



SUMMER NEWSLETTER.

Park Lane School

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Dear Readers,

Nearly the end of another school year! It is good to have school is back and working as usual with classes out on trips, pupils doing work experience and whole school events taking place such as the Jubilee picnic.

A highlight of the term was the opening of our new building. Harvey and Lily cut the ribbon with great enthusiasm! The opening was attended by officials from Cheshire East, the builders, the architect, Governors and parents. It was a lovely afternoon. The building has been nominated for the regional project of the year award in the NorthWest Regional Construction Awards. I will let you know the outcome!

In the holidays there is more work going on to improve a bathroom area and to improve our swimming pool changing facilities. Some of the air handling units are going to be improved too, which will improve ventilation in the pool. The work in the pool is being funded by money raised by FOPLSS, other donations through fundraising and a contribution from Cheshire East.

We will be expanding pupil numbers in September with 2 new classes of Early Years and KS3 pupils. We

are also welcoming new pupils into classes across school so the numbers will increase to 110. We will be welcoming new staff, both teachers and teaching assistants to our staff team in September. While we are looking forward it is also a sad time as we think about those who are leaving at the end of this year. This year we have 6 leavers, 1 who has not been with us too long and others who are leaving after 17 years. We have seen them progress and mature into polite, confident, sociable and happy adults who are ready for the next phase in their lives. We are very proud of them all and will miss them.

At the end of the school year which has seen so many positives for the school and the pupils I would like to thank the staff and Governors for their hard work and commitment, parents for their ongoing support and pupils for being inspiring every day.

Stay safe and well over the summer, now please read on.....





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: OURSELVES

This term so far....

This term we have spent time exploring the topic of Ourselves.

We have loved sharing some fantastic stories and their related props. These have included 'Three Billy Goats Gruff', 'The Rainbow Fish' and 'Rosie's Hat'.

This term we have explored many mathematical concepts including counting our body parts and comparing the size of our feet.

We have experienced healthy eating by making delicious smoothies, fruit salad and fruit lollies.

In addition we have enjoyed celebrating class birthdays, Father's Day, Jubilee celebrations and taking part in Sports Day.

We took part in the school 'Day to Create' which we focused around the troll character.

The pupils have loved our weekly trips to the park and we had a wonderful trip to the farm. This was enjoyed by all!

We continue to develop our work around friendship, exploring being good

Silk Class



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friends and enjoying shared play experiences, including the ball pool and light room.

This term we have worked on our independence skills, including taking off our coats and finding our own belongings/class chairs. This children are making great progress with these skills.

Here are a some photos of the children enjoying their learning!

Have a wonderful summer break!





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN: LIVING THINGS

It's the end of another academic year and what an amazing fun filled year we've had! I hope this newsletter gives you a little snapshot of what we've all been up to over the last couple of terms, and you enjoy reading it as much as we have living it.

Our topic this term has been 'Living Things'. We have enjoyed researching about different animals, where they live and what they eat. We have enjoyed some great books to help support this such as 'Dear Zoo' and 'Polar Bear, Polar Bear, what do you hear?'. We enjoyed playing with animals and building habitats for them to live in.

In Maths, we have focused on money, time and patterns. We have enjoyed using the whiteboard to create patterns and we loved playing 'What's the time, Mr Wolf' to help us learn about 'o' clock. Apparently, the Teacher wasn't a very good wolf.

In English we read 'The very hungry caterpillar' and 'Room on the Broom'. We loved playing with the props and enjoyed experimenting with different types of fruit from the story. We also took it in turns to read parts of the story to the rest of the class. This was exciting.

Every Tuesday, we have had Music Therapy and swimming sessions. In the afternoon we have been preparing for our Sports' Day..... the egg and spoon race was not a good idea. We decided to do our Sports Day with SILK class. We all participated and had so much fun. It was also nice to meet some of our new classmates too. We have also enjoyed participating in Sing and Sign on Wednesday afternoons. We have learnt some new signs and practiced our dance moves.

We have celebrated some birthdays and made decorations to celebrate the Jubilee holiday. 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 we just want to say that we have enjoyed teaching every single one of you and you will be missed. We wish you well in your new class.

Have a lovely Summer holiday, you all deserve it.

Team Granelli x

Granelli Class



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Hovis Class Newsletter

Summer Term



This term our topic has been 'Living things' with a focus on Plants and within this topic we have learnt about how plants grow. We have made plant themed art, sang, played and listened to plant themed songs and have completed challenges like using the gardening tools in our school garden. We also completed our lovely Platinum Jubilee celebrations, we hope you liked your commemorative tiles.

English

In the second half term we read the story 'The tiny seed' and we all did really well at joining in and anticipating different parts of the story. We then read Jack and the Beanstalk and the pupils all worked on recognising the characters and objects from the story. Finally, we read Jasper's beanstalk and worked on recognising different verbs in the story and we either could or started to recognize actions such as planting, digging, watering and waiting.

We have also worked hard on our writing skills and this has included strengthening our hand muscles and improving our fine motor skills through dough disco! Each student has participated in following the action to squeeze, roll, pinch and splat the dough and some students complete the session completely independently. We have practiced our individual writing targets and there has been some great progress towards writing our first letters or letters from our name.

We have continued to focus on using our communication aids across the day and also worked on our speech and communication through our Intensive Interaction sessions. It has been lovely to spend time with each student practicing our conversation skills and lots of lovely vocalisations and words have been heard during our sessions.

Maths

Hovis class have really impressed us all in our Maths sessions. In the second half term our focus has been money and all students made great progress in taking part in a transaction, with some students even working on recognising specific coins. Everybody worked well using real coins to hand over, count and recognise. We have now moved on to time and are currently sequencing symbols for different times of the day.

South Park

We went on our first community visit this year to this South Park. We had a look at the plants and trees on our walk to the park and then all had a great time accessing some of the lovely play equipment there. The students all behaved beautifully and it was a real pleasure to see them happily enjoying time outside in the community, with their peers.

Finally.....

We would like to wish everyone a very happy summer holidays and also wish our seven lovely leavers best of luck in Mulberry Class, we know you will all be fantastic.

See you in September, Team Hovis x





Mulberry Class



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Topic This Term- Living Things

A very busy term with so much going on, we enjoyed the Queen's Jubilee celebrations, the Rose Queen parade and Sports' Day! Have a brilliant summer everyone. We are saying goodbye to some students as they move to their new classes and welcome those who will be joining us.

English – We have been working hard in English this term on the books 'The Enormous Turnip', 'Commotion in the Ocean', 'Jim and the Beanstalk', poems, non-fiction. We have worked on the characters, descriptions and feelings throughout the story. We looked at the sequencing of the story and used 'wh' questions. The themes of the stories linked well with our topic this term 'Living Things'.

Maths – We have been focusing on number- adding and subtracting, time, money, data and patterns. We handled money, looked at clocks and our daily routines. We were able to identify patterns and create our own and we collected data using tally charts and put information into pictograms.

Challenge – We have learnt about lots of different Living Things, we have explored their habitats and done experiments to see how their environments differ to those of others. We were able to match living things to their correct habitat.

Creativity – We have explored artists whose work links with our topic of Living Things and created artwork in the style of Henri Rousseau which we displayed in our classroom. We recently did 'Day to Create' where we had a whole day creating a mythical creature and its habitat. It was good fun!

Community – We learnt about the different habitats of living things and changes happening to these environments. We looked at our habitats and 'The story of Creation'- producing some lovely display work.

Individuality- We have enjoyed swimming sessions at King's School, which was fabulous, and we loved using their facilities, they also invited us for Bushcraft sessions which were so exciting- toasting marshmallows around a campfire! PE in the hall, and outside doing warmups and playing cricket. We then started preparing for Sports' Day- the yellow team won in class but overall the Blue team won. Well done to them!



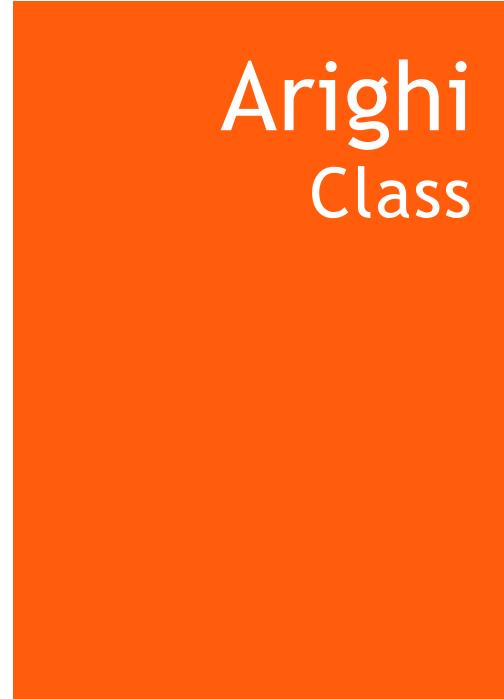


Barnaby Class

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We have enjoyed all sorts of sensory activities in Barnaby this term, with our theme of Habitats, as well as special celebrations such as the Jubilee, where some of us joined upper school in the hall for the celebrations. There has been art work creating different habitats, 'What's in the bag', Sports day events and lots of music and ICT skills work alongside our personal targets. Some of us have improved our attention on activities, really noticing what we are activating when using the switches or touch screens. Some of us have been more consistent with our responses in Sensology or music, both positive and negative responses.





THIS TERM OUR TOPIC HAS BEEN LIVING THINGS

We have had a busy term in Arighi class. We have moved into the new building and have been enjoying our new surroundings.

English

In English, we have been reading *The Twits* by Roald Dahl which is very funny. We have worked on our individual reading and symbol recognition, and we have been building our signing skills through regular singing and signing sessions.

Maths

In maths, we have been using positional language and learning directions including left and right. We practiced these skills in active maths sessions doing the Cha-Cha Slide and the Hokey Cokey! We have also been working on our money skills, identifying coins and bank notes and finding out what we can buy for a pound.



Other areas of the curriculum

In Challenge, we have been learning about animals and their young, and how living things change as they grow. We have loved

sharing all our baby pictures and seeing how much we have changed. In ICT, we have used the iPads to take selfies, then used Apps to apply filters and features to our faces. This made us all laugh.



In Community sessions, we watched the Lion King and considered the Circle of Life. We learned about the animals of Africa and their habitat. We have also found out about the life cycle of a frog, a butterfly and a plant.

We have been using our English and math's skills in practical sessions. In gardening, we have been measuring and counting when planting seeds and weeding. In cooking, we have been preparing healthy snacks.



We have been keeping fit and healthy in PE sessions. This term we all took part in Sports

day. Everyone tried their very best and when we weren't competing, we were cheering on our teammates.



In Creativity, we have been looking at the work of Andy Warhol. Also, as part of our *Day to Create* this month, we created a mythical, magical being, considered its habitat and built a cave dwelling for it.



A highlight of this term was when we went on a trip to Peak Wildlife Park where we saw a warthog, lemurs, wallabies and penguins



We have all worked so hard this term we are looking forward to the holidays. We will be sad to see one student leave us, but we know he will have a great time in Treacle class. We look forward to welcoming three new students into Arighi class in September.

Bollin Class Newsletter

Summer Term



This term our topic has been 'Living things' with a focus on teenagers and life cycles. We have made life cycle themed art and excelled in singing and signing and swimming. We also completed our lovely Platinum Jubilee celebrations; we hope you liked your commemorative tiles.

English

In literacy we have enjoyed reading the Twits and completed lots of tasks related to the story. Some of us have enjoyed sensory stories Giraffes can't dance and the Ant and the Grasshopper. We have all made great progress with our reading and discovered a love of interactive word games.

Maths

Bollin class have focused on time, money, position and direction this term. In Active Maths we particularly enjoyed Twister and a shopping relay. In Enterprise we have made soup, cakes, cards and coasters. We have worked well as a team and developed skills in marketing and advertising.

Community

We have discussed lifecycles and Wateraid and enjoyed the story of Noah's Ark.

Challenge

We have looked at different types of animals and habitats.

Individuality

We have discussed teenagers and public and private places. We have learned about what we need to stay healthy and about hygiene.

Creativity

We have looked at Pop Art this term and produced work in the genre of Andy Warhol. We have sung in rounds, listened to music and said how it makes us feel. We have also worked on rhythm and pitch.

South Park and Granelli's

We have been working well together to achieve kind friend tokens in Bollin class; when the token pot was full, we had earned a trip to the ice cream shop. We went on our first community visit this year to Granelli's Ice Cream Shop and South Park. We had a beautiful day for our trip. The students all behaved impeccably, and it was a real pleasure to see them happily enjoying time outside in the community, with their peers.

See you in September, Team Bollin x







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THIS TERM'S TOPIC WAS THE WORLD AROUND US

Always hard to say Goodbye

By Katy



 ASDAN



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 three leavers well, we will miss them very much. We welcome one pupil from Arighi, one from Bollin and one from another school so it's an exciting start in September.

This term we have focused on Living Things. We were thrilled to be able to go out on trips again and have people visit us.



We visited Peak Wildlife Park and Pets at Home to learn about animals and before the end of term we are visiting Chester Zoo to complete our topic. We met a crested gecko, a hamster and a three week old baby as well as the new goldfish we bought.

We learned a lot about the wildlife and landscape of Africa and followed a lot of African recipes in DT to make some delicious treats.



ASDAN AND PLS CERTIFICATES



Our year 11 leavers all earned the Gold ASDAN awards for their English, Maths and foundation subjects so a huge well done to them. But the most exciting part of this term was moving into our wonderful new building. We really love being part of the main school again.



6TH FORM ONE CLASS



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Our Summer Term

By Andrée

We have had a busy summer term doing lots of exciting things. We have enjoyed settling into our new building.

Events

As well as our usual lessons, there have been a lot of different, exciting things happening in school this term.

Grand Opening

We were very excited about the official opening of the new building. We saw the cutting of the ribbon through the window, but then went into the classroom and food tech room so we were ready to greet the visitors who had come to look round.



Platinum Jubilee

We enjoyed celebrating the Platinum Jubilee after half term. We decorated commemorative tiles and a table cloth and had a street party lunch with everyone in the hall



Music Workshops

We had great fun when musicians from Love Music Trust came to lead workshops and let us try out different instruments.



Day to Create

We were excited about the creative day where we had to design and make a magical habitat for a magical creature. Some of us designed creatures and others made their habitats.



Goodbye and Hello

We say goodbye to three of our classmates at the end of term. We wish them lots of luck as they move onto college – we know they will be fantastic! All three have been successful in gaining their qualifications and will leave us with a diploma in Personal Progress and a certificate in Personal & Social Development.

We look forward to welcoming three new students to class in September.

Have a great summer everyone

6TH FORM ONE CLASS



6th Form 2



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We have now settled into our new building and love it!

PSHCE We have completed our 'Getting on with other people' unit and some of our pupils prepared presentations all about their work experience sessions. They presented their work to the rest of the school, developing their confidence skills.

Shop, Cook and Eat We are now using the new food technology room. We have been focusing on how to chop a variety of foods safely and use the new ovens, following health and safety rules. We have been learning to make a variety of different lunches. We have made the same meal for two consecutive weeks each time to see how much we can remember from the previous week

Art The theme for Art this term has been 'printing' and we have enjoyed creating different prints using a variety of tools and techniques. The final collage piece will be displayed in the school building.

Community Access We are now working on our new unit 'Getting out and About'. We have continued to visit local parks and walks. We have also visited the shops and increased our independence and communication skills, by buying the ingredients for our lunches and snacks.

We have all worked hard on making our Enterprise products and selling these items at the various markets in school. We enjoyed our 'Love Music Trust' workshops where we all got the opportunity to play different instruments!

Some of us have excelled in our physio targets and have been walking for greater lengths of time.



We will be very sad to see two of our friends leave this year, but we wish them all the best in their new colleges.



Hope you all have a wonderful summer break!



Preparing for Adulthood

- Employment
- Independent living
- Community Inclusion
- Health

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This term, three pupils from the 6th form have been accessing work experience sessions within the community. These sessions have been in the Co-op, a hairdressers and Pet Shop, all within the Macclesfield area.

Each pupil has been supported by Park Lane staff and have been working hard on their communication and independence skills. Over time, the staff will reduce their support giving the pupils further opportunity to work alongside shop managers and other staff.

The pupils have also been preparing presentations for the rest of the school. They delivered presentations describing the work they do and also took part in a question and answer session.

