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# Blackfriars Bulletin

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What a week it has been, not only have we received a letter from the King thanking us for the book of remembrance and the letters that we wrote following the death of her Majesty the Queen, but we have also had a group of our older students undertaking a visit to London to visit the houses of Parliament and to take in the sights of London including Buckingham Palace. A great time was had by all despite the weather!



"The grey skies and damp drizzle of London could not dampen the spirits of pupils from Gladstone and Portmeirion classes as we visited the Houses of Parliament on Monday 21st November. We all got up before the crack of dawn to be driven south by Simon in the school mini bus. We were taken through Westminster Hall, the House of Commons and the House of Lords by our tour guide, Neil, who explained the key history of the building as we all listened intently. We then took in the view with Big Ben from Westminster Bridge and walked to Buckingham Palace, stopping for lunch in the park. Everyone was thrilled to be in London for a day and we hope to return again soon!"

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Preparations are underway for our Christmas fare which takes place on Friday, the 9th of December at 1:30 pm. **Stall holders are welcomed - £10 a stall, please ring school if you are interested.**

Gladstone in particular are keen to get some more entries for their Jam Jar competition! To enter – decorate a jam jar and fill it with small items that would be suitable for selling at the Christmas Fayre. These could be – wrapped sweets, toiletries, candles, stationery etc. There will be a prize for the best three jars. Any entries should be taken to Mrs Gardiner. Thank you!

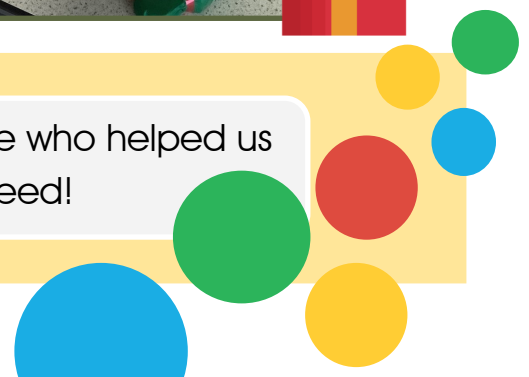




In order to get into the Christmas spirit, Clarice Cliff class visited Affinity Retail Outlet. You can see from the photos how much they enjoyed it.



Also a massive thank you to everyone who helped us raise over £150 for Children in Need!





It was delightful welcoming our alumni back into school on Thursday evening to collect their certificates. We had the pleasure of listening to our key speaker Miss Chrissie Lovatt talk about her journey from being a very young student at Blackfriars aged 3 years working her way up to go to mainstream college followed by 19 years as a customer account advisor at Bet 365. It was only when Chrissie brought her son to have a look around the school that she rekindled her passion for Blackfriars and, having undertaken a period of voluntary work, she secured a post here as a teaching assistant. You can see how happy the students are, their certificates reflect all of their determination and hard work. We are incredibly proud of our ex students who have gone on to a range of different settings including New Friars, Newcastle College and Reese Heath.



**Diary Dates:**

**Friday 25th November** – INSET day – school closed

**Friday 9th December** – Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 13th December** – Christmas assembly

**Thursday 15th December** – Panto theatre visit for Mid, RD & Churchill

**Friday 16th Dec** – Xmas dinner & last day of term with early finish for pupils at 1.30pm

A few weeks ago we received this picture of one of our students who really enjoyed our Ju-Jitsu lessons last year from Sensei Dave at Shinka Ju-Jitsu. He enjoyed it so much he has continued going outside of school and we are so happy to hear this! Keep it up!



**Get Social!**



**Scholars of the Week**

**Poppy** has been nominated by Portmeirion for her bravado and confidence in speaking out and justifying her opinions. Well done!

**Iddrissu**, who is now in Moorcroft, has been nominated for settling into school so well. Well done!