



Park Lane School

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER.

AUTUMN 2019

It is hard to believe it is nearly the end of term. I had one of those moments where you suddenly realise you haven't got as much time as you thought you had! It's been another successful term with lots going on in the school, as you will see from Facebook and the website Gallery.

We have had some successful events this term with the focus on helping others. These have included the MacMillan Coffee Afternoon, Children in Need and the Christmas Clothes Day organised by the School Council. Also there was our Christmas Fair which raised over £1200. I would like to thank the FOPLSS Committee for their work in organising this event. The Committee has had a few new members which is great as for a while now the committee has been very small. Thank you also to Macclesfield Brass band who came to play Christmas carols during the morning.

The garden area has been vastly improved thanks to Sainsbury's staff who gave up their time to come and dig, pave and turf the garden as well as plant borders. Not only did Sainsbury's donate their time, they also donated the plants, paving slabs and turf.

The term is ending with our usual Christmas festivities including a fabulous Christmas Concert. Our theme this year was Christmas Hits with each class depicting a different Christmas classic introduced by our budding DJ's-Freya Harvey and Aaron. The week will end with

Christmas dinner and then parties before the final assembly of 2019 on Wednesday.

And as we look forward to 2020:

We are still excited about the expansion though plans to start building have been delayed which is disappointing. It is still going ahead but there are some issues which need to be addressed. Hopefully I will have some more positive news soon.

We are launching a new way of delivering our curriculum in January. Staff have been working hard to get this in place and ready to go. Our first theme is Global Warriors and the focus is very current-recycle and reuse. Have a look at the website for more information. Thank you to Emma Shaw who has coordinated this new initiative.

I wish you all a very happy Christmas and send best wishes for 2020.

Lorraine





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: CELEBRATIONS

Silk Class



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This term so far...

By Claire

This term we have focused on the topic of 'Celebrations'. We have shared and enjoyed some wonderful books including 'Spot's Birthday', 'The Scarecrows' Wedding' and 'Celebrating Diwali'. We enjoyed making props and dressing up for our role play of 'The Scarecrows' Wedding'.

We have continued our work around the 'Number of the week' and learnt about different shapes. We have made some great progress with our numeracy skills.

Every Monday we have enjoyed our weekly trip to South Park with lots of fun on the play equipment! The pupil's behaviour whilst out in the community is excellent.

We have been extremely physical this term with weekly PE and ball pool sessions. Some of us have started yoga and country dancing which we love!

During our PSHE sessions we have been learning about and experiencing different emotions with the help of our class puppet Billy.

This term we've worked very well as a class group displaying great turn taking and play skills. Some lovely new friendships have been developed.

As you can see we have had a wonderful term with lots of fun had by all!



Have a lovely Christmas break!



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Christmas newsletter

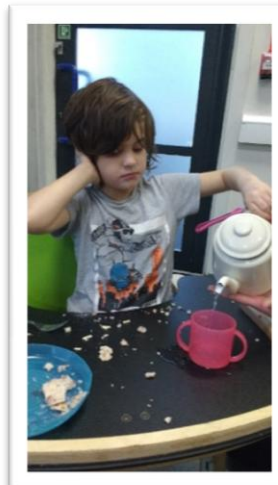
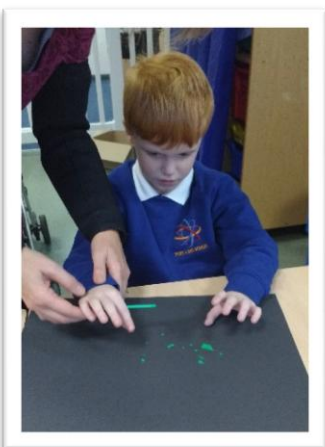


THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN CELEBRATION

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We have enjoyed learning about different celebrations: birthdays, weddings, fireworks, Diwali, different dances and Christmas. We have loved reading Kipper's birthday, the Scarecrows' Wedding, Stickman, Pass the Jam Jim, Giraffes can't dance and Maisy goes to a wedding. We have made great progress with phonics and some of us have tackled some tricky words. In Maths we have worked on colour and number. We have produced some wonderful artwork and loved sessions in the light room. In PE we have focused on dance and sensory circuits. We have enjoyed swimming and playing outside.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and all the very best for 2020





Hovis



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: NATIONAL CELEBRATIONS

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This year so far...



We have had a busy Autumn Term in Hovis Class. All of the students who were new to our class in September have settled in very well and have all formed some lovely friendships with their peers and positive relationships with staff. Our topic the term has been National Celebrations and we have learnt about many different celebrations and traditions over the term.

English

In English we have had three different sessions over the week. In our writing we have worked on our mark making, overwriting or forming sentences using our communication aids. Many of us have had our communication aids updated and expanded this term which is fantastic. In reading we have read lots of exciting sensory stories and we

answer comprehension questions about what we have read. Our speaking and listening has mainly been delivered through Attention Autism sessions where we have practiced our listening and requesting throughout each session.

Maths

We have concentrated on number this term. One group have focused on counting objects up to 10 or 20 and then identifying groups containing more or less. Another group have focused on number recognition and starting to count objects, they have taken part in some lovely number songs and activities.

Topic

We have learnt more about Diwali and had a whole class celebration where we made decorations, decorated the

classroom, some of us wore traditional dress, we had a lovely Indian feast and danced to some traditional music. We learnt more about how we celebrate Harvest, Birthdays, Christmas, Hanukkah, Bonfire Night and lots of other celebrations too.

Science

We learnt about how Habitats, how to look after animals, including a dog who came to visit us and we started to look at how we care for ourselves. We learnt how to clean our teeth properly and wash our hands properly.

MFL

We have continued to learn lots of signs linked to our topic and also enjoy signing lots of songs. At the moment we are learning some Christmas carols

Hope you have a lovely Christmas Holidays!

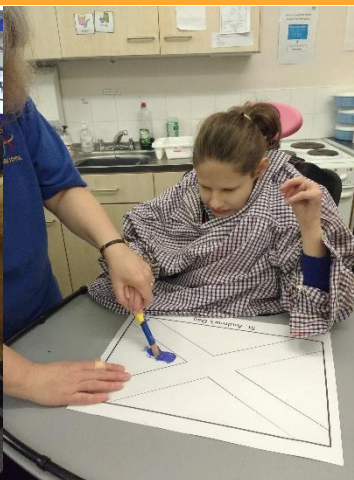


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THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: CELEBRATIONS

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This term we have been thinking about celebrations. We have celebrated birthdays, different religious festivals, Bonfire Night and Christmas. We have enjoyed sensory sessions and music, country dancing and art, ICT and science, massage and stories. We hope you have a lovely Christmas and a happy New Year.



Arighi Class



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN CELEBRATIONS

This term we have welcomed some new students to Arighi Class. One is new to Park Lane School and one has returned to Park Lane after having been at a different school for a little while. Four students have moved up from Mulberry Class. All the students have made a successful transition and are making lots of progress.

This term our theme has been *Celebrations*. We have been exploring festivals of lights. In the first half term, we learnt about Diwali and this half term we have been finding out about Hanukkah.

English

In English, we have read the story of *Rama and Sita* and *The Hanukkah Bear* and have worked on our reading writing and spelling as well as acting out some of the scenes from the stories and taking part in sensory stories.

Maths

In Active Maths we have been using positional language and practicing our counting through keeping the scores and playing number games. In Enterprise, we have been sorting, matching and measuring when making things and in cooking, we have been measuring and weighing our ingredients.

Science

In Science, we have been learning about light and electricity and we even tried to light a bulb using a battery cell we made from lemons!



Other areas of the curriculum

In Humanities, we learnt about India and Hinduism. We found out about the climate, the animals from different parts of India and we learnt about Hindu gods. We also tried some Indian food. This half term we have been exploring different aspects of Judaism and found out about Bar Mitzvahs and Bat Mitzvahs celebrations.

We have continued to access the community with our regular sessions to the Café at Macclesfield College and our weekly swim sessions at Macclesfield Leisure Centre. This term we have also been for a meal at The Flower Pot, which we all enjoyed. Some students have been horse riding and a group

HAPPY CHRISTMAS

of us sometimes go to Fallibroome High School for Music sessions. This year we have attended two sports events at other schools: a triathlon at Dee Banks School in Chester and a pentathlon at Priestly College in Warrington. Our team of athletes were very successful and all came back with medals from each event.



A highlight for us this term has been the Christmas performance, which we all really enjoyed. Some students overcame their nerves and made a huge effort to go on stage and perform and we are all very proud of them.



We have had an extremely busy term and we are all looking forward to Christmas. We have all been so good. Santa should be kind to us this year.

Merry Christmas everybody!



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: HEALTH AND TREATMENT

Treacle class



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This year so far...

By Katy

Seasons greeting from all in Treacle class. We have bonded very well as a class and have worked really hard on all our personal targets. Our overall topic has been health and treatment so we have been learning how to keep ourselves healthy by eating well and doing exercise.

English

In English we focused on speaking and listening and have practiced for being filmed talking about things we like about school and things that we don't like. We concentrated on adding detail to our sentences and we used our different communication methods.

Maths

We have concentrated on number this term. We have counted in a variety of



situations that will help us out in the real world. We have spent a lot of time counting shopping items and café items.

PSHCE

We have been splitting the class and one group have concentrated on relaxation techniques such as meditation and yoga whilst the other group has been visiting The Youth Hub and doing work on different types of relationships.

DT

We designed and made 3D representations of our dream rooms. We were really pleased with the finished products and when we evaluated them, we all said we would like to have the rooms in our houses for real!



PE and swimming

In PE we have focused on rugby skills whilst the rugby world cup was on. We have also used the time to devise and practice our Christmas concert pieces. Treacle are doing a dance to 'Rockin' around the Christmas Tree'.

MFL

We have been learning about the culture of Iceland, we found out that the country is made of glaciers and volcanoes and we made some of our own mythical trolls.

We finished the term with a great trip out to Gulliver's Kingdom in Warrington.





WE ALL ENJOY OUR DAILY LIVING SKILLS MORNINGS WHEN WE MAKE OUR OWN DINNER

Our Autumn Term

By Andrée

We have had a great first term in Lower 6th Form, settling into our class with new classmates and new routines. We have



all been working on our independence skills and doing really well.

PSHCE

We have been working on personal presentation in PSHCE and have sorted and selected clothing and footwear for



different activities such as swimming, a party or a sleepover. We have also packed bags for these activities choosing what we think would be the best clothes and shoes for each activity.

Vocational Studies

As the weather has become colder, the plants in the garden have stopped growing, so we have started working on café skills in our vocational studies sessions. We all look forward to the

Lower 6th Form

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lessons and enjoy trying out the different roles and jobs people working in a café would do. We all like being waiting staff, giving customers menus and taking orders. Of course, we also like being customers too!

Daily Living Skills

Another session we all really enjoy is our shop, cook and eat session. We all love going to Sainsbury's to buy the things we need for our dinner and work hard on finding our shopping on the shelves and using the tills to scan and pay for the things we need. We take it in turns to cook dinner, working hard on following instructions and thinking about how we are going to prepare and cook the food. We always really enjoy eating what we have made

We you all have a great Christmas and wish everyone a happy New Year!





Upper 6th Form



WE HAVE BEEN WORKING HARD ON VOCATIONAL STUDIES THIS TERM

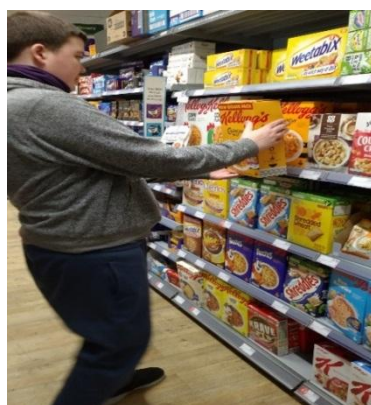
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Vocational

Studies

Vocational Studies and Work Placements

Work Experience



One of our students also works on the Park Lane reception carrying out a variety of office tasks including meeting and greeting visitors to the school. Another carries out recycling tasks. He helps to recycle the class waste (Glass, plastic, cardboard and cans). The class are also responsible for recycling the waste paper from around the whole college campus.



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 placements. We currently have a student who works for one morning a week at the local Co-operative supermarket, one who works for a morning at a local hair salon and another who now works at a local Pet shop.



PSHCE and Key Skills

A number of our students have been working hard on their communication skills making choices using communication aids and enjoy using the technology in the light room.

