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I am sure that you all remember the 2020 Summer Olympics – in the summer of 2021!! The event had been delayed the previous year because of the Pandemic. We are replicating this approach because we finally feel confident to host events and launch initiatives that have been on hold for over a year. Today, we are launching our 6 for 60 campaign to celebrate Blackfriars being founded in 1960 for students between the ages of 5-16 who were 'Fragile,' since that date the school



has specialised in successfully supporting pupils with a range of different needs. We are incredibly proud of our heritage and will be spending this academic year looking at all different aspects of the school's history and our hopes and aspirations for its future, which will also involve some serious fund raising!

One of the first activities that we did as staff when planning 6 for 60 was to think about the 6 activities / experiences that we would like to offer all of our students this year. The poll of the staff resulted in the following:

- A residential experience for the whole school (you should have received a letter about your child's opportunity to stay away at Standon Bowers)
- In the summer, we are hoping to have an outdoor cinema!
- A theatre experience – either going out to the theatre or bringing a theatre company into school!
- A Music Festival experience!
- A day at the beach!
- An arts festival where we can decorate school!



Our Christmas Fair this year will be held on the 14th of December (how we will host this has not yet been decided and will depend on the Covid situation – it may be in classes / pathways or hopefully everyone all together) Each class has 2 decades from 1960 onwards to focus upon and gifts will be themed accordingly. We will also have our usual stalls including the Chocolate Tombola, Golden Ticket, Father Christmas, refreshments etc.

Please put the date in your diary and if you have any items that you wish to donate, please send them into school. We are particularly looking for Raffle Prizes (employers are sometimes willing to donate prizes, if you need a letter requesting support from the school, please let me know)

Our Swim Team have already started their fundraising efforts, they have organised a sponsored swim that takes place the week of 6th – 10th December and all money raised will go towards the 6 for 60 Campaign.

Our aim is to raise £60,000 and we are already well on our way because we have received a bequest from an anonymous local resident who has left us £27,000 in their will. All monies raised are to go towards supporting the wider life of the school. We will be taking part in a whole series of different challenges and events over the coming months, if you wish to get involved or have any suggestions of good fundraising ideas, please get in touch! -Alison



If anyone has any skipping ropes spare could they please donate them for use in PE.
Thank you! - Andy

Donations - to help with sensory regulation.
We would welcome any donations of therapy/yoga balls (like the ones that pregnant ladies sometimes use towards the end of pregnancy and during labour) that you would be willing to donate to school. They will be used as part of a sensory diet session or for individuals in class to help with their sensory regulation. Thank you. - Dawn

On Wednesday 3rd November, we were joined by ex-Year 11s and Year 13s for our Celebration of Achievement. It was lovely to hear all about their exploits in their new settings, students from Blackfriars have moved to Rease Heath, Newfriars, Stoke and Newcastle Colleges and they have all settled extremely well!

Remembrance Day



Plenty of poppies on show and a lot of Remembrance Day themed décor around school!

We even made our own Blackfriars' Cenotaph!



Yesterday, we held three Remembrance assemblies. The Immersive Pathway paraded around the yard before going into the 4D room to feel, smell and look at items associated with Remembrance and the Exploratory and Questioning Pathways were a credit to you as parents/carers, singing the National Anthem and observing the minute's silence. Incredibly proud moments for us as a school!

Diary Dates:

Monday 22nd November - Inset day, school is closed to students

14th December - Christmas Fair

Week of 13th December – Christmas Dinners, even if your child does not normally have dinners, they can order a Christmas meal.

17th December 2021 - Early Christmas finish. We break up at 1.30pm!

Scholars of the Week

Middleport's Scholar of the week is **Rosalina** for working hard on her physio and using her walking stick to move around school independently!



Tom from Gladstone has also been nominated for stepping into a brand-new role in our play rehearsals, he is doing an absolutely fantastic job!

Get Social!



Beau from Bridgewater has been brilliant this week at including everyone within her class throughout the week, being extremely thoughtful!

