



Park Lane School

CHRISTMAS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 2018

People say that time goes more quickly as you get older-this certainly rings true in school as this term certainly has gone very quickly! It doesn't seem that long ago that we were enjoying the summer sun and now it is cold outside and Christmas is around the corner.

A lot has happened during this term, not least of all the visit from Ofsted. Always a pleasure! The pupils and staff rose to the occasion, as always, and though the inspection team were not the easiest to work with, in the end they agreed we would remain outstanding. I would like to thank pupils, parents, staff and Governors for their support during and after the inspection.

The school is now in Christmas mode with another successful concert performed at Fallibroome Academy. As always the creativity and imagination of staff is amazing but it is the pupils who never fail to bring joy to everyone. This was the first year in 22 years at Park Lane that I have not been present for the whole of a concert. Circumstances meant that I needed to be in school and I do not doubt that was the right decision. However I am very much looking forward to seeing the recording and the Christmas message DVD which is never seen by anyone in school until the day of the concert.



We are saying goodbye to some staff this term. Zoe Cooper who is leaving at the end of term as is Nicola Jackson. They have not been teaching at Park Lane for a long time but I am sure they will take away very positive memories of their time with their classes. We also are saying "Goodbye and thank you" to Helen who has been working alongside Cathy our school nurse this term.

Finally I must thank our own FOPLSS Committee who once again organised another successful Christmas Fair which raised over £1494.00 which is amazing. Thank you to all those who supported this event. Another £255.00 was raised at the Treacle Market at the end of November. In addition £1500 was raised by Arighi Bianchi as they held a shopping event in aid of the hydrotherapy fund. Thank you to Natalie and Neville Hinchliffe and Sara Edge for putting us forward to benefit from this event.

Finally I wish you all a Happy Christmas and New Year.

Now please read on.....



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: COLOUR AND THE SENSES

Silk class



WINTER 2018

This year so far...

By Claire

This term we have focused on the topic of 'Colour and the Senses'. We have explored a range of beautiful colours and the senses of touch, sight, hearing, smell and taste.

We've recently been on a trip to a Ruby's Fund Sensory Centre where we enjoyed a wonderful morning exploring the sensory and play equipment with our friends. We have also taken part in our weekly swimming, PE, Sensory Story, Music and sensory sessions, to name just a few!

We have had the pleasure of Sheena from Tesco visiting us twice! On her first visit she brought lots of different textured, coloured fruit and vegetables for us to explore. This week she brought in delicious Christmas themed treats for us to sample in celebration of the festive season!

We have enjoyed sharing some wonderful stories including Elmer, Polar

Bear, Polar Bear What Can You Hear and Little Red Riding Hood.

We have settled extremely well as a class group, developing some lovely friendships and working on our turn talking skills. We have all displayed excellent participation during our different weekly activities this term.

Here are just some of the photographs of the fun we have had!

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year!





Granelli's class

WINTER 2018

We have had a busy half-term getting to know each other and had lots of fun along the way.

This year so far...

By Jackie

English

We have enjoyed the stories Jack and the Beanstalk, the Enormous Turnip and the Magnificent Sunflower. We have pulled turnips and chopped down beanstalks. We have worked hard with Phonics and high frequency words and some of us have been reading.

Science / DT

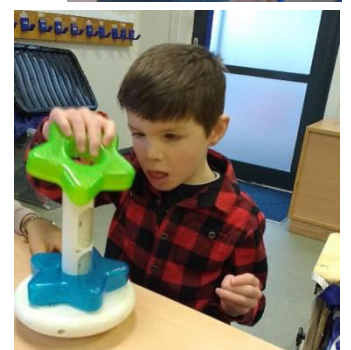
For our topic plants we have investigated root vegetables and tasted lots of fruit. We have made juice and fruit kebabs.

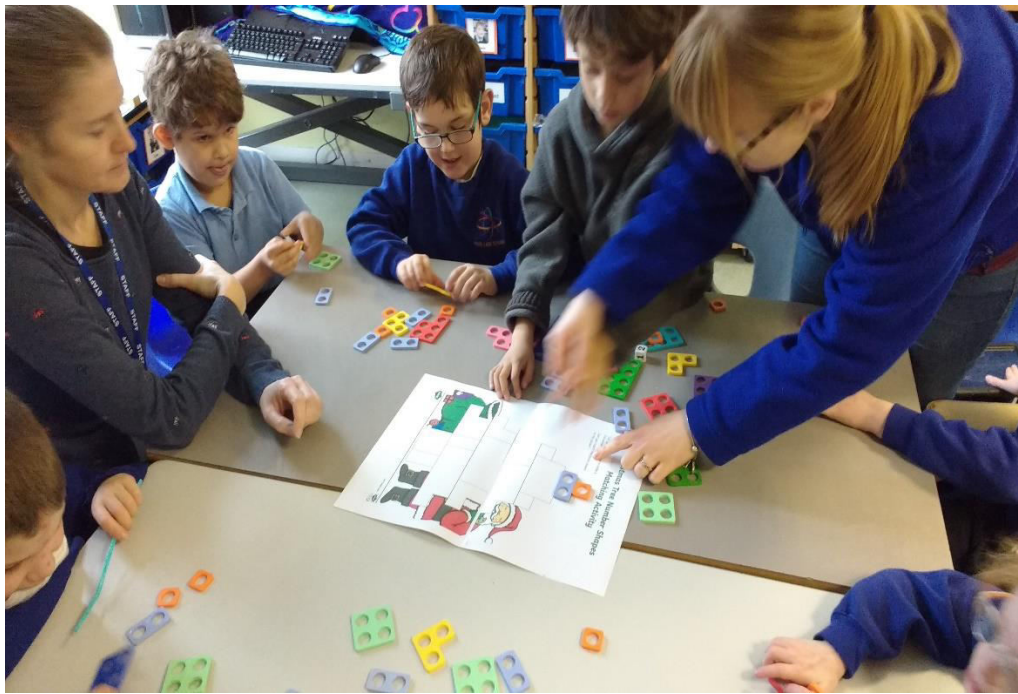
Maths

We have worked on 2D shape, colour and construction in numeracy.

PSHCE

We have been working on turn-taking and sharing. We have had great fun with our LuSu equipment and improved our gross motor skills at the same time.





Hovis Class

Winter Term

It's been a busy half term in Hovis Class. We have been doing lots of preparations for Christmas as well as our usual subjects.

English

This half term we have been reading lots of stories. The story of Polar Bear, Polar Bear, what do you hear is a lovely story about the different animals around the world. We also enjoyed the story about recording a CD. There were lots of different musical instruments to explore and listen to but talking and making sounds into the microphone was the favorite object! We are now reading a story called Lost and Found about a poor lost Penguin.



Maths

The class has been counting cotton reels, wooden men, Christmas decorations, this half term. Making the Numicon Christmas tree has been fun too as well as finding different numbers in the shaving foam.

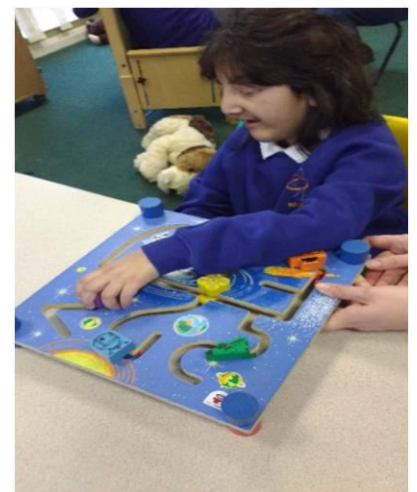
Science

Exploring different materials such as metal, plastic, fabric has been the topic this term. The class picked different items out of 'What's in the Bag?' and had to say what the material was as well as whether it was hard

or soft. They also looked around the school and took pictures of all the different materials they could find.

Christmas

The class have been practicing hard for the Christmas concert with lots of rehearsals and singing. We have enjoyed learning how to sign 'This is me!' We have also made Christmas baubles and cards in art which involved lots of sticking and glitter!



Happy Christmas!

Have a fantastic Christmas and a Happy New Year! From everyone in Hovis Class.



Mulberry Class



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: FAIRY TALES AND STORIES

WINTER 2018

Our Autumn Term...

English – We have been learning about fairy tales and stories, focusing on Room on the Broom & Snow White. We have learnt about characters, story lines and phonics. We have extended this topic into Design and Art making masks and costumes from fairy tales as well different recipes from stories like Froboscottle from the BFG and Butterscotch milk from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.

Maths/Enterprise – We have done lots of work on Numicon and number bonds in our workshop sessions. We have made Pizza's and Panini's in Enterprise and sold them for staff lunches learning about money, we decided to spend some of our profits on drinks at our delicious pub lunch and party food for our Christmas party.

Science – We have learnt about Electricity and how to use it safely. We have looked at what appliances use electricity and what Batteries can be used for. We also had a visit from Warburton's Bakery and learnt about healthy eating.

Merry Christmas Everyone from Mulberry Class !!!!!





Barnaby Class



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: GROWTH

WINTER 2018

This year so far...

By Lis

We have a new pupil in our class- Ruby Parr. Ruby has been poorly this term but we hope to see more of Ruby in the Spring term.

Cognition and Learning

We have listened to a range of stories about Growth. We have taken part in sensory activities, both inside and outside the classroom. We have enjoyed experiencing mathematics and science through Food Technology and Art.

Communication and Interaction

We have been using our different communication systems and some pupils have had communication assessments. We have enjoyed our integrated sessions with members of Arighi class and have spent time with our peers in other classes after lunch

Social and Emotional Development

We have loved taking part in Country Dancing and Music Therapy and enjoyed making leisure choices after lunch

Sensory and Physical Development

Each morning we work on our physical development by using our stander and walkers, and having Physiotherapy. We enjoy wet and dry sessions to develop our fine motor skills.



Events

Barnaby Class hosted a MacMillan Coffee Afternoon. This was a great success and very well attended by pupils, parents and friends of Park Lane School.

We hope you have a lovely Christmas from Barnaby Class





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN HEALTH AND LIFESTYLES



MERRY CHRISTMAS

This year so far.....

This year we welcomed new students to Arighi Class. Oliver and Joel came to us from Mulberry and Pearl joined Park Lane from Horton Lodge School. All the new students have settled in really well and have coped really well with all the changes.

This term our theme has been Health and Lifestyles. We have been learning about our bodies and how to stay healthy.

English

In English we have been reading poems and stories about food. We particularly enjoyed "The Dinosaur that Pooped a planet" by Tom Fletcher. We have also been following recipes to make some simple snacks and drinks including rice salad, milkshakes and pizzas with pitta bread. We have also tasted lots of different healthy foods including Persimmon, avocado, spinach and rice milk.

Maths

In Maths we have been practicing our money skills when visiting the café at Macclesfield College. This has also given us the opportunity to develop our speaking and listening and social skills as students have been queuing, using their voices or communication aids to order toast or teacakes and then paying for their food at the till. We have been building and applying our Maths skills in practical settings: weighing and measuring our ingredients when following our recipes and counting and using positional language in Active Maths sessions.

Science

In Science we have been finding out about how our bodies work. We have learnt about the bones that make up our skeleton, we have learnt about the digestive system, our



lungs and heart. We have also found out about nutrition and sorted foods into different food groups.

We have been using food in art, making pictures with Skittles, printing with fruit and veg and making patterns using coloured rice. In Humanities we have covered a wide range of topics including finding out about where cereals and tea and coffee come from. Students have also taken part in Horse riding sessions, Music Therapy, Country Dancing and Music at Fallibroome High School. In Swimming students have continued to build confidence and competence in the water and some students are beginning to swim independently. In keeping with our healthy lifestyles theme this term, we have introduced Yogacise sessions to help us develop flexibility, strength and breathing techniques and every morning Arighi students have the opportunity to complete a sensory circuit to set us up for the day!





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: ME AND MY BODY

Treacle class



WINTER 2018

This year so far...

By Katy

We welcomed Nicola Jackson to Treacle class teaching Mondays and Tuesdays and have loved getting to know her but unfortunately we are just a little bit too far from her house so she is leaving us for a school closer to home. This means we will be welcoming another new teacher in January and we plan to hold onto this one! Goodbye and good luck Nicola.

English

We have worked on the Speaking and Listening section of our Towards Independence ASDAN award which has involved planning and delivering talk shows with our friends which were filmed and demonstrated some really great communication. We are also very proud of Harvey who has been attending mainstream English lessons three times a week and is keeping up really well.

Maths

We concentrated on the number section of Towards Independence which has involved 1:1 correspondence and using

numeral recognition, counting and adding in real life situations.

PSHCE

We were lucky enough to be invited to watch a film as part of the into film festival. It was a brilliant sensory experience that was followed by a meal at Frankie and Benny's. It was so successful that we will do it again in the New Year. We are also going on our annual trip to Gulliver's World thanks to The Royal Variety Club. We are very much looking forward to the upcoming Christmas concert, disco and dinner before we have a well-earned break.

Science/DT

For our Me and My Body topic we have learned about how different parts of our body work and how to keep them healthy. We have practiced following recipes to make healthy snacks such as salad pittas and cheese and apple quesadillas.



Early Literacy Support

This group have been working hard on initial and end phonemes, rhymes and vowels. This has really boosted their word segmenting and blending as well as their confidence in reading and writing.





Lower 6th Form

IN PSHCE WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON PREPARING DRINKS AND SNACKS

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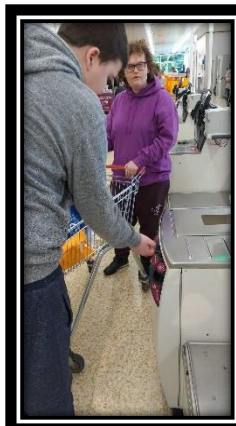
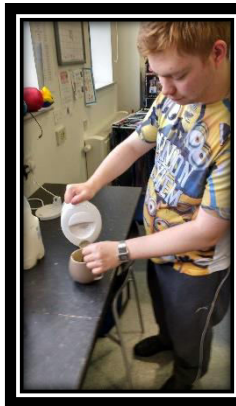
Our Autumn Term

By Andrée

We have had a very busy term settling into the Lower 6th Form. We have worked hard, had lots of fun and made lots of progress in our life skills.

English

We have all worked on using our communication when we are out in the community, ordering our own snacks in cafes and asking for things in shops. Some of us have also worked on answering questions and using communication aids to make choices. Others of us have communicated our ideas and used our reading and writing to record them.



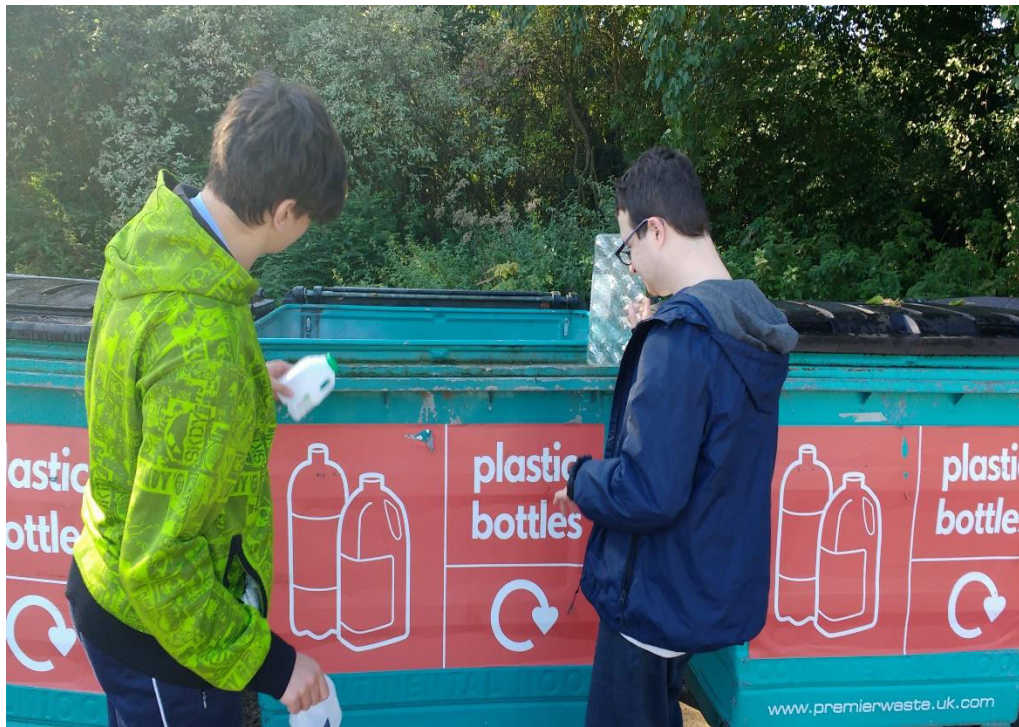
PSHCE

We have really enjoyed learning how to prepare our own drinks and snacks. We have been thinking about the safety aspects of using utensils in the kitchen and, of course, we have loved tasting and drinking what we have made! We have made tea, coffee and hot chocolate, toast, crumpets, crackers and sandwiches.

Daily Living Skills

One of our favorite sessions is the daily living skills morning when we go shopping and make our own lunch. We are learning where some things are in the supermarket and some of us can operate the self-service tills on our own. We all love visiting the café for snack before heading back to school to make meals such as bolognaise, sausage and mash, fish fingers and chips and bacon and eggs.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!



Upper 6th Form



WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON A VOCATIONAL STUDIES THIS TERM

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Vocational Studies and Work Placements

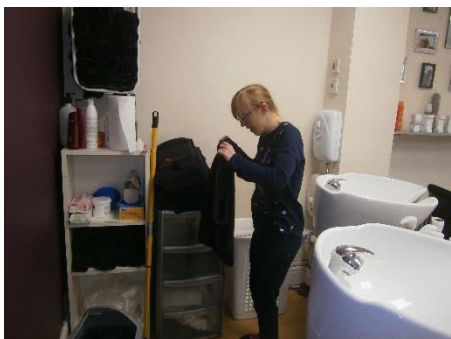
Work Experience

The Upper 6th form continue to develop their work skills by completing several Vocational tasks throughout the week. For some students these tasks are completed as part of Work Experience placement. We currently

have Fatima who works for one morning a week at the local Cooperative Supermarket and Hannah who works for a morning at a local salon.

Scarlet and Molly work on the Park Lane reception carrying out a variety of office tasks including meeting and greeting visitors to the school, shredding documents and delivering post to the class pigeon holes .

You can also see Libby, Joe and Sebastien carrying out recycling tasks. They help to recycle the class waste (Glass, plastic, cardboard and cans). The class also responsible for recycling the waste paper from around the whole college campus.



Vocational Studies

