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# Blackfriars Bulletin



## Scottish Day

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In celebration of Robbie Burns and all things Scottish.



Just after 9:15 am last Friday 25 January the school reverberated to the sound of the bagpipes. This distinctive Scottish sound heralded the start of our Burns celebration and all our learning pathways followed the road north to Scotland

Pupils experienced Scottish food, story, music, dance, and drumming. They listened to and retold legends and performed the witches spell from 'Macbeth' (The Scottish play) by William Shakespeare, but with a beatbox twist and made kilts in art.

The school lunch had an array of Scottish food and it was heart-warming to witness so many of our young people tucking into lunch with a hearty appetite. With the Burns Grace said before the meal, the words were clearly taken to heart

"Some hae meat and canna eat,  
And some wad eat that want it,  
But we hae meat and we can eat,  
And sae the Lord be thankit."

### TIME TO TALK DAY

Next Thursday 7 Feb is "Time to Talk Day" – to raise awareness of mental health issues and how to look after our own mental health and support others. We are having a Time to Talk Café in school for the pupils where there will be information and games at the appropriate levels to help everyone think about staying well and happy.

### CHINA

Our headteacher, Alison Parr, has been delivering teacher training on creative learning for the British Council in China with Staffs Univ this week. It has been very well received. Well done Mrs Parr, we have missed you and look forward to you returning on Monday !



### 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:

#### Shropshire

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

### Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response –  
0845 604 2719  
Stoke on Trent: Adult Social Care –  
0800 561 0015

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## NUMBER DAY

All our students and staff looked fab today supporting the NSPCC by donating a £1 and by wearing clothes with numbers on. One of our students couldn't find anything with a number on so came up with the idea of making his own screen printed t-shirt with Blackfriars in mind with a lion on the front and the words PRIDE (our school motto) 2019 on the back. Well done



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### Scholars of the week:

**Lewis** (Bridgewater) for settling down beautifully in class

**Harry** (Moorcroft) for trying really hard in all lessons and for working extremely hard at home on his reading and writing.



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### OPEN MORNINGS

for

September 2020 Intake (current year 5's)

Please tell everyone that you feel may be interested in sending their child to a school that's been Outstanding for over 22 years.

Open mornings in **EARLY FEBRUARY** and **EARLY MARCH**

Contact the school for more information and to book your place

A big thank you to Mike Taylor from 'excitim special needs toys' for donating some communication equipment to school. Mike has been a friend and advisor to Blackfriars for many years. He runs a company that specialises in switch adapted toys – take a look at his website



Half term – Monday 18 February to Friday 22 February

Friday 29 March – INSET school closed to pupils

Half term – Monday 15 April to Friday 26 April

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**