



# Bleasdale School Autumn Newsletter 2016



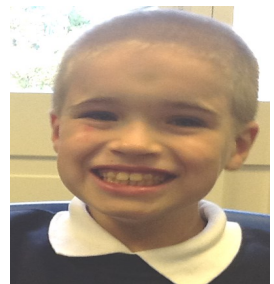
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School re-opens for pupils on  
Monday 9th January 2017

Half Term  
Monday 13th February 2017 —Friday 17th February 2017

School closes for Pupils on  
Friday 31st March 2017

Class 3 have had a fantastic start to the year. We have welcomed another new pupil-Ryan! He has settled really well into the class and is beginning to learn the routines and make new friends.



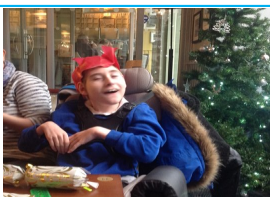
Class 1 have been working on Harvest with our friends from Silverdale School. We found out why we have Harvest and made some bread together. We also worked on our fine motor skills by making some scarecrows for the Dingle Dangle Scarecrow song which we sang at the Harvest festival.

## Riding for The Disabled

Some of our pupils have again experienced Riding for The Disabled at Larkrigg Riding Stables near Natland, Kendal. Jenny and her team of volunteers are always very helpful, explaining what we were going to do. Monty the horse was really calm and let us say "hello" before we got into the carriage. Once we were in the field we were encouraged to reach out to press a switch to ask Monty "to trot on". We also met Jack the 'pat pony', he loves carrots!

As its now winter we can no longer go, however we do look forward to being able to access this activity again next year.

Karen *HLTA*



F.E students enjoyed their Christmas Trip to the Dukes Theatre to watch a performance of Pinocchio, followed by Christmas Lunch in the Crafty Scholar.



Class 3 have been working hard in Skills for Learning sessions. During poetry sessions linked to the national poetry day theme of messages, Class 3 read 'A desire to deliver' and experienced what it would be like to be a postal worker! Pupils wrote letters, delivered them and even interviewed each other for the job!

#### Inclusive After School Club

Once again we entered the Lancashire Schools Dance Festival which took place at the Guild Hall in Preston on Wednesday 16th November. The theme this year was 'Once Upon a Time', so we chose to base our dance on Noah's Ark. All the pupils were fully involved in the choreography of the dance routine which lasted for 3 minutes. We used a variety of props and fabulous costumes to showcase our performance. The whole event was a great experience and it was wonderful to see the pupils of Silverdale Primary School working alongside our pupils with such positive attitudes.



We have also played games and had great fun making salt dough decorations which we decorated with paint, glitter and ribbons. These will be perfect for any Christmas tree.



Merry Christmas.  
Anna and Karen



Class 4 took part in a community project working in partnership with Carnforth Rotary. They planted crocus bulbs as part of the Polio project over a 4 week period. Did you see the article in the local press?

Class 4's text in English has been Kes. The pupils took part in trips to act out parts of the story. Matthew and Sarah enjoyed watching the kestrels fly very close to them, Rebekah and Joe spent Jud's money on fish and chips, then went to find Kes.



Scarlett H's Dad from Class 1 (Richard) completed the Coast to Coast Cycle Ride in October and raised over £900.00 for School funds!

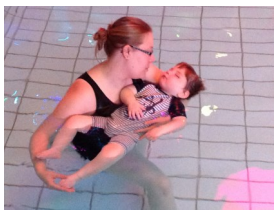


As part of our Creativity sessions Class 2 have explored making bread. We have created various types of bread with a range of flavours which we have chosen ourselves. We have painted toast and made pizzas.

Welcome  
New staff who started  
this term:

Holly Brierley  
Iwona Brown  
Natasha Carlton  
Paul May





Class 1 have welcomed a new pupil - Seth. Seth comes to school on Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings. Seth has settled into school life very well. He is very much enjoying his swimming sessions and is making lots of new friends.



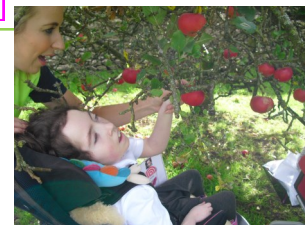
Some of our F.E students took part in an Enterprise Sale with other Lancashire Schools at The Loyne School. We sold all our products that we have made in our Enterprise sessions over the year.



Class 2 have had a good start to the year. In Independence the children have been taking on the super powers of Ben 10. They have activated various pieces of equipment with a link to a super power, such as thundering punches through use of a switch activated drum.

During this term the pupils and staff have raised money for Children in Need and Breast Cancer Awareness, held a coffee morning for Macmillan and wore Christmas jumpers last Friday to collect money for Save the Children.

Class 3 have been experiencing food production. We explored where ingredients come from and how they can be changed to create a range of products. Pupils are moving onto batch baking this half term and finding out how factories make all their biscuits exactly the same!



During movement sessions Class 4 have been taking part in team games, they have practised; hockey, cricket, tennis and netball. As part of these lessons they invited the Loyne School in to compete against and visited Bolton-le-Sands Tennis courts.

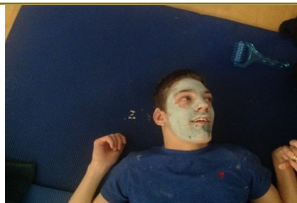
At the beginning of term the residential pupils took part in their very own Paralympics where they had to work as a team (Beech, Oak and Elm) to earn points and receive rewards. The 2 weeks were filled with PE/Games, Art and Crafts and the healthy diet of an athlete. This theme was a real success and we were able to celebrate the pupils' achievements with an award ceremony. We were very fortunate to be able to see a real Olympic torch from the 2012 London Olympics.



During our Communication sessions we held a one off session on the Bleasdale 5 Challenge. Each class had an area of healthy living to learn about in order to create our dining room display. Class 2 focussed on Drink Plenty. As part of the session we learnt about why we need to drink lots, what are the best and worst drinks according to the sugar content and how much an adult and a child should drink each day. Here is Kamil measuring out the sugar content of coke.



Pupils in Class 3 have worked hard in body awareness sessions, creating jungle themed dances during the first half term. Pupils observed and replicated the movements of different jungle animals through interpretive dance. During the second half term, some pupils joined their peers at Sir Tom Finney Community High School for dodgeball! They took part in team games and completed various drills. Pupils also completed rebound sessions here at Bleasdale, engaging with staff and responding to different exercises on the trampoline.



In PSD FE have been exploring different appearance experiences which help us look smart. Elliot enjoyed a Mud Mask whilst Jessica enjoyed a peel off mask. Luke enjoyed the feel of shaving foam on his cheeks.



Over the weekends the residential pupils are able to go out. One of the trips has been to attend the Remembrance Sunday parade in Carnforth. Pupils have been to Blackpool and walked down the prom and viewed the Illuminations and also done some shopping, picking out items for their bedrooms. They have been to the Guild Hall in Preston to watch Bugsy Malone. When the pupils stay in the house, they help make beds, cook their own tea or create a dessert. We theme the weekend with the trip and an art and craft activity around the trip. Two pupils have attended the local coffee morning on regular occasions. The locals are always pleased to see the pupils.

This term Class 1 have introduced a Forest Schools afternoon on a Friday. Through this we have explored using the fantastic outside spaces at school to learn new skills and make different woodland crafts. We will start up again when the warmer weather comes.



Residential pupils have been doing Art and crafts on a Monday this term. Tuesday is Musical theatre, where the pupils have taken part in Mary Poppins and Peter Pan, Mobility on a Wednesday, World Cultures on a Thursday, where they have looked at Brazil and tried a range of foods and traditions. They are currently exploring the Egyptian culture. On Fridays the pupils explore a sensory story and took part in Harry Potter and are now looking at Scrooge. Also on Friday the pupils are engaging in interior designs, where they have been testing their favourite foods then creating them on MDF boards to be displayed in our dining rooms.

Class 2 held a Parents' afternoon themed around Bonfire Night. The activities included decorating biscuits, cakes and creating firework pictures along with jigsaws on the interactive plasma. Kibibi's mum Karen enjoyed working with Kibibi and Kamil and encouraged them to take turns in activating the jigsaw.



The pupils, staff and governors would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and send best wishes for a Happy New Year.

