

Park Lane School



Easter Newsletter 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been one of the more fraught terms that I have known for quite a while! The weather has caused a good deal of stress and there was no let up last weekend with more snow! Let's hope we really have seen the last of it and we can all look forward to some sunshine in the coming weeks and months.



In spite of the weather there has still been lots going on in school. We had some activities for Fairtrade Fortnight with Emma Shaw leading a "Supermarket Sweep" with pupils having to select Fairtrade items and then Arighi class running a Fairtrade tuckshop. We also had a postponed World Book Day with pupils and staff dressing up as their favourite book characters. We also had Arts Week with a whole week of Arts sessions based on our theme Under the Sea. Each class created an activity box to share and we had visiting artists in school including a drummer, a drama group and Felicity, our Music Therapist. We also had an animal workshop called Wild Workshops with animals the pupils could see and hold. These were all great fun and enabled interest and engagement from all the pupils.

Well done to our cook Louise who was awarded Ambassador of Cheshire East catering on the 9th of March 2018. Louise has worked hard to meet the dietary needs of pupils as well as catering for likes and dislikes in school meals, which I am sure many of us remember having! Louise is really willing to offer alternatives to the menu if she can.

Please remember the consultation Cheshire East are running on Post 16 Transport Policy and give your views. If it doesn't affect you yet it may well do in the future. If you have any questions I am happy to try and answer them.

So I will end as I started, by saying I hope the sun shines during the Easter break and that you all have a Happy Easter.

Now please read on.....



SILK'S SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER 2018

Our topic this term has been focussed around 'Transport'. We have a class full of pupils who are passionate about wheels, vehicles and things that spin so this has been a perfect topic for everyone. We have learnt about boats, cars, buses and trains through songs, rhymes, stories, science, maths, role play and a real bus ride to Buxton.

As well as transport we have had an exciting Arts week topic 'Under the Sea and Diversity' - we made croissant crabs, a variety of sea creatures and visited the fish at Pets at Home.

Despite the freezing temperatures and flurries of snow we have played outside and enjoyed as much sunshine as possible. A key personal and social skill pupils have been developing this term has been SHARING so here are some pictures we would like to share with you!



Sharing play times and learning adventures



Experiencing awe and wonder at our 'Wild Workshop' and 'Pets at Home'



Learning to ride a bike



Sharing PE equipment and transport toys



Learning about Fairtrade with songs, films, chocolate and bananas!!

The Silk Team and Pupils would like to thank everybody for their support and wish you all a very Happy Easter!

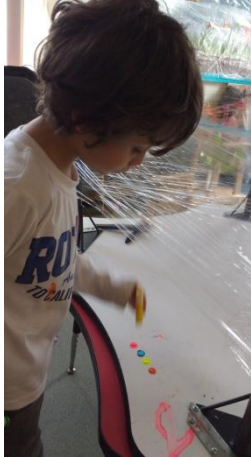


Granelli Class

Spring is finally here! Granelli class have been enjoying the sunshine with weekly trips to South park to see the seasonal changes. Our topic has been 'Growth' this term and we have been busy finding out all about the changes in plants and animals. We have been digging, planting and even made our own flower confetti! Granelli class even have some friendly visitors in our playground and we hope they spawn into tadpoles soon!

This term has been packed with celebrations! We have been creating, gifting, and thinking of others for Mother's day, World Book Day and Valentine's Day. Not forgetting our Arts Week with the theme of 'diversity'.

Have a lovely Easter break!





Hovis Class - Spring Newsletter

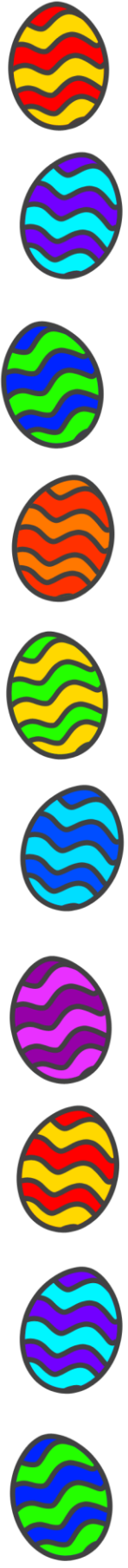
This term our overall topic has been 'Myths and Monsters', we have taken part in various activities linked to this theme. We enjoyed learning more about our local history and links to Wizards and nearby Alderley Edge, recognizing landmarks, learning about the local tale of 'The Weirdstone of Brasingamen' and creating our own wizard hats and spells. We have created our own Monsters in Art using different media and also sang about Myths and Legends in Music.

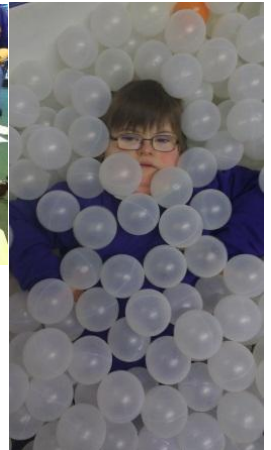
Our Science Topic has been all about Animals. We have learnt how to look after and care for all types of different animals and their explored their habitats. We have even had animals visit us in school, such as Bessie the Dog and we have been to visit animals outside of school on our visit to Stockley Farm. We have loved interacting with the all different animals.

Another highlight of this term was our Annual Arts Week where the topic was 'Under the Sea', we took part in various art, drama and creative workshops and activities and we really enjoyed the variation of activities over the week. We created some wonderful pieces of Art and picked up new skills along the way.

We hope you all have a lovely break, see you in the Summer Term!

Hovis Class x

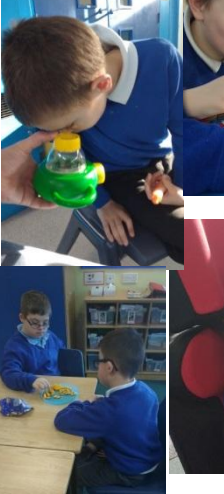
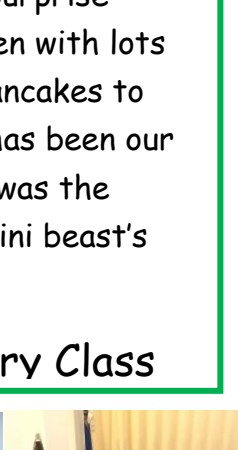
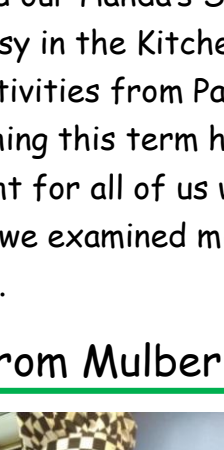


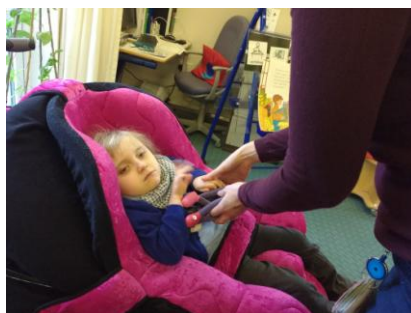
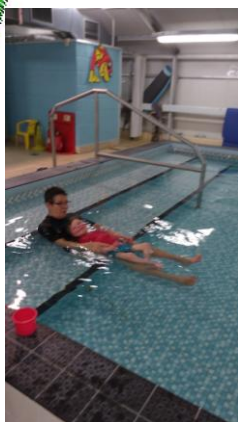


Mulberry Class - Spring 2018

We have had a Fantastic Spring term in Mulberry Class. We really enjoyed our Handa's Surprise story. We have been busy in the Kitchen with lots of different cooking activities from Pancakes to Pizzas. Our favourite thing this term has been our Arts Week, the highlight for all of us was the animal workshop where we examined mini beast's and got to hold a mouse.

Happy Easter from Mulberry Class





We have had a great term in Barnaby Class. We wish you all a very happy Easter.





Arighi Class News Easter 2018



This term in Arighi Class we have been working very hard. In class we have been working with the theme of travel and transport.

In Science we have been exploring gravity, forces, friction and air resistance. We found things that we could push and pull and we experimented by pushing cars along different surfaces to see how friction affects speed and distance travelled. We also made and raced balloon powered cars.

In French we have been learning some of the French words for different types of transport and tried to sing the Wheels on the Bus in French.

In English we have travelled the world through different sensory stories flying to different countries on our magic carpets. We tasted spices from China, took part in Mardi Gras, visited a temple in India and felt the warm sand of the Egyptian desert.

In Maths we have been doing lots of weighing and measuring and applying our skills in practical sessions through cooking gardening and enterprise activities. We have made cards, valentines gifts, planted seeds and bulbs and made lots of different edible treats!

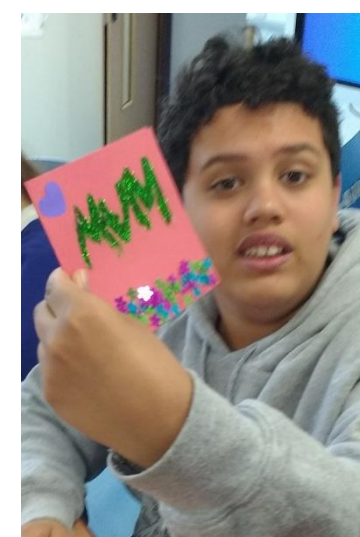
In Art we have been exploring Art Deco art and design and have made sunrise pictures using a range of tactile materials. We have also made printing blocks and made some colourful repeat patterns.

In ICT we have continued to develop our skills in using switches and accessing technology and using it in a functional way, some of us have been using computer software to make pictures and patterns.

We have had an Arts week this term where we took part in a range of different activities including; baking, drama, dance music and crafts all based on our theme of diversity under the sea.

This term we have also enjoyed baking with bananas for Fair Trade fortnight and we celebrated World Book Day by reading some of our favourite books.

We hope you all have a fantastic Easter Break and look forward to seeing everyone in the Summer term. Hopefully it will bring some better weather.





In Treacle class this term we have been working on the topic of electricity in the home. We have concentrated hard on this in science especially and learned how to be safe as well as independent. We have concentrated on reading with regular visits to The Academy library. We have had a fitness and health focus too so we have been very active and have made sensible food choices. As always we loved arts week and had a brilliant trip out to the Sealife centre in Manchester to see all the creatures that we had based stories, art work, dances and music on.

Happy Easter

Spring Term in Lower 6th Form

We have had a lovely spring term in Lower 6th with lots of exciting activities, including two trips out linked to this year's Arts Week which was based around the theme, under the sea.

Sea Life Centre



We all enjoyed a day at the Sea Life Centre at the Trafford Centre during Arts Week. We were excited to see lots of underwater creatures and some of us were brave enough to stroke a star fish in the rock pool exhibit.

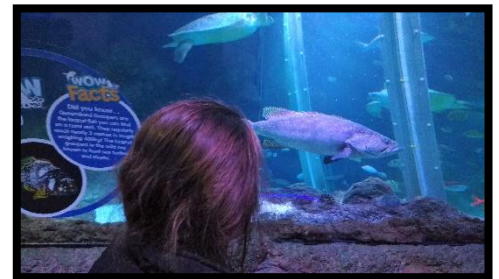
We walked round the exhibits, looking at all the different fish and some of the tanks were so big, it felt like we were in them too.



There were tunnels and pods which we could stand in and see the fish and sea life all around us. We all liked the clown fish tank and had been given a mission to find the black and white clown fish in there.



As well as the colourful clown fish, we loved the sea turtles and the bigger fish we saw in the tunnel. The Rays were amazing as they swooped over our heads.



We were also amazed at the little jellyfish we saw. We enjoyed a story about a jellyfish in one of our activity boxes during the week so it was exciting to see a real one swimming past us

Another area we went into had a huge tank which went formed the walls of the room. The fish in the tank swam round and round without ever stopping and it made some of us feel a bit dizzy!



We all had a fantastic day finding out about sea creatures and looking at some of the things we had been working on in Arts Week. We were incredibly well behaved and a real credit to the school.

Mottram St Andrews Academy



After half term, we went to Mottram St Andrews Academy for the day to work with the year six pupils on some under the sea art work. We were making some giant jellyfish using different techniques.

We enjoyed meeting new people and working with them. We used paint, Brusho, glue and collage materials. To make the tentacles and body of the giant jellyfish.



We learnt different techniques to apply the Brusho to the paper lamp shades which will become the jellyfish bodies.

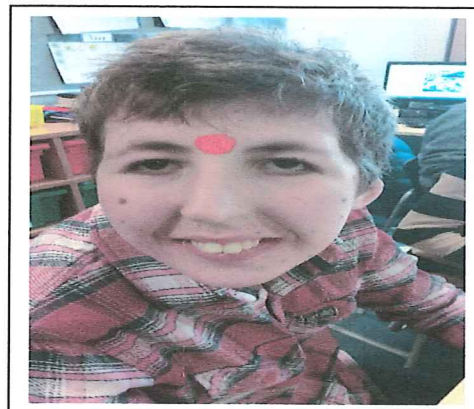
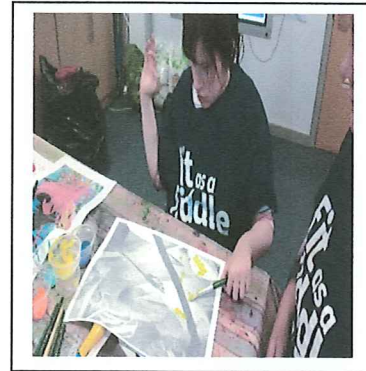
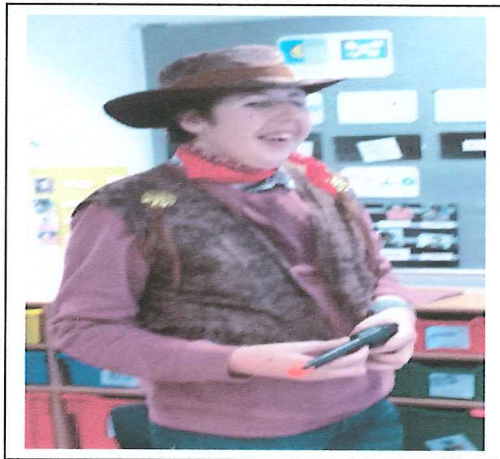
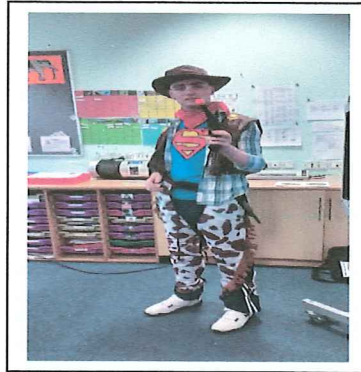
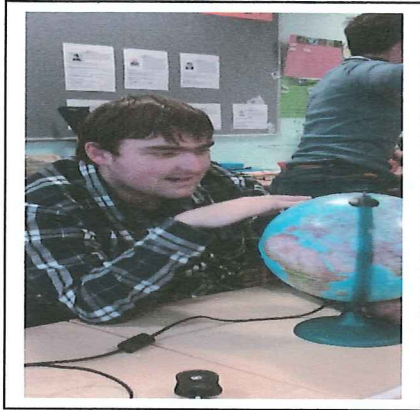
We also had great fun applying paint to make a background for a seascape which will have colourful sea creatures on it.

Everyone at Mottram was so welcoming and looked after us so well. We had a brilliant day and are very excited to see the finished art work which we will be displaying in school.

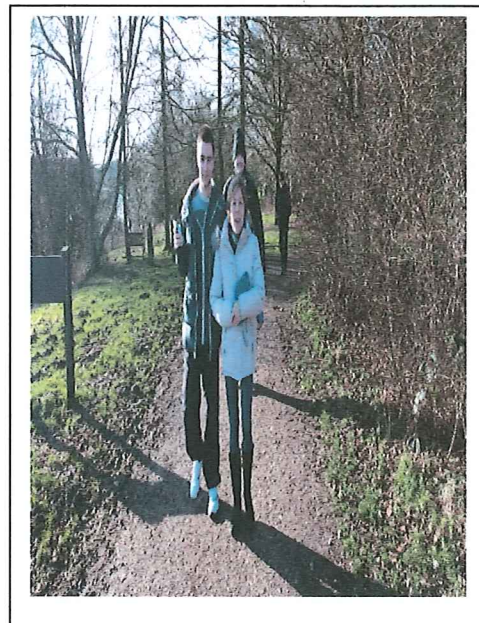
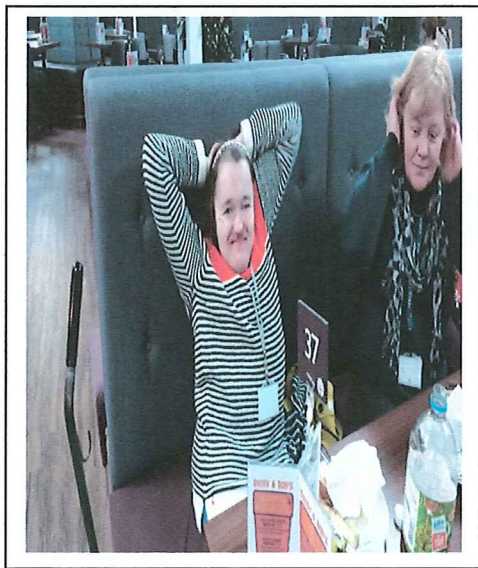


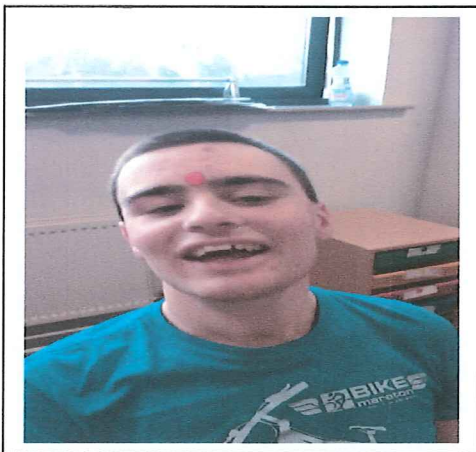
Upper 6th Form Spring Newsletter 2018

Members of the Upper 6th Form have enjoyed learning about different countries in Countries and Cultures



We have also continued to enjoy weekly Community Visits





PARK LANE SCHOOL

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CALENDAR

FOR PERIOD 1ST SEPTEMBER 2017 TO 31ST AUGUST 2018

	<u>Date of Closing</u>	<u>Date of Re-Opening</u>
Summer 2017		Wednesday 6 th September
Autumn Half Term 2017	Friday 20 th October	Monday 30 th October
Christmas 2017/2018	Tuesday 19 th December	Monday 8 th January 2018
Spring Half Term 2018	Friday 16 th February	Tuesday 27 th February
Easter 2018	Thursday 29 th March	Monday 16 th April
Summer Half Term 2018	Friday 25 th May	Tuesday 5 th June
Summer 2018	Thursday 26 th July	

Staff Training Days: `

Monday 4th September
Tuesday 5th September

Wednesday 20th December

Monday 26th February

Monday 4th June