your payment via Parentpay or Paypoint and return to school by **Thursday 22 October**

Would you like to be one of our Parent Academy Councillors ?

Blackfriars Academy are looking for additional members to join its Academy Council. The roles are voluntary and the appointment is for a four year term of office.

- **What does the Academy Council do?**

The Academy Council has responsibility for governance within the school. Amongst its key responsibilities are:

To support the Shaw Education Trust Board in developing a clear educational vision, ethos and direction for the Academy within the context of the vision for the Trust as a whole, recognising the uniqueness of our Academy and the contribution it makes to the Trust and to the communities served by the Academy and assisting in the fulfilment and communication of that vision.

To promote pupil welfare and ensure there are systems within the Academy to support pupils and their families, providing an extra resource to the Academy's leadership team.

- **How do I apply?**

Please complete the attached application form and return to school or via email to :
tinadavies@blackfriars.shaw-education.org.uk

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any further information

Closing date for applications is Friday 23 October 2020

Please note successful candidates will be required to undergo an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check and to confirm their eligibility to serve as a school councillor. Candidates are also subject to approval by the Shaw Education Trust.