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# Blackfriars Bulletin



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## Bendrigg



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Another group of students took part in the week long residential to Bendrigg last week – returning home on Friday exhausted but elated at having had the opportunity to be away from home excelling at a range of different personal challenges. Rex, one of the course leaders from Bendrigg

emailed Rob, our trip leader, to say:

'Just a quick note to thank you and your fantastic team. We've had a wonderful week together and though feeling a little tired now, I've still got a lovely glow from all the special moments.

What really makes a difference, is when I find it so easy to work alongside the visiting leader and the staff team, and that has definitely been the case this week. The ever present sense of humour, helps keep everyone buoyant and motivated and it was commented on, on what a lovely atmosphere there was around the Lodge this week. The students were complete stars too, putting up with the less than pleasant weather and courageously taking on the challenges on the activities.'



## Christmas Fayre – Friday 14th December

Our students have already started the hard work required to host a Christmas Fayre – they have been hard at work making items to sell on their stalls and organising games and challenges for our guests to take part in. This year in particular we have had lots of support from the parents of Declan and Nathan in Clarice O’Cliff class (apologies to Clarice Cliff – Mr O’Connor coined the O’Cliff and it has somehow stuck!) They have made games, collected presents and have even made over 100 ‘Morsbags’ <https://www.morsbags.com/> which they will be giving free to everyone who comes to the Fayre. We were delighted when Sarah and Denise suggested this because the Morsbag movement fits in so well with the work that we did last year about ‘The Blue Planet’ – nobody at our Christmas Fayre will need to use plastic carrier bags – all of your fabulous gifts can go into your free Morsbag!



Please make sure that you bring your youngest children / grandchildren and neighbours’ children because Santa will be stopping off at Blackfriars. He will be joined by stallholders selling wreaths, cards and gifts, all manner of food including cakes galore, jams and pickles, sweets and savouries. There are competitions and games and of course, the drawing of our raffle. Please ensure that you return all raffle ticket stubs and ‘Pot of Gold’ envelopes in advance of Friday. **MOST IMPORTANTLY**, please bring as many people as you can to share this lovely afternoon with us, celebrating the hard work and entrepreneurial skills of the students (there is a competition for the class that raises the most money on the game situated on their stall).

Please be aware that there will be no swimming in the last week of term to enable the pool to be emptied and cleaned and then re-heated ready for the start of term.

**IMPORTANT**

Please can parents ring up and give us a password if someone other than the usual person is picking up their child please?

### Train to Teach:

Get into Teaching open evening—31st January 2019 5-7pm at Blackfriars Academy



Get in touch today

Wishes and Stars Concert - Tuesday 11th December 1:45pm - Please return Slip

Christmas Panto—Aladdin- Friday 14th December 9:30am - For students

Christmas Fayre - Friday 14th December 1:30pm - Everyone Welcome

Christmas Dinner—Wednesday 19th December - For Students

Christmas Holiday – close at 2pm on Thursday 20 December to Friday 4 January

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

### Scholars of the week:

**George** (Programmer) , **Salma, Milli** and **Hazel** ( Builders) in Royal Doulton – our first team to conquer the First Tech Challenge of how to build a robot and write a computer programme to make it move. Well done Team TechnoJosh and thanks for the support from Staffordshire University and JCB for supporting us in the Robot Ruccus project

**Henry** in Dudson for coping so well

Royal Doulton’s **Harry** and **Tyraleigh** in Portmeirion for settling in so well to their new school.