



Park Lane School

SUMMER NEWSLETTER.

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Hello,

Here we are at the end of another school year. A sign of getting older is that time passes more quickly. If that is true then I'm getting very old!! This year has flown, despite its challenges. Let's hope the next academic year is better for everyone.

It is always a sad time as we approach the end of term and say Goodbye to pupils who are moving on from Park Lane. We held our Leavers Celebration for our 6th Form Leavers on Thursday. We have 5 leavers this year and we will miss them but are also very proud of all they have achieved. We hope they will all keep in touch.

We are also saying goodbye to some valued colleagues this summer.

Jasmine-who has only been with us a relatively short time, in relation to the other colleagues leaving, but we wish her well.

Jan-a long serving member of staff who has worked across school. Jan has been 1 of our manual handling trainers in school. She also organised and supported pupil's horse riding every week, liaising with the stables. We are very glad that Jan has agreed to come back on a supply basis.

Emma-one of our 6th Form teachers who many of you will have seen leading the 6th Form dances at the Christmas

concert! Emma has taught in our 6th Form for a number of years and is an outstanding teacher. We will all miss her.

Angie-Angie has worked at Park Lane not once but twice! Angie returned to Park Lane in the late 1990's and has been at the school ever since. Angie is a reliable and dedicated member of staff who has spent most of her working life supporting children and young people with learning difficulties. Angie will be missed by us all and we wish her well in her retirement, though I am sure Angie will not be taking things easy!

A very big thank you to all of our colleagues who are leaving. We all hope you will keep in touch and will come back to school to say Hello.

Despite it being a year of challenges the class staff have continued to provide exciting and engaging lessons for the pupils. So I hope you will enjoy the rest of this newsletter. I wish you all a happy and safe summer.

Now please read on.....





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: OUR SCHOOL AND SHAPE

This term we have shared and enjoyed some of our favourite stories including 'Spot goes to school', 'We're going on a bear hunt' and 'Polar bear, polar bear, what can you hear?'. We particularly enjoyed the story 'Can't you sleep little bear?'. We liked snuggling up with the teddies, blankets and coloured tea lights!

We have learnt lots about different shapes this term. We have explored a range of shapes and how they feel, how many sides they have.

We have drawn around shapes with chalk, made different shaped toast, explored sensory shapes and enjoyed a shape hunt outside.

We have continued to enjoy exploring a range of different mathematical concepts through our parachute session.

Thankfully we have been able to restart our weekly trips to the park. The pupils have seemed really pleased to be going out again, and as always their behaviour out in public has been excellent.

We also went on a wonderful trip to the farm which was fully enjoyed by all. We especially loved the sensory farm tables and meeting the baby chicks!

During our PSED we have further developed our work around friendship, exploring different ways of being kind friends.

We continue to learn about our emotions. During our half termly visits from the nurses we have experienced the blood pressure equipment.

We continually use all our senses to help us learn about the world around us. This term we explored the sense of 'sound'. We experienced a range of familiar and unfamiliar sounds and had great fun playing the electric guitar and keyboard. Lots of budding rockstars!

In addition we have celebrated Eid al – Fitr, Father's Day and took part in the school sports day. That was a lot of fun!

This term has been lovely. We hope you enjoy looking at the photos!

Have a wonderful summer break!



Silk Class



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Granelli Class



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: OUR WORLD

This term has seen all pupils back at school and it has been great to have everyone back together. We have slowly seen an end to lockdown and restrictions are going. It has been a strange year but has ended with some normality and some great weather!

Our topic has been 'Our World' we have explored our immediate Community and followed the class bear around school. In Challenge, we have researched mini beasts in our garden and nurtured our own caterpillars into butterflies. We have planted seeds and grown a tomato plant. We have enjoyed some great books including 'The Everywhere Bear', 'Mad about Mini beasts' and 'A teddy Bear's Picnic'.

In Maths, we have focused on money, time and patterns. We have enjoyed doing some role play with money and using the till was great fun! We have modelled our daily routines and become familiar with our morning routine. We have looked at patterns and made our own as well as predicted ones and explored tally charts- collecting data on our favourite fruits.

Every Tuesday, we have had Music Therapy sessions and swimming sessions on Mondays. We have loved doing the parachute activities too.

We have been extremely physical this term with our weekly Individuality sessions and preparing for Sports' Day, where we all participated and had fun!

During our PSHE sessions we have been focusing on selfcare and independence. We have been focusing on dressing and in particular removing our socks and shoes and putting them back on again, we have made great progress with this.

We have celebrated some birthdays, made decorations to celebrate the Barnaby Festival for our Creativity sessions- including some fabulous bunting. We have ended our school year with a lovely Teddy Bears' Picnic where we sat and enjoyed food, balloons, party poppers, music and dancing.

Some students are moving on to a new class and some staff are too! We wish them all the best!

We wish you a restful break and stay safe!



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Hovis Class



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: OUR WORLD- ENGLAND

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In English we have been working with a variety of texts this term. We have looked at fables and read the story of the Tortoise and the Hare. We have also looked at non-fiction texts and loved learning how to follow a recipe independently. We have made Soda Bread, Flapjacks and Gingerbread. We also looked at brochures and planned our own holidays. All the students loved browsing and choosing their favourite images, some of us even worked on using adjectives to describe and 'sell' our holiday experiences.

In Maths we have covered time, money and patterns. In time some of us worked on recognizing times of day and the symbols that go with it, whilst some of us were working with clocks and recognizing the hour and half past. In Money we have all worked on recognising coins and improving our transactions, with differing levels of independence. The students have all worked really hard and we hope they can show you

their progress over the summer, helping to pay for various.

In our Challenge sessions we have designed and made a method of transport for an injured animal. We made choices about the materials and design and evaluated our choices as we were going along.

In Creativity we have really enjoyed learning about the artist David Hockney, we recreated pieces of his art work and made a wonderful display in class. We also explored Maypole and Morris Dancing and listened to the music and performed our own versions of the dances.

In Individuality we have been practicing for sports day and took part in our sports day a little differently this year! We all still really enjoyed competing against each other and submitting our scores and we hope you enjoyed our Zoom celebrations.

We have also worked on some of our personal targets around drinking and being able to drink and make drinks more independently. We have all made fantastic progress with these.

In Community sessions we have enjoyed learning more about our capital city and landmarks around London. Our favourite thing to learn about was actually the London Underground! We were all fascinated watching videos and learning more about how you travel on there.

After a very difficult year again for everyone, we are really proud of how everyone has coped and all the amazing progress that has happened, despite lots of challenges.

We hope everyone has a well-deserved, happy and healthy summer break.

Hovis Team x

Mulberry Newsletter Summer Term 2021



We have had a fantastic summer term in Mulberry Class.

This term our **Challenge** topic was Our World. We were very lucky to have a hatching eggs- project in our classroom, and we really enjoyed watching the chicks hatch. We ended up with nine beautiful, fluffy chicks in our classroom! In addition to observing the chicks, we planted colourful



flowers and made bags for bird seeds for our class project next term.



In **Community** we have been learning about the four countries that make up the United Kingdom. We have explored their famous sights, food and traditions.

In **Creativity** we have explored how clothes are made, we looked at



Scottish tartan patterns and we even made our own vests!

In **Individuality** we practiced different athletics skills for our Sports Day. The wonderful weather meant that we could enjoy our P.E lessons outside, and everyone had a fantastic time during Mulberry's Sports Day on Wednesday 7th July!



Overall, it has been a fantastic year in Mulberry Class! We are saying goodbye to Esme, Michael and Muskaan, who will be moving up to Arighi's class.

We will miss you and wish you all the best for next year.

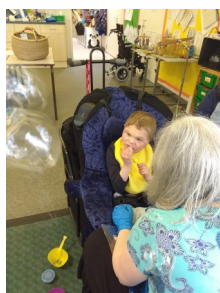
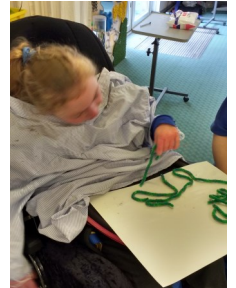
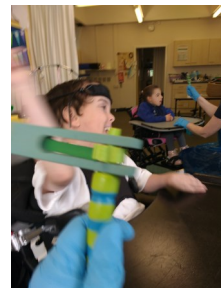
Have a great Summer Holiday everyone!



Barnaby Class Summer 2021

Barnaby class have had lots of multi-sensory fun and learning this term on the theme of Great Britain. From baking Welsh Cakes, Shortbread and Soda bread, to a GB themed Sensology via a seaside sensory story, we've all been busy exploring our senses and giving our responses. We've also worked hard on our physical skills, by using our standing frames, walking frames and working with the physios as well as fine motor skills in creative activities. Our switch work has also been improving via games on screen vibrating cushions, playing DJ with lights and sounds and setting off the bubble machine.

We've also really enjoyed everything music. Felicity in music therapy and as our weekly zoom session where we were joined by our classmates that haven't been able to join us back at school yet. It's been lovely to see them all on screen and joining in with their parents or carers. We've also been lucky to experience some live music with a visit from A4 Brass quartet which we all really enjoyed.





Bollin Class



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: OUR WORLD - EUROPE

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In English we have been reading stories, fables and poetry. We have looked at adjectives and rhyming words. We enjoyed the poems, "Windy Nights" by Robert Louis Stevenson and "Roar, a poem about a dinosaur.

In Maths we have focused on time, money, position and direction. We particularly enjoyed co-ordinates and locating objects on maps. We have worked on positional language in active maths and continued to use our skills in gardening and cooking.

In Challenge we have looked at teeth and digestion. We have produced PowerPoints about different animals' diets and teeth.



In Creativity we created our own Bayeux Tapestry and European flags.

In Individuality we have loved playing cricket and rounders. We have worked well as teams and cheered each other on in Sports Day. We have discussed healthy eating, physical and mental health.



In Community we looked at the map of Europe and voted for countries to learn about. We chose Italy, Spain, Germany and Switzerland. We loved trying food from these countries, particularly Swiss chocolate! We learned to say a few words in each language and painted ceilings like Michelangelo.



We have achieved a great deal this term academically and socially. The members of Bollin and Arighi class have formed friendships and worked well together. We have watched the builders working hard on new building and enjoyed music therapy.



Have a great summer!



Arighi Class

THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN EUROPE

This term we have enjoyed being back in school and playing and learning together. We have moved into our new classroom and have really enjoyed having our own playground where we have football nets, a basketball hoop and space to ride our scooters. Our curriculum theme for this term has been Europe.

English

In English, we have read the several stories: *A Lion in Paris* and *A walk in Paris*. We have also read some Aesop's fables and thought about the morals of the stories. We have been reading every day and some of us have made excellent progress this year despite everything.

Maths

In Maths we have been building on our counting skill. We have been weighing and measuring in cooking and gardening. We have made tally charts and pictograms. We have also been learning to tell the time and we are beginning to work on our money skills.



Other areas of the curriculum

In Challenge we have been learning about teeth. We have looked at the teeth of different animals and we found out about their diets. We were lucky enough to have a cow's skull in school so we could see and feel the teeth in real life. We also learned about digestion and what happens to our food after we swallow it.

In Community we have learned about different countries of Europe. We can now recognize some of the flags and identify some famous landmarks. We have learned some words from other languages and we have tasted lots of European foods.

In Individuality, we have been concentrating on being healthy and we have practiced making healthy snacks including fruit kebabs, smoothies and fruit ices.

In PE, we have been playing cricket and rounders and we have enjoyed taking part in our school sports event which we practiced over a number of weeks. We worked in teams and everyone took part.

In Creativity, we learned about the Bayeux Tapestry and the Battle of Hastings. We had a go at making our own version using different fabrics and we did some sewing. We also followed the Euros, learning about the different teams and keeping track of the scores. We also learned the words to some football songs.



This has been a very unusual year and we have been fortunate in that everyone has managed to stay safe and well. This summer we are saying goodbye to one student who is going to another school, we have six students leaving Arighi to go to Treacle and we wish them all the very best. We will really miss them. We hope everyone has a peaceful and happy summer holiday and look forward to new beginnings in September.



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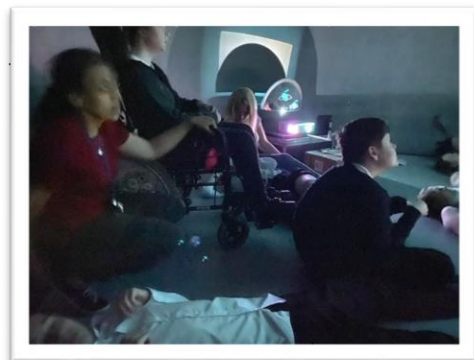
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THIS TERM'S TOPIC WAS SPACE AND COMMUNICATION

ASDAN AND PLS CERTIFICATES

Always hard to say Goodbye

By Katy



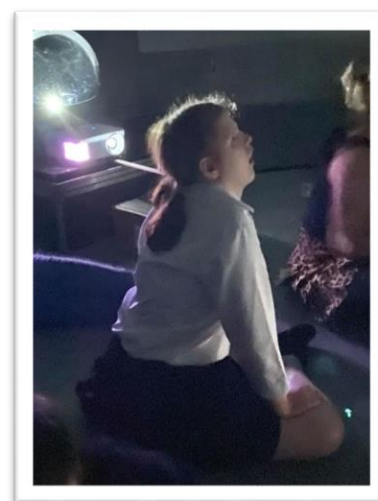
As we reach the end of another term, we are always both sad and also very proud as we say good bye to our leavers. This year is no different and as we wish the five leavers well, we will miss them very much. We will also have quite a different staff team in September so we wish our movers well.



It was such a wonderful sensory experience for all of us. It helped to cement our learning on the names of some space items and the solar system. We even sang the song that we had been learning whilst we were inside the dome.

We also learned a lot about the history of space travel and made a scarecrow Neil Armstrong to enter into a scarecrow competition. We didn't win but there was some fierce competition!

We are very excited about the new build. We have been keeping a close eye on it!



Yesterday we celebrated the end of what was a very difficult school year by having a party. We invited The Amazing Stephen to do some magic and puppetry, he really engaged all of us and made us laugh a lot.





6th Form One



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Our Summer Term

By Andrée & Beth

We have had a busy summer term. We have enjoyed working together and will miss our leavers. Have a lovely summer break.

PSHCE

This term, we have been working on our 'Having your say' unit. We have been exploring all the different options and choices in our lives. We have made choices about what we like to do in our leisure time and continued to learn about mindfulness and mental health.



Art and Sensory Art

We continue to focus on our theme of 'Celebrations and festivals'. We have explored lots of different stories and produced beautiful art work based on the themes. For 'World Environment day' we explored the issue of plastic in our oceans and made a group collage all about the ocean. We have studied the work of artists – Jim Dine, Monet, Picasso and Lowry and re-created our own art based on their techniques.



Enterprise

We have been very busy in enterprise this term and have managed to make quite a bit of money for the class. We started off researching ideas of how we could decorate pots and what sort of plants would be good to put in them. We then created some beautiful pots of bedding plants which sold really well. We have also made dog biscuits and sold some of those. We haven't been able to go out for our usual end of term treat, so we have spent the money on new games for class and some of it will go towards our end of term party.

We hope everyone has a great summer.



6th Form 2



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Vocational Studies – Recycling and Gardening Within the Vocational Studies gardening session, we have grown our seeds and replanted them. We have tidied the garden and designed our own dream gardens! In Recycling, we have continued to do the school recycling at the Recycling Centre and made a fantastic video to encourage people to recycle. You can watch our video by following this link: <https://www.parklaneschool.co.uk/work/vocational-studies/65916> We have had a busy summer term. We have enjoyed working together and will miss our leavers. Have a lovely summer break.

