



Park Lane School

SUMMER NEWSLETTER.

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The final newsletter of this academic year. It has been a good year with lots happening in school as you will have seen on Facebook and through the newsletters.

So, to start with the sad bit as we say goodbye to pupils and staff. Our four 6th Form leavers are all going onto Colleges-Pettypool, Regent and Seashell Colleges. We are delighted for them, and we know they will continue to make excellent progress. We also have some leavers in different year groups-2 are moving to schools nearer their home ,1 is accessing support through social care and 1 is leaving the country. We will miss all those who are leaving, and we wish them well.

We are also saying goodbye to 2 long serving members of staff:

Sue Seaborne-who has been our swimming instructor since 1991! This came as a surprise to me!! Sue has helped so many pupils learn to swim over the last 32 years-I certainly cannot begin to count that number! We will miss Sue and thank her for her commitment and support the pupils of Park Lane. Georgina Palmer will be our new swimming instructor. Georgina has worked with Sue for many years so Sue's expertise will be handed on!

Wendy Macfadden-who has worked in school as a TA since 1995. Wendy and I worked together when I returned to teaching in 1996. Wendy has led so many positive interventions in school: Eye Gaze, So Safe, PECs, Prologu2go, PODD books and ELSA. In addition Wendy has led the Student Council for several years. We will miss Wendy, both for her knowledge and her positive attitude towards her job.

On to happier news.

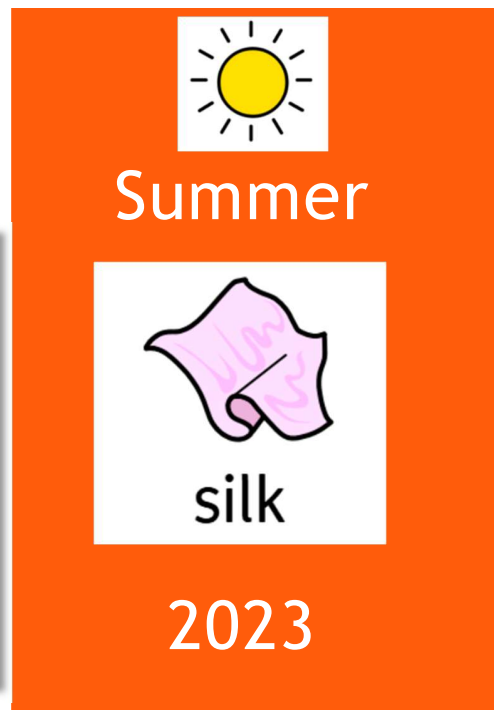
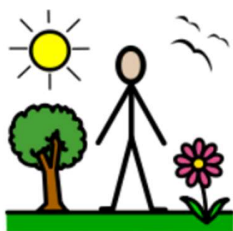
Thank you to the Park Lane staff and supporters who walked up Snowdon on Saturday 15th July. The weather was not kind to them but despite that they continued and made it to the top. Please see the fabulous video to see how difficult that walk was. We are all very proud of them!

Thank you to FOPLSS for a successful BBQ last week. It was great to see so many pupils with their families. Thank you to the FOPLSS committee for organising it and for their help both before and on the night. Also thank you to all the staff who helped set up and man stalls on the evening.

Animal Therapy has been new this year and has been a great success and is something we are looking at continuing next year. I thought I was seeing things when one of the ladies walked past my office with 4 sheep on leads!! Also new was the Park Lane Hairdressing salon. It has been lovely watching the pupils becoming more confident in having their hair washed, brushed, and cut.

I hope you have a good summer and look forward to seeing many of you next year. To those who are leaving, please keep in touch.

Now please read on....



THIS TERM'S TOPIC WAS OUR WORLD

By Katy



We can't quite believe that it is the end of another school year. I have loved being a part of Silk class this year and all the staff and pupils have been fantastic. We have been outside as much as possible this term in the wonderful sunshine as we have worked on the topic of Our World.

We have continued visiting the park and all of the pupils have improved at walking and following instructions whilst we are out. The other half of the class have really enjoyed

their turn at swimming and have worked hard on their individual targets.

We have also done a lot of work on independence, listening and fine motor skills through cookery, musical instrument playing, IT games, sensory exploration and Look and Listen. We all progressed really well with hairdressing desensitisation too.

We have worked on several stories this term, we all really love listening to and joining in interactive stories most of which have been

about animals this term. We visited Children's Adventure Farm Trust to see the animals up close and some of us have experienced animal therapy.

We loved the visiting theatre company and all of the sensory items they incorporated into their performance.

Have a fantastic summer holiday, see you in September.





Forest Class Newsletter

Summer Term

We have had a lovely summer term with lots of exciting activities and visits. We loved our visit to the Children's Adventure Farm Trust in Altrincham, and we had a fantastic time, despite the constant rain! We got to see lots of animals, visit the sensory garden, have lunch on a pirate ship, do some outdoor craft, toast marshmallows and play music round the campfire. It was such a lovely day and we are so proud of how well the students coped with being outside for the whole visit, they were amazing and got so much out of the visit.

We also had another visit, this time to Peak Wildlife Park. We had a lovely day and thankfully the weather was a lot kinder to us! We saw a variety of animals, our favourites being the penguins and lemurs. Some of us went on the big bouncy castle and large play area and we all had some fun in the soft play too.

We have enjoyed many trips over the term to our local park and also our school hydro pool. All students have made great progress with their physical development, as well as following the routines of these activities with increasing independence. It has been amazing to see the development over the course of the year.

As well as all of our exciting visits we have also had time to squeeze in lots of learning in the classroom too. There has been amazing progress in all areas but particularly with our communication. All students are now consistently using symbols to make requests and some of us have transitioned to using communication books, some of us are also verbalising a lot more and it's lovely to hear lots of new voices around the classroom.

Sadly, as it is the summer term, we do have to say goodbye to three of our wonderful pupils who will be moving up to Granelli and Jodrell Class. We wish them all the best in their new classes and know that they will continue to shine. We hope you all have a lovely summer break, Forest Class x





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: OUR WORLD



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Wow. A click of our fingers and another year passes. This year we have seen our students get that little bit taller, that little bit stronger, and that little bit wiser. They have achieved this in spite of us. They have achieved this because they are resilient and the most beautiful souls on the inside and out. It is us that owe them and you a thank you.

I hope this newsletter gives you a little insight (and smile) into what all our young people have achieved this year. They continue to surprise us.

Our topic this term has been 'Our World'. We have loved learning about Space and the different planets including ours. We learnt about different places and the wonders of the world. We loved learning about minibeasts and their habitats.

We have enjoyed some great books to help support this such as 'I'm going to be an astronaut' and 'Rainbow Fish'. We enjoyed exploring our solar system and the deep blue sea.

In Maths, we have focused on money, time and patterns. We have enjoyed learning different skills through active Maths. Completing and creating patterns

using cones, big lego and much more. We have enjoyed number songs and rhymes and using props to help us with our sequencing skills.

On Thursdays we have had swimming and learnt about water safety. Friday, we have had Music Therapy which we loved. This year we have pushed ourselves and tried new things such as ICT, new sports such as table cricket and even new food.

We have celebrated some birthdays and made decorations to celebrate the Kings Coronation and the NHS's 75th Birthday. We have ended our school year with a lovely Teddy Bears' Picnic where we sat and enjoyed food, balloons, party poppers, music and dancing.

For some of us a door now closes but another opens. Some students are moving on to a new class and we just want to say that we have enjoyed teaching every single one of you and you will be missed. We wish you well in your new class. To those joining us, we look forward to you being part of the family.

Have a lovely Summer holiday, you all deserve it.

Team Granelli x





Hovis Class

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THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: OUR WORLD

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This term, we have explored the topic of 'Our World'. In Community, we explored the many sights of London, read stories and even made cucumber sandwiches for an 'afternoon tea'!

This was the perfect time to discuss the coronation of a new King, which we celebrated as a school with a special coronation dinner and practicing being Kings and Queens for a day!

In Challenge we have been looking at animals, exploring their textures, patterns, and habitats. We combined this with ICT, with some pupils doing switch work or using the touch screen and others going to the ICT Suite to continue their progress in using the school computers independently to facilitate their learning.

Our Individuality lessons have been focused on celebrating the ways we are unique and special, and we have explored the many character strengths that all the pupils of Hovis have. We have also continued our work on emotions, recognizing how we are feeling and what we can do when we feel a certain way.

In Creativity, we have looked at British Folk culture. We worked on our threading skills to help join and create a patchwork tapestry, took inspiration from British artists such as David Hockney to create landscapes and looked at Morris dancers in Music to help us practice our rhythm with bells.

We have been busy in Maths this term focusing on Pattern, Time, Movement & Direction and Statistics. We've done lots of practical activities to help us learn about directional language, such as using the parachute, and have worked together as a class to answer questions about our birthdays and favourite foods using pictographs and tally charts.

We have continued exploring new texts in our English groups. Some of us have been exploring sensory stories, Look & Listen sessions, Sensology and core word activities. Others have enjoyed being archers when looking at Robin Hood, exploring synonyms when reading The Tortoise and the Hare, and practicing creating sentences using Colourful Semantics when reading What The Ladybird Heard at the Seaside.

Our pupils have been working hard in their PE and Swimming lessons, working on their coordination skills when throwing and catching or when practicing new skills in the Hydro pool.

Outside the curriculum, some of us have accessed interventions such as Animal Therapy and hairdressing desensitization sessions. We have also enjoyed celebrating events such as the birthday of the NHS, the Coronation, Sports Day, and of course some class birthdays.

We have also had a visit from a sensory theatre group to take some of our learners 'under the sea', which was a lot of fun!

Of course, we have been practicing our transitions to new classes towards the end of term. We have been really impressed with all our students at what is a time of change and uncertainty. We are sad to be saying goodbye to the students who are moving to new classes, but we will not forget all the amazing progress and happy memories we made together this year!

We hope you have a fantastic summer holiday! – The Hovis Team x





Mulberry Class Summer 2023 Newsletter

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This year so far, by Laura Pinkerton....

Having only begun working at Park Lane, in Mulberry class, after the Easter Holidays I can't believe how the time has flown and all the learning we've packed into what's been a really busy term. It's been a privilege to teach the children in Mulberry and I'm looking forward to continuing to teach some of them come September.



English & Literacy

In English & Literacy our focus has been text-based. From Easter to the Whit holidays the children focused on the story *Funny Bones*, creating their own adventure stories. Some of the children listened to sensory stories and took part in tailored communication sessions. After the Whit holidays we read *Diary of a Wombat* and the children used this book as well as the *You Choose* books to create their own diaries – what imaginations they have! We've taken advantage of having a fabulous school library and the children have had a different non-fiction topic each week to explore.

Humanities

There's been a Geography focus this term; we've been exploring England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland. Not only have the children had a great time exploring flags, but they've also tasted Welsh cakes, made their own version of Edinburgh Castle and reenacted the story of *George and the Dragon*!

Math's & Numeracy

In Maths & Numeracy we have focused on learning about Position, Direction and Movement. This has been a really practical topic to teach; from wearing left and right gloves, to moving around the classroom/playground and moving under and over equipment during sensory circuits.

PSHCE & Enterprise

In PSHCE we use MY Happy Mind to focus our well-being; the children have thought about and engaged in sessions about appreciation, self-worth and their own strengths – of which there are MANY!

Science

In Science we have grown plants from seed, watched a caterpillar turn in to a chrysalis then a butterfly (and fly free) and learnt about the many different life cycles found in nature.



Circle times

After I started, I made it a priority to get the class communicating as a whole in the afternoons, as well as splitting based on needs in the morning. At least once a week we all come together and take part in *Jabadao*, *Attention Autism* (look and listen) or *Sticky Kids* – this has been an absolute joy to see.



MFL

We continue to say and sign as part of our daily lessons, the children are getting particularly good at signing their names, please, thank you and the days of the week.



PE & movement sessions

We've been making the most out of the new outdoor gym, using the hall to hone our ball skills and taking part in *Sport's Slam* week and *Sport's* week



Arighi Class Summer 2023 Newsletter

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

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Literacy

In Literacy this term we have been looking at the story 'My Cat likes to Hide in Boxes'. Students have enjoyed learning the signs to help read the story and making our own story about funny cats. Students have worked hard in developing their writing and reading skills.

Community

In our community sessions we have been looking at the 7 wonders of the world. Students have made artwork linked to the 7 wonders and other and produced fact files about each wonder. We also looked at important places to us and why they are important.

Maths & Numeracy

In Maths & Numeracy we have been exploring time through the days of the week and exploring clocks in our sessions. Students used a variety of resources to learn the order of the days of the week and reading o'clock.



Individuality

In our individuality sessions we have been looking at how to keep ourselves happy and healthy through happy minds and PE. We have looked at what we need to keep our minds and bodies healthy through different activities.



Challenge

In Science we have explored plants, some of us through our sensory experiences. We have dissected a plant to find the different parts, we have used our hands and feet to paint different parts of a plant and we have smelt, felt and looked at what a plant needs to grow. We are now sensory plant experts.



Enterprise

We have worked as a team this term to produce our summer products to sale at the fair. We have decided on a flower theme for our enterprise this term. We have made wildflower happy packs and sunny flower sweet packs.



MFL

We continue to speak and sign as part of our daily lessons. Some of us are now working towards a qualification in signing.

Time to say farewell.

It has been lovely getting to know you all this term and a pleasure to teach the class. I would like to wish all our year 9 students the best of luck moving up to KS4 in September.

Annie 😊



Bollin Class Summer 2023 Newsletter

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN THE SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

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Literacy

In Literacy some of us have worked on poetry, discussing rhyme, alliteration, simile, and metaphor. Others have read a Lion in Paris or taken part in look and listen sessions and colourful semantics. We have enjoyed reading Picture, News, Symbols and reading our own books daily.

Community

We have learned about the Seven Wonders of the World. Some of us have taken part in Sensology.



Maths & Numeracy

In Maths & Numeracy we have focused on learning about Position, Direction and Movement, Money and Time. We have worked hard in the classroom and in active maths lessons in the hall.

Individuality

We have used MY Happy Mind to focus on our well-being, perseverance, and goals. In ASDAN we have covered different topics to work towards the New Horizons qualification. In PE we have followed Jasmine PE, played cricket,



taken part in sports day and made great progress with swimming.

Challenge

In Science we have discussed the life cycle of a plant. We have grown plants from seed and learned about what a plant needs to survive. One group labelled plant parts, while another discussed photosynthesis. We have also worked on our ICT skills and produced PowerPoints about plant growth.

Enterprise

We have worked well in teams to develop marketing skills. We have produced mini pinatas to sell at the school fair. We have worked out costings and produced adverts for the school fair.

MFL

We continue to speak and sign as part of our daily lessons. Some of us are now working



towards a qualification in signing.

Time to say farewell! I would like to wish the Year nine students all the very best, as they continue onto Key Stage 4 and look forward to seeing them continue to thrive. We look forward to welcoming new students into Bollin class in September.

I hope you all have a lovely summer. Jackie





Middlewood Class

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: THE 7 WORLD WONDERS

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Thank you for an exciting year!

By Letitia

We have had a brilliant summer term, filled with school trips and outdoor play!

In Literacy some of us have read the book My Cat Likes to Hide in Boxes, while others have enjoyed exploring poetry. We have also worked on patterns, time and money in Maths.

This summer term has been filled with many out of school trips for Middlewood, we have all thoroughly enjoyed getting stuck in! Most of us have enjoyed a visit to Kings School in Macclesfield. One group did orienteering and another did Bushcraft. We have also had our first KS3 trip to CAFT. We met some adorable animals, played on their adventure park and roasted marshmallows on an open fire, everybody was exceptionally well behaved and represented Park Lane School to high standards as always.

mice, rabbits, chickens, rats, horses and sheep, just to name a few!



Throughout our values lessons we have been learning all about 'The 7 World Wonders'. All pupils have made excellent progress in this topic, some can even confidently recall all 7

Wonders and their country of origin! In Community we have looked at all the different Wonders and their origin. In Challenge our topic has been plants, we have been very brave and explored lots of new fruits and vegetables that originate from different countries of the 7 Wonders, this includes passion fruit, pineapples, mango and dragon fruit! We have also explored the plant life cycle and features of a plant.

In creativity, we have had a block of sessions with Mike, learning how to play the pBuzz. All children have accessed this and have made improvements keeping to the rhythm and playing a simple 8 bar piece, some have even played teacher and stood at the front of the class to play a copy-me game, this was very fun!

The warm weather that the summer term brings has also allowed us to play on the new exercise equipment outside, the swing has remained a firm favourite throughout this

term. It is so lovely to see all students interacting with each other and sharing the biggest smiles on their faces.



For now we say farewell to some students who are

either moving onto new schools or just next door to a new class! All of Middlewood class have made life long friendships with each other, we are so sad to be seeing some students leave at the end of this term but the team would like to wish them the best of luck as they move onto their next chapter. Thank you as always to all the parents and children who have put so much hard work and effort into this year. Well done to all the new students who have completed their first year at Park Lane School – you've made it! Have a fantastic summer term and I look forward to welcoming back old and new faces to Middlewood Class in September.



popular! Some animals we have met are

Barnaby



Barnaby have once again been very busy this term. Our topic

has been looking at the Wonders of the World, which included watching drone flights over the Pyramids and Petra, listening to music as heard at Machu Picchu and in Ancient Greece, exploring mosaic tiles and smelling cinnamon and frankincense. We've enjoyed a visit from a theatre company, worked hard on our physical skills, both gross



and fine and been busy bakers and artists. We've also enjoyed sensory exploration of soil, fruits, vegetables and herbs, tasting, smelling and touching



them at our own pace. We've also continued to work hard with our own PLGs, making



progress on the things that are important to us as individuals. The time has flown by and another year has come to an end.





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN SPACE & COMMUNICATION

Treacle Class Summer 2023 Newsletter



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The summer term...

Happy Summer holidays from all the students & staff of Treacle Class. We have had an action-packed & fun summer term. Our overall topic has been 'Space & Communication' & within this topic we have managed to incorporate a range of diverse & interesting lessons & topics. We have all worked hard on our individual PLG goals & undertaken a range of personalized numeracy & literacy activities. Here is some more information on a small selection of the work & activities we have undertaken.



English & Literacy

In English & Literacy our focus has been on developing our reading & writing skills. We have undertaken a range of activities to support our PLG's including doing phonics work & focusing on our selected text 'Cakes in Space'. We have all worked very hard on extending our vocabularies of words & using new words, phrases & concepts to better access our reading books & our class reading book.

ASDAN

In our ASDAN lessons we have focused on updating & completing our portfolios of work. We have impressed everyone with the pride & care we have taken with our work folders to make them a true reflection of our talents & potential across a number of different areas. The pupils leaving to go into 6th form all passed their assessed modules with flying colours.



Math's & Numeracy

In Math's & Numeracy we have focused on learning via the Birthdays / Dates / Times topics. We have all made individual levels of progress & are more confident with telling the time & being able to use dates & calendars to help us in our everyday lives.

Science

In Science we have focused on the 'Space' topic. We have undertaken extensive work on understanding our solar system & carried out fun & exciting practical's involving flight & the best way to fire water/air rockets to enable them to travel the furthest.



Humanities

In Geography & History we undertook a variety of activities including a trip to Lyme Park to explore our local environment & culture. Our behavior was excellent & we received a personalized message from a manager at the park thanking us & inviting us back.



Art & Creativity

We have had a fantastic term in Art & have been able to undertake a range of exciting & varied creative activities ranging from clay sculpture & model making to many different style & methods of painting.



PE & Swimming

Swimming has gone really well this term & we have all developed our confidence in the water & had a lot of fun. We have had the chance to take part in a range of sports / exercise in PE including hockey, cricket & athletics. However the sad news is that we have had to say goodbye to Sue our swimming teacher 😞 ... but we are really looking forward to, & excited to have George as our new swimming teacher 😊

Sixth Form 1

Summer Term

Sixth form 1 students have had a brilliant summer term. We have seen some striking improvements in social and independent living skills.

Sixth form 1 students have taken part in weekly shopping trips to Tesco. They have been able to develop and practice a number of cross curricular skills including find items on a list, communicating with unfamiliar adults, handling money and using the self service checkouts. Some of our students have progressed to finding items in the supermarket independently and paying with minimal supervision.

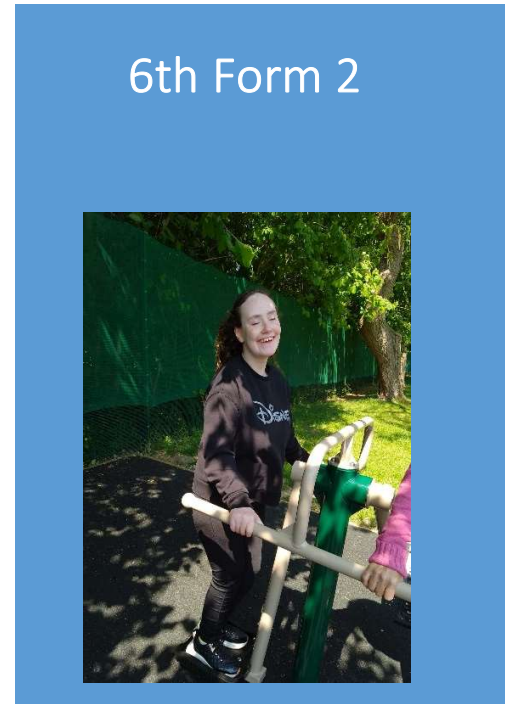
This term both sixth form classes attended the Bollen Valley Countryside Taster Day. Our young people engaged with a range of different activities and exhibitions including an exotic animal and bird stall, farming equipment demonstrations and sports skills.

During this term some students have been taking part in animal therapy sessions. They have been interacting with lots of different animals including ponies, sheep, guinea pigs, dogs and lizards. These sessions have improved our young people's wellbeing as well as being educational.

We would like to wish our sixth form leavers all the best in their new adventures at Petty Pool, Regent and Seashell colleges.

We hope you all have a fantastic summer break!





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What a fantastic summer term we have had! Lots of laughter, fun and working hard. We have all completed our ASDAN targets and our leavers have gained their qualifications.

In PSHCE, we have completed our 'Dealing with Problems' unit and have all worked hard on our 'Preparing drinks and Snacks' unit where we have been learning to make cold and hot drinks and various snacks. We have continued to shop each week for ingredients to make our lunch and made some delicious meals with increased independence.

We all enjoyed a visit to the Bollin Valley Countryside taster day and got to see lots of different animals, do pond dipping, sit in a tractor, and have a picnic in the sunshine.

Some of our pupils have been working hard on their work experience placements and making excellent progress with their communication skills by serving customers. Others have been regularly attending animal therapy sessions and meeting a variety of different animals. We continued with our community visits, ordering our own drinks in various cafés, going for healthy walks in the local area and accessing the local library.

This term, we have welcomed some new friends to the group ready for September and are very sad to say goodbye to some old friends. We wish them all the best in their new placements. *Hope you all have a wonderful summer break!*

