

THE BLACKMINSTER MERCURY

Autumn Term 2 Edition

Welcome to this very festive edition of The Blackminster Mercury. We can't wait to share all the fun things that have happened this half term!



Friday 12th December marked our annual Santa Run whole school event. As always, it was an afternoon full of Christmassy cheer with pupils (and staff!) taking to the field in festive fancy dress to collect as many tokens for their team. Students earned extra tokens by singing Christmas songs or sharing jolly jokes! It is an absolute highlight of the school year and ensured we all headed into the weekend full of Christmas spirit. Summed up wonderfully by Buddy the Elf - the best way to spread Christmas cheer is sing it loud for all to hear!



Blackminster held its very own Christmas banquet on Wednesday 17th December. Students and staff pulled crackers and tucked into a delicious Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Everyone was wearing their best Christmas jumper or accessory to join in with the festive fun. Christmas music filled the hall and it was a very tasty affair!



Our festive film night went down a storm! A huge number of pupils attended on Tuesday 16th December and enjoyed their snacks whilst watching a Christmas cracker! Pupils were adorned in Christmas blankets and accessories to add to the spirit. A great evening was had by all.

Our annual Parliament Day took place on Friday 21st November. All students were involved in sessions, delivered by our special guest Rhiannon. Pupils showed off their knowledge on all things democracy which was a delight to see.

Year 8 students had a question and answer session with our local MP Nigel Huddleston in the afternoon. Pupils asked some excellent questions and there was jovial banter around 'I'm a celebrity, get me out of here!'

An insightful and engaging day for all.



Monday 10th December commemorated the start of anti-bullying week. Pupils in all year groups participated by wearing odd socks and wacky ties, to highlight that we are all different and that is something to be celebrated!

The week was rounded off by Children in Need, a charity that supports disadvantaged children in the UK. A non-uniform day was on the cards and students all brought in £1. Mrs Blakley and Mrs Bolton ran a delicious cake sale that, as always, was a sell out! As a school we raised just over £300 and all the proceeds went to this brilliant charity.



At the start of the half term we honoured Remembrance Day. Our key 'community' value was evident as the whole school gathered to remember those who served and sacrificed, and those who continue to do so, to allow us to live as we do today. The ceremony included a solemn two-minute silence, allowing everyone to reflect on the bravery and loss endured during times of conflict. The front of the school was adorned with poppy decorations, symbolizing remembrance and hope for peace. Students and staff came together in unity, ensuring the significance of the day was felt by all.