



## WELCOME TO RICHARD BARNES ACADEMY'S WINTER NEWSLETTER

Welcome to our academy's winter newsletter.

It's been a busy and fun term across both our campuses and I hope you enjoy reading about some of our highlights.

Across both campuses our students have worked hard and shown real progress in their learning, there are many examples of exciting learning which has taken place. Many students have had the opportunity to engage in activities outside of the school building and we have had really positive feedback about their excellent behaviour and attitude to learning.

As this term draws to a close, I'd like to thank all our parents, carers, families, local organisations and wider community for all your help and support throughout the year, which makes such a difference to our students and helps them create the futures they deserve.

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a fun, relaxing and safe Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing you all back in the New Year!



*Claire Everton, Principal*

## Masterchef Challenge

Students on our Trinity Campus took part in a MasterChef challenge for a house competition. They had an array of ingredients to choose from, and forty minutes on the clock to create a dish. They enjoyed friendly competition and did a great job making some delicious food with no recipe!







## Fishing lessons at Sunset Lake

This term, our Endurance Class was taken to Sunset Lake in Hampton to have fishing lessons with Hampton Angling Association.

The coaches taught the students how to set up their whips, hook bait, de-hook fish and to safely practice the sport. The boys caught over fifty fish in total and were fantastic.

They represented our academy so well and received certificates after their session.

Staff even got involved, with Josh catching his first ever fish!



## A visit from Santa



Christmas has arrived at Richard Barnes Academy!

Our students have been very busy, decorating the trees and making some amazing Christmas cakes.

We had a special visitor with a 'Ho Ho Ho' that can be heard from far and wide.

One of our Year 11 students took on the role of Father Christmas and spread the Christmas joy to all at our Christmas Fayre.





## Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support

This term, we held a Coffee Morning for Macmillan Cancer Support. Our students were hard at work in the kitchen beforehand, baking some wonderful cakes! The event was attended by parents, carers and staff and was a great success, raising a total of £228.10 for the charity. Great work everyone!

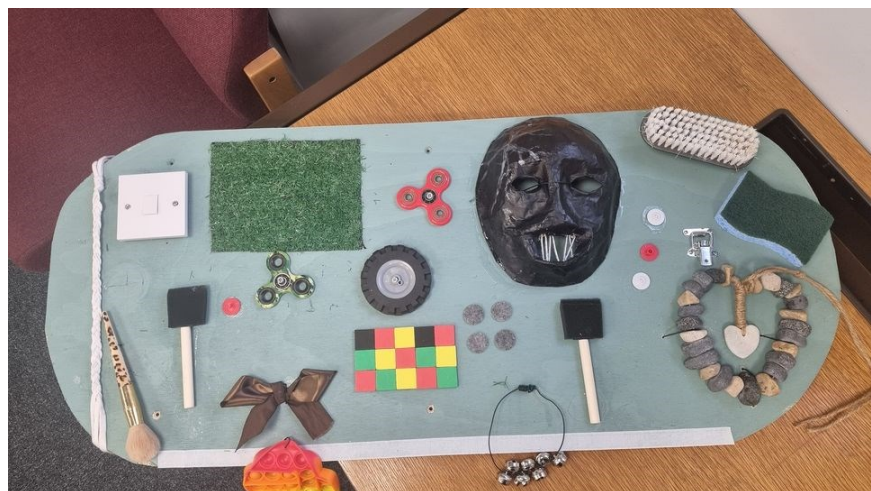


## Amazing sensory board creation!

Some of our students made this fabulous sensory board during their enrichment activities afternoon session.

They took a lot of time to choose and place the different items, creating a brilliant learning resource.

The students have kindly given it to our Endurance student group who will benefit from using this.





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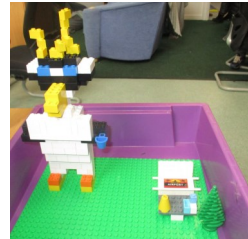
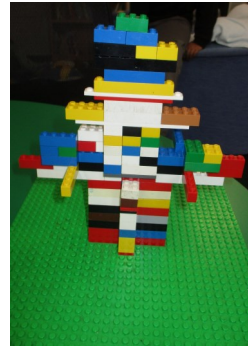
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## 100 Lego challenges

This term, Sharman class have been completing 100 Lego block challenges.

These challenges have included creating a creature (imaginary or real), a vehicle and a tall tower.

The creations our students have made with these prompts are amazing. Well done everyone!



## Fantastic cooking in Sharman

Our Sharman class had a great first cooking lesson this term making cupcakes.

Emma, our School Cook, tried the cakes and said she would be happy to offer any of the children work in her kitchen in the future—high praise indeed.

Great work everyone!







## GEMS update

In GEMS class, students have been actively engaged in a range of activities, displaying their commitment to both personal development and community involvement.

One notable achievement is the successful completion of the Breast Cancer Event, where GEMS class demonstrated their charitable spirit by raising an impressive £319.94. GEMS also participated in fundraising for Children in Need, raising £80.

Physical well-being and fitness took centre stage this term as some students embarked on a unique experience visiting the gym with Rowen and Cello for a boxing session.

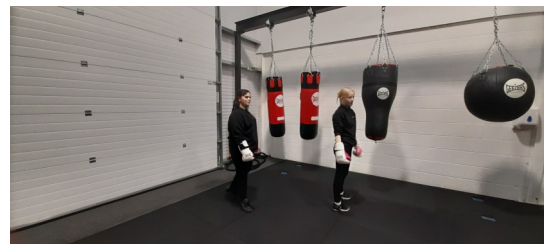
Academically, the Year 11 students have been diligently preparing for their future endeavours. They recently completed mock exams and completed their BTEC assignments, which have been submitted for moderation.

Adding a dash of creativity to their routine, Year 11 students participated in a lively Giant Cookie competition. This not only provided a fun and engaging break from traditional academic pursuits but also allowed students to showcase their culinary talents.

The students' voices were heard loud and clear through our Student Voice initiative. Working closely with Michael Dove, they examined daily menus and collaboratively created new ones. Students also decided on their own rewards schemes and what they believed would be good routines to put into practice.

PC Baker came in to educate our students about the serious issue of knife crime. This informative session aimed to raise awareness and equip students with the knowledge needed to navigate potential challenges in their communities.

Two successful learners have also returned to mainstream education this term, marking significant milestones in their personal growth!





## Key Term Dates

Autumn Term 2023	
Staff Training Day - School closed	<b>Thursday 4th January 2024</b>
Staff Training Day– School Closed	<b>Friday 5th January 2024</b>
School Opens	<b>Tuesday 9th January 2024</b>
Half Term	<b>Friday 16th February - Monday 26th February 2024</b>
First Day back after Half Term	<b>Monday 26th February 2024</b>
Term Ends	<b>Thursday 28th March 2024</b>

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