

## Swimming Lessons



After Christmas Year 3 will start swimming lessons. Please ensure your child brings swimming costume/swimming trunks and a towel every Wednesday. Goggles and swimming caps are permitted but not compulsory. If your child has long hair please ensure their hair is tied back. Children will be expected to get themselves dressed and changed independently.

## Year 4 trip

Year 4 loved their visit to the Great North Museum Hancock where they learnt about the Ancient Egyptian afterlife and the mummification process. They spent time in the Egyptian gallery completing a range of different tasks which included learning about the real mummified people on display! Throughout the day, they also had time to tour the other exhibits and visit the planetarium where they explored the idea of life in space.



## Staff update

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Brown gave birth to a healthy baby girl Harriett Grace. Both mam and baby are doing well. We wish them the very best and can't wait to meet her.

Miss McTeer will be leaving us at Christmas. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the outstanding work done by Miss McTeer, who has been a fantastic supply teacher covering in school over the past year. We look forward to welcoming back Mrs McMeiken who will be returning from maternity leave in January.

## Christmas Raffle and Chocolate Tombola

It's not too late to get any extra tickets or to send the tickets that were sent home back into school for our grand Christmas raffle. We have over 30 prizes to give away. Tickets will also be on sale at the children's performances. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 15th December.

The children's Chocolate Tombola will be on Monday 18th December. Children can bring £1 on this day and are guaranteed to win a chocolate prize.

# Blackfell Bulletin - December 2023

## Headteacher's Update

What a fantastic start we have had to the festive season at Blackfell! We are looking forward to Christmas performances, Carol Services, Christmas lunch and Christmas parties. The children are all making Christmas cards and calendars; these will be sent home at the end of term.

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Raffle Draw (to be drawn on 15<sup>th</sup> December) and Chocolate Tombola (Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December). All money raised will go towards activities for the children throughout the school year.

The children have once again been a real credit to us all this term. They have all worked very hard, enjoyed many new learning experiences and contributed so well to the success of our school. Thank you all for your continuing support and contributions. I would also like to thank the staff who all work tirelessly to support the children to be the very best they can be. Our team commitment ensures that we provide a fantastic education for all children and we look forward to building on this next term.

We hope that you all have a lovely family Christmas and everyone at Blackfell wishes you a Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy, healthy 2024.

We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**.

Julia Watkins  
Headteacher



## Shine Star, Shine

Parent/carers of children in Reception enjoyed seeing their children sing and perform this week. A thank you to all parents for helping children learn their lines and songs. We look forward to the many other events over the next 2 weeks.