



Bleasdale School Autumn Newsletter 2015



In November, Jack, Jessica and Matthew went to collect our Highly Commended certificate for Secondary Education at Lancaster Guardian Education awards, held at Lancaster University.

Ofsted now have a section for parents called Parent View. Parents can access this at any time. Please go to the Ofsted site to register.

School re-opens for pupils on
Tuesday 5th January 2016

Half Term
Monday 15th February 2016 —Friday 19th February 2016

Easter Closure
Friday 25th March 2016 and Monday 28th March 2016

School closes for Pupils on
Friday 8th April 2016

Class 3 have had a busy term. During Geography sessions, pupils have been experiencing shopping in the past, present and future. The pupils have taken part in local shopping experiences and the 'behind the scenes' experience of online shopping. As part of the topic, pupils found out where food comes from and how our tastes have become more exotic as transportation has improved.



Class 3 pupils used the produce they bought during Geography to make soups and salads during design technology. Pupils explored and compared fresh, tinned and frozen produce and used a range of food technology skills including peeling, chopping and whisking to create their own recipes.

A new session has been introduced this term for the Residential pupils which is history. They have been learning about American history and have created their own American flag which is displayed in the hall and the pupils have also created their own election "posters" with a view to holding a mock election.

Class 4 organised Breast Cancer awareness day. We had fun wearing pink for the day and raised £76.10 for the charity.



Class 2 have worked hard in Maths. They have focused on 1.2.3...Go! They have responded to a finger placed on their arms during counting and some have looked briefly at the Makaton sign of 1, using one finger. The children have accessed a range of interactive tactile and visual number lines, and have moved 1-3 steps at a time.





As part of our vocational studies unit Class 4 have learnt about bats and are now making bat boxes, Gail Armstrong came to talk to class about bats.

Riding for the Disabled

This term some pupils have been lucky enough to experience Riding for The Disabled at Larkrigg Riding Stables near Natland, Kendal. Jenny and her team of volunteers were lovely and very helpful. They always explained what we were going to do and always prepared us before we started to move. Monty the horse was really calm and let us say “hello” before we got into the carriage. Once we were in the field Monty started to trot. We were very aware of the different speed and it made some of us laugh. As its’ now winter we can no longer go, however we do look forward to being able to access this activity again next Summer.



Karen *HLTA*



F.E have had a very busy term. We have made lots of things to sell at our Christmas Fair during our Enterprise lessons, such as glitter glasses, sweet trees and table decorations. Xavier our finance man has just counted up our money and has informed us we have made a profit of £76.



Class 1 have had a busy term. They have been learning lots about sound in and around school. They heard the cars and trees outside and explored different sound toys. Zach and Scarlett enjoyed working together to activate the musical piano.



In Statistics the children in Class 2 have worked in small groups to answer questions, ‘Do we like big or small, light or dark and loud and quiet?’ Most of the children showed a consistent response from one session to another.



Trips this term for the Residential pupils have included a walk around Tarn Hows, a ride on the Lakeside/ Haverthwaite railway, a visit to Conishead priory and Blackpool illuminations. We continue to attend the village coffee morning on Saturday.



Welcome

New Staff who started this term:

Jo Cardwell
Suzanne Gray
Tony Singleton
Catherine Talbot
Mandy Thornton



The Art focus in Class 2 has been mark-making, using Van Gogh as inspiration. Clear responses were shown during inclusive art sessions to the sunflowers tickling chins and the marks made in a range of materials.



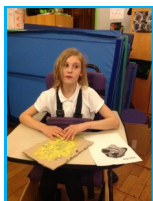
Last week FE all went to watch a production of Beauty and the Beast at the Dukes Theatre followed by an Italian meal at Molly's in Marco's in Lancaster. All students remained alert and awake throughout the performance.



Class 3 have also enjoyed the new outdoor equipment in the school grounds. The pupils enjoy using the trampoline and the swings as part of recreational activities throughout the day and during structured activities in PE.



Class 1 went down to the woods to share the sensory story of 'Honestly, Red Riding Hood is Rotten'. They listened to the sounds and explored the different sensory items. They used Makaton signs for the characters and used fur and other materials to recreate the characters and setting.



In musical theatre this term the residential pupils have been looking at the Lion King. They are making the animals, learning the music and creating a display.

During Expressive Arts studies FE have been learning all about the artist Lowry. We have painted portraits in the style of Lowry and have constructed factory buildings by recycling old boxes. We visited The Lowry centre in Manchester.



In music Class 4 have been experiencing classical music. We all enjoyed a visit to Christ Church in Carnforth to listen to the organ.

Parents' Fundraising Committee

Next Meeting

Monday 11th January 2016
At 11.00 am
In the Parents' Room

During History, Class 3 pupils have experienced life in England post 1066. The pupils began by experiencing the Battle of Hastings through historical evidence found in the Bayeux Tapestry. Pupils went on to study life for people who were at each end of the social spectrum, the aristocracy and people who lived in poverty.

Inclusive After School Club

This term the club has mainly focused on our entry in to the Lancashire Schools Dance Festival which took place at the Guild Hall in Preston on Thursday 19th November.



The theme for the festival was 'Dance All About It'- Current News. We choose to base our routine around V.E. Day & Remembrance Day. All the pupils were fully involved in the choreography of the fantastic 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 fantastic experience and once again it was wonderful to see the pupils of Silverdale Primary School working side by side with our pupils with such positive attitudes. We are awaiting the DVD so we can share our performance with everyone.



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



Merry Christmas Karen & Anna



Xavier and Rebecca are in the middle of their work experience placement at Morecambe Library. Staff report that Rebecca's favourite part of the day is her coffee break. Whilst Xavier enjoys flicking through the pages of the books before he restocks the shelves.



In Geography Class1 explored the area around them. On their travels they went to meet different children and adults around the school. Maya liked the new photographs in the circulation area!



In daily living skills Class 4 have been cleaning in the community. We take it in turns to clean Our Lady of Lourdes church hall.



The Staff and Pupils Wish You All A Very Merry Christmas And Send Best Wishes For The New Year

Thank You For Our Lovely Cards And Presents

