



Blackfriars Bulletin

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We have been saddened to hear yesterday of the passing of Abdullah Mahmood, the most delightful young man from Gladstone class who was always so positive and cheerful – a real demon on his trike & when whizzing along the corridor – too fast, on his walking frame! He was an incredibly brave student and will be deeply missed by us all in the Blackfriars school community.

All students who regularly interacted with Abdullah have been informed about his passing and have received support in school.

Child Bereavement UK has helpful information to guide conversations with your child about what bereavement feels like and to help them understand their emotions.

<https://www.childbereavementuk.org>

Mock exams

This week has seen students from the Questioning Pathway undertaking their mock exams. We have all been incredibly proud of the way that they have coped with the pressure of a formal exam situation, they've worked well with their scribes and readers and now need to reflect on their results and keep working hard – **we wish them all luck.**



Getting arty with Aynsley

This term in Aynsley we have started the story 'The Colour Monster' and our Art lessons are linking closely, by recreating the illustrations for each colour and emotion each week. This week was 'blue like a rainy day' - we recreated the sea, the clouds and the rain using a range of textures and materials. It was a brilliant class effort!



Welcome to the family

For those parents and carers who are not aware yet, we are delighted to have welcomed 2 newcomers into the extended Blackfriars family - Bernard, son of Mrs Eloise Wright, (Immersive Pathway Lead) and Arthur, son of Mrs Beth Hattersley (TA in Clarice)



New Pathway Leads

We are delighted that Beth Walton has agreed to take on the role of Exploratory Pathway Lead for 12 months and Chloe Garratt is leading the Immersive Pathway.



Key dates for your calendar

Inset day

School closed

Friday 9th February

School closed

Monday 15th April

Half Term

School closed

12th - 16th February

Easter Holidays

School closed

25th March - 5th April

Grandparents' Lunch:

Questioning Pathway -
Churchill, Royal Doulton,
Portmeirion and Gladstone



6th March 2024

Exploratory Pathway -
Moorcroft, Bridgewater,
and Middleport



16th May 2024





Parent Workshops:

All parents & Carers welcome

You & your teenager -
Mind & spirit

27th February 2024



Annual review (individual dates to be confirmed)

Year 8s

December & January

Year 10s

March & April

Year 11s

April & May



Spring term reports

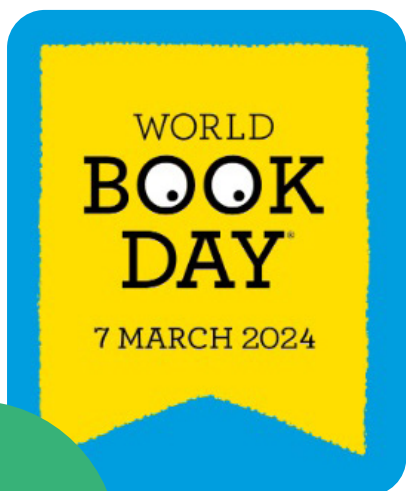
Years 7, 8, 11 & 13 -

February 2024

End of year reports

All year groups -

July 2024



RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch

All year groups -

26th - 28th January 2024

World Book Day

All year groups -

7th March 2024

School House Day

All year groups -

22nd March 2024

Scholars of the Week

Rayane from Churchill has been nominated for his unwavering enthusiasm in Humanities.

Middleport has nominated Adam for Scholar of the Week. Adam has had a fantastic start to his time at Blackfriars and has settled into lessons and the routine well.

Jess has been nominated for Scholar of the Week by Aynsley for going over to the Sports Hall and joining in with the class PE lesson and going to the swimming area and sitting on the side during the class Swimming session and even going in the pool! This is amazing progress for Jess this academic year.