



Blackfriars Newcastle Reception:
01782 987150

Blackfriars Bulletin

Blackfriars Bucknall Reception:
01782 987180

Volume 4 Issue 8



Did Classes 3,4,6 & 7 enjoy their trip "Oh yes they did"

On Tuesday 23rd January, a large group of students from Class 3.4, 6 & 7 went to the New Vic theatre to see a relaxed performance of Treasure Island. They had a wonderful time and were extremely well behaved. On their return, the classes have all taken part in guided writing exercises to write a letter of appreciation to the theatre. I thought parents might find it interesting to read what they have said – not only does it illustrate how much they enjoyed the trip but also the good manners of our students and their growing vocabulary

Safeguarding Contact Information

Staffordshire

First Response :
0800 1313 126
Outside office hours:
0845 6042886

Stoke-on-Trent

Advice and Referral Team:
01782 235100
Outside office hours:
01782 234234

Cheshire East

Referral Team :
0300 123 5012 Option 2
Outside office hours:
0300 123 5022

Shropshire

Referral Team:
01743 254 259
Initial Contact Team:
0345 678 9021
Outside office hours:
0345 678 9040

Adult Safeguarding referral numbers

Staffordshire: First Response –
0845 604 2719

Stoke on Trent: Adult Social Care –
0800 561 0015

Blackfriarsacademy.org.uk
Blackfriarsfeacademy.org.uk

Dear Kay,

We want to thank you for letting us come to New Vic Theatre and we had a very exciting and fun time. We found the performance of Treasure Island entertaining and exhilarating. We liked the sound effects, music and projections and the quick pace of the action. The atmosphere was wonderful and we had a swashbuckling time.

The staff at the theatre were kind, thoughtful and helpful. We really liked how the actors introduced the characters and the story as well as the stage effects. It was helpful for us to know that the actors would be running around. We also enjoyed the dancing and the music but the pots and pans were our favourite. The fighting scenes were very energetic and the slow motions made them seem so real. Everyone was so talented and could multitask – singing, dancing, acting and playing instruments! We loved the costumes especially the tropical birds.

The front of house staff were especially kind and thoughtful and we want to say a big thank you to everyone at the New Vic Theatre.

From,

The pupils and staff at Blackfriars Academy Classes
3, 4, 6 & 7

There were two reasons why we were able to take so many students to the performance – the first was because our very generous friends at Stanton's of Stoke donated the bus and driver for the trip. The second was because it was a relaxed performance enabling students with all different needs to engage with the trip.

Continued.....

These performances are becoming increasingly common and are well worth looking out for.

What is a relaxed performance?

Relaxed performances are designed to welcome audience members who would benefit from a more relaxed performance environment; those who might be anxious about attending the theatre, those with autistic spectrum condition as well as those with a sensory and communication disorder or learning disability.

Scholar of the Week:

Billy from Class 5 has been nominated because he was quite superb at Railway Club: he shared, he took turns and was generous and kind with his railway with Daniel and Alex.

Harry (Class 6) – for working hard

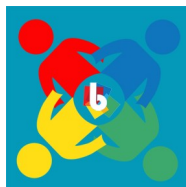
Courtney (Class 8) – for taking on a mentoring role and volunteering to help out in class

Kye (Class 9) – for being so helpful, helping Lauren restore her communication book

Well done everyone, we are very proud of you.

Reports:

Thank you so much for all the lovely comments parents, having received your son/daughter's report. Parent Consultation meetings are planned for Wednesday 21st March at 6pm for Classes 3,4,6 & 7 and Wednesday 18th April for Classes 5,8 and 9. However, please do not hesitate to contact us in school if you wish to discuss anything about your child's progress.



Parent Forum -

10:00am

All Welcome

15th February 2018

Special guest Juliet Shand, Clinical Psychologist.

We are discussing the proposed plans for our play area and outdoor playground equipment. We would love to welcome new faces to the meeting to share a brew and a chat!

Websites

Don't forget Blackfriars Newcastle and Bucknall now have separate websites

Newcastle

www.blackfriarsacademy.org.uk

Bucknall

www.blackfriarsfeacademy.org.uk



Playground Equipment - fundraising non-uniform day Friday 16th February



We are having a non-uniform day to raise funds for new playground equipment. There will be a cake sale and we would welcome donations of cakes and chocolate. We also have a selection of toys left over from the Christmas Fayre if your child would like to bring some loose change to purchase at break time along with £1 donation. Thank you for your continued support.

Forthcoming dates for Blackfriars Newcastle

Parent / Carer Group – Thursday 15th February at 10am

February half term - Monday 19th February – Friday 23rd February

Easter holidays – Friday 30th March – Tuesday 17th February (Monday is an INSET day for staff only)

Mock exam week for selected Year 11s – w/b 12th February