



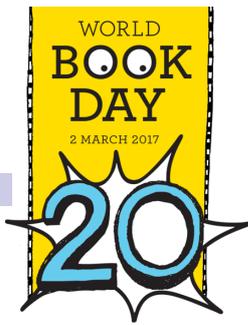
Blackfriars Bulletin



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World Book Day—Dress up as your favourite character from a book



Thursday March 2nd is World Book Day. At Blackfriars Newcastle, we are passionate about the power of stories – they inspire, thrill, amuse, terrify and educate us. Every class will have the opportunity to hear stories being read to them, our readers will practise their story telling skills on our non-readers and staff will be sharing their favourite reads. In order to really make this a celebration of books, we would like everybody to come into school dressed as a character from a book, preferably with the book in hand or a print out of the front cover of the book (no cheating – characters from TV are only allowed with the book in hand!!) We hope to fill our school hall with Enormous Crocodiles (Roald Dahl) Horrid Henrys – and I am desperately hoping for some Perfect Peters as well (The Horrid Henry books by Francesca Simon) or maybe your child would like to be Harry Potter or The Gruffalo. Please take this opportunity to discuss with your child what book they would like to choose, why and what their character should look like – we will print photos in the next newsletter

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Donations
A huge thank you to everyone for the donations received so far for the Lou Macari homeless charity. We are still collecting donations of bedding and toiletries, please keep them coming.

Valentines Celebration
Students booked in to our special Valentine's meal on Wednesday 15 February, where they were paired up with a friend to enjoy a 3 course lunch. As well as enjoying a delicious meal, students developed communication and social skills. One student commented "*this is the best day I've ever had!*". Thank you to Mayra for organising such a wonderful event.

National Citizenship Service
Groups 12.1, 12.2, 14.1 all took part in team building activities organised by representatives from the National Citizenship Service. Students found out about this exciting 4-week programme and also had fun creating their very own 3D newspaper animal



Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

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

Annual / Transfer Reviews

Year 12 + 13 Annual reviews are well-under way and continue into March. If you haven't already done so, you will receive a date for your son/daughter's review. Please bring along your completed 'parent views' form. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Website:
www.set-mat.co.uk

Scholar of the Week

Drew, Class 4 – being more mature and stepping out of his comfort zone

Chloe, Class 8 - for completing her English exam paper without a scribe and getting 100%

Dylan, Class 6 and **Eleanor**, Class 6 - for being so kind and supportive to the rest of their class

Citizens of the College

Jordan, 14.2 – for such an enthusiastic approach to Home Management!

Key Dates for Blackfriars Newcastle

Half Term

Half-term holidays begin 20th February. Return to school Monday 27th February

Girls Allowed

Girls Allowed club was set up over a year ago when a parent remarked that their daughter had very few occasions to have relaxed social time with her peers because of where they lived. The club was born and named after the famous girl band – Girls' Aloud but clever Mrs Martin decided our club would be punned Girls' Allowed because no boys are allowed in – and if they do dare to enter, they are likely to get a shock!

Members of the club with Mrs Beckett, describe the club as 'where we have great fun. Every Friday we meet up at lunchtime. It is a time to chill and listen to our favourite music, we dance and sing. We take delight in seeing our teachers dancing with us too. It is an opportunity to make choices in an activity we like, working in a group or if we choose on our own.

We learn lots of social skills as we are mixing with other girls all of different ages. We have a chance to volunteer in helping the younger children to learn beauty skills that are needed as they get older. These are painting nails and applying make-up. We have a great choice of girl magazines to look through too.

Sainsbury's Vouchers – Blackfriars Newcastle are collecting vouchers; the house with the most vouchers will receive extra points.

Active Kids vouchers can be collected from NOW to 2 May 2017. It's easy to collect vouchers:

Sainsbury's Local

In Sainsbury's Local stores you'll get one voucher for every £5 you spend.

Sainsbury's Supermarkets – till

Every time you shop in store you'll be given one voucher for every £10 you spend at the till.

Online at sainsburys.co.uk and Sainsbury's Supermarkets self-checkout

If you shop online at sainsburys.co.uk or use our self checkout service, you'll still receive the equivalent of one voucher for every £10 you spend, but they'll all be printed on one piece of paper up to the value of 50 vouchers – so make sure you keep it safe!

Vouchers will be collected from Bucknall as well

Table Cricket

Blackfriars Newcastle fielded a team from Class 5 to take part in a competition at Watermill Special School. The team were a credit to our academy and they excelled in the final game, winning against a much more ambulant group. Well done Class 5

