



Bleasdale School Newsletter

Autumn Term 2012



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School re-opens for pupils on Monday 7th January 2013

Half-Term 18th—22nd February 2013

School closes for pupils Thursday 28th March 2013

FE News

Helping Others

At the beginning of term FE hosted coffee mornings for MacMillan Cancer Support and Children in Need. We were very busy making cakes to sell on the day and everyone came to support us and bought our cakes and raffle tickets. Together we raised over £100 for each of the charities. In the afternoon we all joined together for some fun activities decorating Pudsey and Blush masks and making some Pudsey biscuits.



Beaumont College

In September we started our weekly link with the students from Beaumont College. During some of the sessions we make bird tables and bird feeders for the area outside our classroom. We made fat balls for the birds with lard and bird seed and helped to hang them on the feeder. Imagine our surprise when one of our first



guests was a cheeky squirrel who took all the fat balls and buried them amongst piles of leaves. We have since had quite a variety of birds eating the seeds and peanuts.



Sportsability Games

In October a team from FE took part in the Sportsability Games at Stanley Park in Blackpool, along with other teams from schools in Lancashire. We participated in a range of sports including boccia, curling, target games, hockey and volley ball. At the end of the games each team was awarded a certificate from one of the Paralympians and Thomas was awarded a special medal and certificate for his overall achievement.



FE

Christmas Fayre

Since half term we have been busy making different items to sell at the Christmas Fayre. We all had to do a lot of peeling and chopping to prepare the fruit and vegetables for our chutneys. We had to weigh and measure the different ingredients for the Christmas cakes and then mix them all together. Rebecca used her switch to operate the food



processor with her switch. We made tree decorations with cinnamon, which had a lovely aromatic smell when hanging on



the tree. This year we also made some robin card holders, which proved to be very popular. We sanded and painted the wooden shapes and made the brown and red felt for the robin's feathers.

Christmas

At the beginning of December we all went to Superbowl for our Christmas outing. Since then we have been very busy preparing and practising ready for our Christmas production. This year FE are performing in an excerpt



from Grease. The T Birds looked fantastic dressed as Greasers in their leather jackets and 'Elvis style' wigs and the Pink Ladies were extremely feminine in their

spotted skirts and petticoats. We all had a great time performing to Summer Nights and Greased Lightnin' and singing along to You're the one that I want.



Thomas 18th Birthday

On 22nd November Thomas celebrated his 18th birthday along with his Mum and Dad and everyone at school. Bill, from More Music came to spend the afternoon with us and provided some great entertainment for us all to join in with. Everyone really enjoyed the music, especially Thomas.



Early Years/Class 1

Our topics this term are Food and Celebrations.



In Personal, Social and Emotional Development and RE we have been working on friendship. We had to share our favourite toys and quality time with each other. We enjoyed relaxing together during floor play. We also put together some Shoe Boxes. We filled our boxes with toys and sweets for 2-4 year olds and took them to a charity shop in Carnforth. They will send them to children in Eastern Europe in time for Christmas.

In Literacy we have helped to make Non-Fiction Recipe Books. We had to listen carefully and follow instructions with gestural and/or light physical prompts. We were able to smell, taste and explore items made including butterscotch Angel Delight, a raspberry smoothie and a fruit salad.



We have celebrated the Hindu festival of Divali and Christmas. We acted out a sensory story of Rama and Sita in RE. We all got dressed up and followed a light path to guide us home. We played a range of bells to the Indian music and helped to make Diva lamps using treacle dough. We all enjoyed taking part in our Nativity. It was a very special journey and we met a real donkey and baby Jesus.



Residential Activities

Our new school year in the house took off with a flying start with school trips to Barton Grange Garden Centre where we bought our spring bulbs, bowling trips to Morecambe Superbowl, cinema trips to Lancaster and a fun filled night at Blackpool Illuminations where we enjoyed fish and chips on the promenade!

At the beginning of term, we all enjoyed and achieved in lots of new, fun, after school activities that included tie dying, where we made our own unique coloured fabrics and pottery where we made Halloween and Christmas decorations.

Our Halloween party was a huge success and we all danced the night away and enjoyed Halloween party games with our friends from Silverdale Primary School.

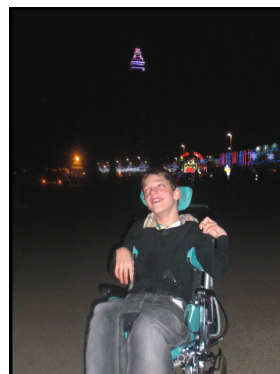
Mid term, all of the residential team and pupils welcomed

Rebekah, a new fortnightly boarder. Rebekah is settling in well and we are all enjoying getting to know her.

After the half term holidays we all celebrated with Thomas for his Indian themed 18th birthday party where we danced to traditional Indian music and enjoyed an Indian takeaway.

As Christmas approached we were busy visiting Kendal and Lancaster to buy our Christmas presents, enjoying the hustle and bustle of the festive season and meeting new people. We also had fun at The Chill Factor in Manchester where

we bravely took to the ski and sledge slopes. It was very cold but we wrapped up warm and had so much fun!



Class 2 Christmas Trip



We visited Barton Grange to view the Christmas Decorations and lights. We really enjoyed the dancing snowmen and all the lovely sparkling lights. We smelt lots of different candles but didn't like all of them.

Class 2

We have been very busy this term and have all been working very hard. During R.E we have been exploring Hinduism, we have all enjoyed tracking candle light, listening to chimes, and brushing Ganesh with brightly coloured flowers.



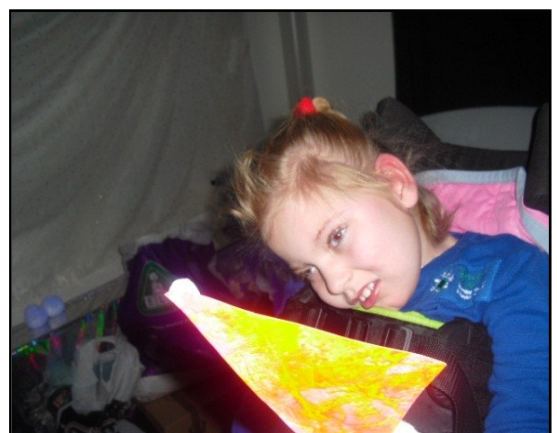
During history we have been learning about Romans. We dressed as Romans and experienced how Romans spent their leisure time by being bathed in tepid water, before having a thermal mud pac.

During art we studied the work of Van Gogh. We explored 2 pieces Sunflowers and Starry Night. We felt, and smelt real sunflowers and then made a giant sunflower using our hand prints. We even practiced our switching skills by operating images on the Plasma screen. Our parents came in to help us create our Starry Night picture, didn't we do well.



Cave

After exploring shapes as part of our maths, some of us went into the cave to track shapes we had painted in U.V paint under the U.V light.



Class 3



Class 3 were joined by students from Morecambe Road School as part of our new inclusion link. We enjoyed a fun filled afternoon of line dancing led by the Dancing Cowboys! All the pupils enjoyed the dancing and listening to the different music. We are really looking forward to visiting Morecambe Road at the end of term to watch their Pop Concert.



As part of our History we have been learning about the Battle of Hastings 1066. We took a visit to Clitheroe castle, it was a great day! We explored various armour and took part in a battle. We then had to create protective armour for some hard boiled eggs, which Jessica then took to the top of the castle and threw off! Elliot was the winner as his was the only egg not to break.



As part of PSHE we have been taking part in Yoga sessions, these are fun and relaxing sessions which enable the pupils to experience a great range of positions and stretches.



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