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# Blackfriars Bulletin

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What a few weeks we've had - with snow and strikes, it has not been the easiest and we thank you all for your incredible support as always.

We held the first of our parent workshops looking at teenagers and the changes that are happening to their body. Please do ring school to book in to our final two workshops which we are sure you will find helpful.

## Safeguarding Contact Information

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Staffordshire: First

Response -  
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Stoke on Trent: Adult  
Social Care -  
0800 561 0015

Many of you receive support from close family members / grandparents to help with your children. We appreciate all of their support and would therefore like to take this opportunity to invite them into school to sit with your child and have lunch. The event is on Thursday 9th February 2023, arrival at 11.30am and pre-booking is required by Monday 6th February 2023. Caterlink, our caterers, have set the cost at £3.20 which will need to be paid in cash before the day.

Due to space we are having to limit the invite to two guests per child. We do hope that some relatives can join us on the day. A link has been sent out to book.

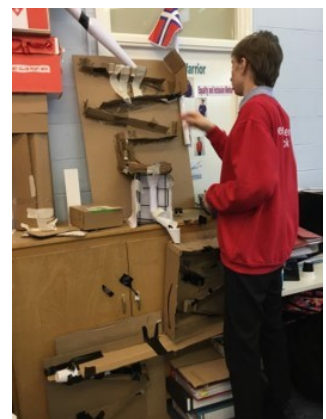
As a STEM project, students in Gladstone were tasked with planning and engineering a marble run.

The Task:

- Create the best marble run.
- You may practice with the marble as much as you like until your final run.
- You may use any resources you can access.
- Extra points will be given for complexity and aesthetics.
- At the end of your allotted time you must complete your final run.
- For this last run your marble must stay on the run from beginning to end and you may not touch the marble once your final run has started.



Students in Gladstone worked together in groups, creating smaller portions of a marble run, testing a problem –solving before the parts were assembled to create a large marble run. Jack and Alex spent lots of time tweaking the run as once one part worked others developed problems! With lots of duct tape, sweat but maybe not tears, it finally worked. It was a fabulous achievement, so well done Gladstone!



Last week saw Clarice take a trip to 'Cheerful Links' in Fenton- an Oriental food warehouse. We were given lots of visual and auditory stimuli alongside many different smells to explore. We were very welcomed by the staff and each had the opportunity to purchase something for class that we have then been able to use for Sensology. As we were leaving the store, one of the lovely gentlemen gave us a huge box of fortune cookies to bring back to school to share out.

We have had such great fun experiencing the celebrations of Chinese New Year!!

新年快乐 (Happy New Year)



### Diary Dates:

9th Feb - Grandparents Lunch

17th Feb - INSET Day

18th - 26th Feb - Half term

1st and 15th March - details to follow but potentially whole school closure due to strikes

### Scholars of the Week

Clarice Cliffs Scholar of the week goes to **Roma**, nominated for showing excellent communication skills this week, participating in all lessons showing great enthusiasm. Well done Roma!

**Aimee Leigh** in Royal Doulton achieved an amazing 20 house points this week. Aimee-Leigh has been so helpful during the mornings taking the menu and using her walker to walk to the hall. We are very proud. A worthy nomination!

**Callum** in Bridgewater has been working extremely hard in class this week, striving for excellence and always looking for ways in which he can improve his work. He has been an excellent role model and help to his peers and has really shown why he deserves to be a peer mentor. Well done, the Bridgewater team is extremely proud of you and your hard work! Keep it up.

**Joseph** in Portmeirion has been nominated for Scholar of the Week for making good progress in Maths particularly with time and temperature. He is growing in confidence and is contributing more in class. Great work Joseph!

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