



Park Lane School

AUTUMN NEWSLETTER.

AUTUMN 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I look back to what I write last year it seems as though in some ways very little has changed. However that is not the case. The vast majority of pupils are in school and have been in school for some time now. We have had (and I touch wood as I say it!) a very small number of cases of COVID19 in school over the last 2 terms. Life in school has improved a bit with some lessons such as swimming taking place again outside of school. I thank pupils, staff, parents, Governors and other visiting staff for your support and cooperation throughout this term.

Christmas celebrations have gone on this year, though again in a modified capacity. Christmas concerts have been performed and filmed. It is disappointing for all pupils, not to be able to perform in front of a live audience but on grounds of safety we decided against live performances. It will be filmed so hopefully everyone will enjoy that just as much. Thank you to Macclesfield Academy for letting our secondary age pupils perform in the school.

We will be able to welcome the Prestbury Hand bell Ringers to school. They are going to do several shorter performances to smaller groups of pupils and staff. We will have a Christmas dinner, albeit not all together and there will be class parties.

In the New Year though there is a lot to look forward too. Not least the completion of our new building-we hope! It is scheduled to be completed at the end of February and then pupils can gradually start to move in and get settled. We are all getting excited as it takes shape!

So it just remains for me to wish you all a very happy and peaceful Christmas and send best wishes for 2022.

Stay safe and well, now please read on.....





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: CELEBRATIONS

Silk Class



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This term we have welcomed five new pupils into our class. They have all settled in really well.

We have shared and enjoyed some wonderful stories. These have included 'Kipper's birthday', 'Sparks in the sky' and 'Scarecrow's Wedding'. We really enjoyed the story 'We're going on a leaf hunt'. We had a lot of fun experiencing the different locations from the story, especially the cold lake! (ice cubes).

We have explored colours in many different ways using all of our senses.

We have learnt about bonfire night, Diwali and the changes of colour in Autumn.

In addition we have enjoyed celebrating class birthdays, Halloween, Yellow Day and Comic Relief.

The pupils have enjoyed our weekly trips to the park. Their participation and behaviour out in public has been excellent.

To help enrich our Christmas celebrations we recently went on a magical trip to Gawsorth Church to visit the Christmas Tree Festival.

We have continued to develop our work around friendship, exploring different ways of being kind friends and turn taking.

Learning about our emotions and how to self-regulate is an extremely important part of Early Years and we work on developing these vital skills throughout each day.

We have all had a great term as you can see from some of our photos!

Have a lovely Christmas and New Year!





Granelli Class



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: CELEBRATION

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Every Tuesday, we have had Music Therapy sessions and enjoyed PE and swimming sessions too. We have got messy making shortbread and pizzas in baking. Move over Gordon Ramsey.

We have been extremely physical this term with weekly PE, swim and the magic carpet which has helped us improve our motor control skills. The pupils have all displayed excellent participation during these activities.

During our PSHE sessions we have been focusing on selfcare and independence. We have developed our handwashing skills, it's really important at the moment.

We have celebrated some birthdays, made decorations to celebrate Diwali and beautiful poppies to commemorate Remembrance Day. We helped raise money for Cheshire hospice and contributed to a Christmas performance. We have been very busy!

We wish you a restful break and look forward to seeing you 2022!

This term we have welcomed some new classmates to Granelli class and watched new friendships develop and grow. It has been a busy but exciting term and we have learnt lots of new things.

Our topic has been 'Celebration' for this term. We have enjoyed some great books including 'A squash and a squeeze', 'It's my birthday' and traditional nursery rhymes. We experimented with different foods and learnt about the harvest festival.

In Maths, we have focused on numbers and have enjoyed number rhymes and number lines to count along with. We have counted objects and used sensory trays to explore groups of objects.



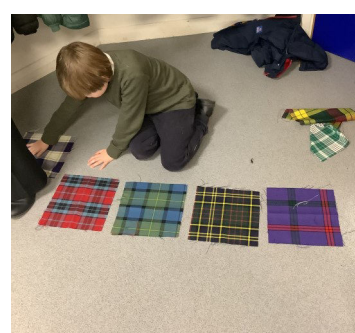


Hovis Class Autumn 2021

Hovis class have had a busy term exploring our Celebrations topic this term. We looked at Halloween, St Andrew's Day, Diwali and Christmas. One of our favourite things to do has been using our technology skills to make foods linked to these festivals. We made shortbread and cranachan linked to St Andrew's Day, following our symbol recipes and activating the blender and whisk by pressing the switch. We also made fireworks in a number of different ways for both Diwali and Bonfire night including working under the table!

In Sensology we have been exploring the smell of ginger, the taste of mince-meat, a cymbal crashing, the feel of sand and giving our responses. Some of us love everything, some love just 1 thing but we have all communicated what we like and don't like.

We also enjoyed our Christmas performance, Hovis Home Alone!



Mulberry Newsletter December 2021



Our topic this term was Celebrations

Challenge- The children learnt about different international celebrations including Moon Festival, Diwali, Halloween and Christmas.

Creativity- The children learnt about famous artists including Frida Kahlo and Vincent van Gogh. They also explored different elements of music such as tempo and pitch.

We have had a great Autumn Term in Mulberry Class! The children have especially enjoyed Music Therapy, Individuality and Creativity. We have been busy baking, making, exploring and learning new skills across the whole curriculum.

Individuality- The children worked in teams to complete different activities such as bean bag relays. We explored different ways of moving including jumping, running and hopping.

English- We read *Peace at Last*, *Handa's Surprise* and *the Dot*. The children wrote about the different characters, settings and wrote book reviews. They also asked their own questions about the stories.

Maths- We worked recognizing numbers 1-10, finding 1 more or less, simple addition and subtraction and doubling.



Barnaby Class



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This term we have had a great time in Barnaby Class. We've enjoyed lots of multi-sensory experiences. In our creative sessions we have been making choices about the different materials and colours that we want to use to produce some really colourful art and crafts linked to celebrations such as poppies, Diwali divas and Christmas cards. We have also explored different instruments and used our voices and vocalisations in Music Therapy.

Our sensory stories have been themed around celebrations with one story being based around Diwali and another around the Christmas story. This has given us lots of opportunities to look at twinkling lights with safe sparklers (light wands) and fireworks (on screen) – we particularly enjoyed a Greatest Showman firework routine.

Sensology continues to be a firm favourite where we get to explore all our senses in one session. We always start and finish the activity with the same pieces of music to help us understand what is going on. Then we work with an adult to explore vision, touch, smell, taste, hearing and proprioception (understanding about our body). For example we were listening to the sound



of sleigh bells and deciding whether we wanted to move them to make the sound ourselves, stretching our legs to prepare for

winter sports (touch), looking at tinsel (and touching it if we decided to), smelling and tasting mixed spice and mincemeat as appropriate. We always finish with Celebration by Kool and the Gang to let us know that we have come to the end of the session. The same member of staff works with each student for the half term so we can really see the progress, changes in response and confidence growing over the weeks.



We hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and we look forward to our adventures in learning in 2022! We'll be exploring recycling and eco issues in our next topic.



Arighi Class



THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN CELEBRATIONS

This term we welcomed new students into Arighi class. Some moved up from Mulberry and some joined us from other Schools. All the students have made a great effort to form new friendships and they all play and learn together really well. The staff in Arighi are really proud of just how supportive the students are of one another, and how kind and helpful they are.

Our curriculum theme for this term has been Celebrations.

English

In English, we have read Peter Pan and The Alphabet by Edward Lear. All students have been working really hard on their individual reading targets and have been building their symbol vocabularies and learning new signs.



Maths In Maths, students have been working on their numbers: counting to 5, 10 and 20. They have used these skills in practical sessions such as cooking, gardening and Enterprise.

In gardening they have planted bulbs. They also counted the slugs and bugs which they found hidden under some stones.



Other areas of the curriculum

In Challenge students have been learning about sound and they made some instruments of their own. We explored music associated with different celebrations.

In Community sessions, students explored different celebrations and have learned about weddings in different cultures. They also found out about Henry VIII and his many wives and learned about life in Tudor times. They



made a model of a Tudor Building and tasted some food made from Tudor recipes.

In Creativity, students found out about the Mexican Day of the Dead and they made paper marigolds, bunting and sugar skulls. They also looked at the work of the famous Mexican artist, Frida Kahlo.

In Individuality, students have found different ways to travel during P.E. and have been rolling and jumping. They have also used the large apparatus and worked on their balance.



This half term students from Bollin and Arighi joined together to learn songs for the Christmas performance. Everyone took part and some students have shown a real talent for singing and signing.



It has been great fun this term and we are all so happy to be back in school together. All the students and staff from Arighi wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.



BOLLIN Class



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This term we have welcomed three new students into Bollin class. They have all settled in well and made new friends.

In Literacy we have read Peter Pan and Celebration and Festival Poems from around the world edited by D. Chatterjee and Brian D'Arcy.

In Maths we have worked on number and place value.

In Community we have focussed on weddings in different religions, King Henry V111, who had multiple weddings, Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas.

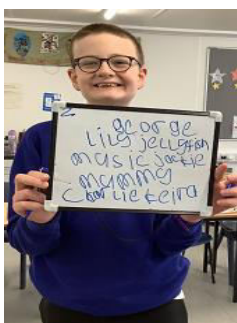
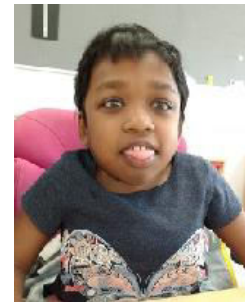
In Challenge we have looked at skeletons, muscles and sound. We have enjoyed carrying out experiments and using ICT.

In Individuality we have enjoyed keeping fit in PE, talking about friends, diversity

and discrimination in PSHCE and some of us have had dance lessons.

We have continued swimming at Macclesfield Leisure Centre or in the hydro pool. Some of us have swum for the first time without buoyancy aids. The general public have praised our students' behaviour and the swimming teacher has praised their progress.

We wish you all a happy Christmas and best wishes for 2022!



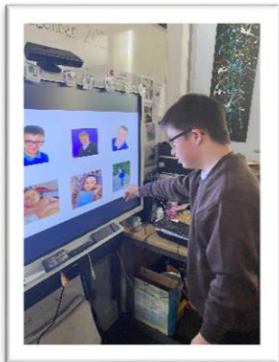


Winter 2021

THIS TERM'S TOPIC WAS HEALTH AND TREATMENT

Merry Christmas to all

By Katy



We have had a very exciting and busy, hard-working term in Treacle class. We have been learning a lot about how to keep ourselves healthy through diet, exercise and being clean. We designed exercise routines, made an information video on how to clean yourself.



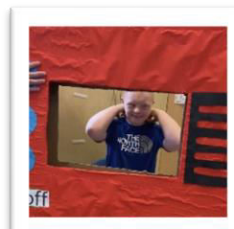
The year 9 boys have done a lot of work on celebrations and rites of passage as well as looking the differences in them from babies to teenagers.



As always there has been a lot of work on communication throughout all of our lessons using speech, symbols, iPads, books and signing. We have also done a lot of work on reading and have seen some great progress from all. We have enjoyed The Witches by Roald Dahl as our termly story.



The pupils have also had a lot of fun whilst learning and have got some great friendships. A real high point has been planning and executing our concert piece "The Oompah Loompah dances"





MAKING THE MOST OF THE FIRST SNOW FALL!

6th Form One

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Our Autumn Term

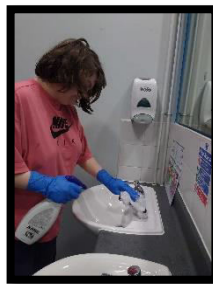
We welcomed two new students into 6th Form One in September and were so happy to help them to settle in. Everyone has worked really hard this term and enjoyed the different topics we have been working on.

have also tried different sorts of exercise as well as thinking about keeping our minds healthy.



PSHCE

Our topic in PSHCE has been all about understanding how to keep ourselves healthy. We have explored healthy foods and made ourselves healthy snacks. We



Vocational Studies

As the weather has started to get colder we have come in from the garden and began developing our cleaning skills. We have tried out the different cleaning tasks to see if we enjoyed them and decided if we are good at them. Our

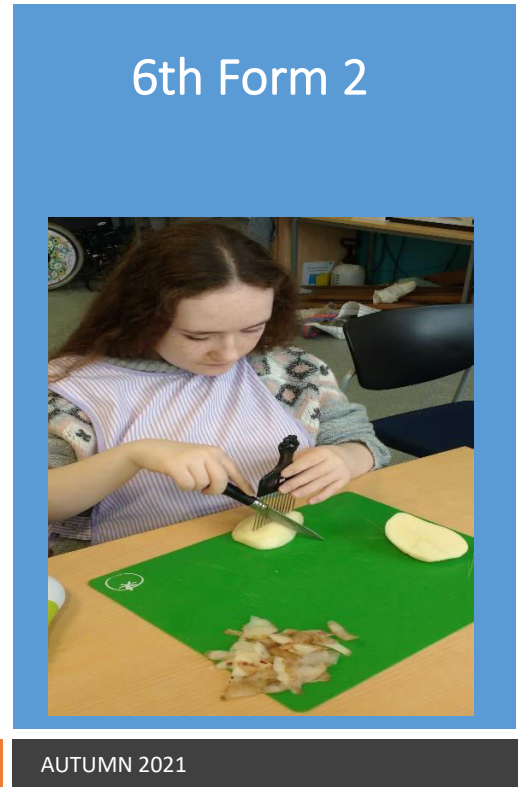
classroom looks amazing when we have finished.



Daily Living Skills

We are very happy to be able to make our own dinners again on a Thursday and have enjoyed working together to prepare and cook meals and set the table for the delicious meals we make.

We wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



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We have had a very busy term!

PSHCE This term, we have been working on our 'Keeping Safe' unit. We have been learning about road safety, keeping safe in our community and in our homes.

Shop, Cook and Eat We have been researching ingredients, making our own shopping lists and learning how to use online supermarket websites. We have made our own dinners each week and worked hard on our independence skills, preparing and chopping vegetables, using the oven and learning about health and safety in the kitchen.

Art Within Art we have explored the theme of self-portraits and created lots of different styles of art work using various collage materials.

Community Access We have thoroughly enjoyed being able to get back out in the community. We have worked on our health and fitness not only in swimming and P.E, but also by accessing walks at Congleton Park and Astbury Mere and participated in sports activities at South Park.

We have all worked hard on our individual communication targets. We are making independent choices and interacting well within our therapy sessions. *Have a wonderful Christmas and a very happy new year!*

