

# Bleasdale School Spring Newsletter 2017



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School re-opens for pupils on  
Tuesday 18 April 2017

May Day Bank Holiday  
Monday 1 May 2017

Half Term  
Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2017

School closes for Pupils on  
Friday 21 July 2017 at 3.30 pm

Class 2—In Skills for Learning this term we have been reading the text The Three Billy Goats Gruff. This has been an exciting story. We have created our own goats and explored a large Troll. The Troll is a great resource due to its size and textures, All the children have shown excellent responses to the Troll.



Class 4 came joint 2<sup>nd</sup> in the National Crime Beat Awards and due to this the High Sheriff of Lancashire came to visit school and the class. The members of The Rotary Club presented our medals and certificates in school assembly.



Class 1 — When learning about the world we have been to the Rainforest. We have been explorers finding out about the swampy conditions and have enjoyed the foot spa when we visited the Amazon River. Rosie really enjoyed exploring the parrot's feathers while Scarlett pressed the switches to listen to the animal sounds.



Pupils in Class 3 have developed their understanding of concepts such as friendship, waiting your turn and sharing through social stories,



As part of independence this term Kibibi and Kamil have accessed the soft play area at Salt Ayre where they have familiarised themselves with the equipment as well as completed tasks related to healthy exercise.

During Leisure and Recreation sessions, Class 4 have been using community facilities to take part in leisure activities. They enjoyed playing mini golf at Greenlands Farm and practising ball skills at Halton Astroturf. Sarah looks forward to joining in with Songsters in the village each week.

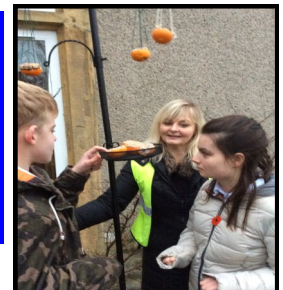
### Staff Changes

This term we are saying goodbye to Robyn Powley from the Residential Team and Ann Gorman who has been working in Class 1.



FE—We have enjoyed leisure sessions at Salt Ayre where we have all accessed Multi –Sports. We have been interacting with and developing relationships with other young adults. We enjoy ordering and paying for our own lunches in the café. Here is Luke counting out his money to pay for his lunch.

This term the residential pupils have been involved in lots of different activities. In January we took part in the Big Bird Watch. We filled orange skins with bird seeds and nuts which was very messy, we then hung them on our bird stand so we could see and hear the birds from the dining room. We also made our own bird tables out of clay which we will be taking home at Easter to put in our own gardens.

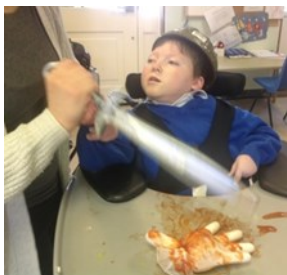


Class 1 have been doing some excellent work in their pool sessions. They have been working on their independence skills such as leg kicking, relaxing in the pool and head control. Seth has done some great relaxing in the pool once he gets over his excitement!

### New Deputy Head

Congratulations to Kirsty McCann who has been appointed to the post of Deputy Head from September 2017.





When learning about the world Class 2 have taken part in Roman battles. We have made shields and taken part in very bloody fights! Here you can see Zak taking part in a very messy battle. We have recorded battle cries which the children really enjoyed.

The residential students have enjoyed a sensory story about The Wizard of Oz in the Sensory Suite. Each week in creativity we watched a scene from the musical. Lights were then used to create an interactive environment whilst creating a variety of props. Staff and pupils have also had great fun dressing up as the characters to re-tell the story.

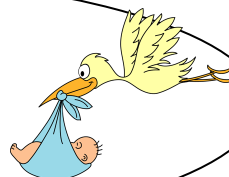


In Skills for learning this term Class 1 have been reading the text Elmer. This has been an exciting story. We have created our own Elmer out of milk cartons. We have been splash painting our own Elmer and making a shape Elmer. Jack made a great shape Elmer while Scarlett anticipated the parachute wafting up and down mixing Elmer's colours.



SOME STUDENTS HAVE TAKEN PART IN WORK EXPERIENCE AT WESTGATE GARDEN CENTRE. THEY HAVE BEEN CLOSELY SUPPORTED BY STAFF TO PLANT SEEDS, RE- POT HERBS, SWEEP UP AND FILL PLANTERS. HERE IS ELLIOT WORKING HARD.

Congratulations to Cat Talbot from the Residential Team and her partner who welcomed a baby boy named Cole in January.



In the house World Cultures has focused on Australia . We have designed our own Aboriginal art pictures as well as making traditional things to eat such as Anzac biscuits. Each Thursday evening we have enjoyed dancing to a variety of Australian pop music , in particular the Wiggles Australian National Anthem.

Team games including Curling and Boccia have been great fun and very competitive!



The Spring Term has been an exciting one for Class 3. Pupils have continued to develop the link with Sir Tom Finney Community High School during a weekly PE session. Pupils have been working alongside their peers, forming friendships and learning how to take part in team gymnastics. Other members of the class continue to benefit from weekly Rebound sessions and with the new additions to the Movement Room, we are hoping to use Rebound more frequently in the future.



Class 3 are also trialling a new 'thematic' approach to learning. All lessons are based on the work of Roald Dahl, taking part in re-enacting Roald Dahl's stories (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, The Twits and George's Marvellous Medicine) and learning about the world and how materials (like chocolate) can be heated or cooled to different effect.



*Residential weekend visits this term have included The Lowry Theatre in Salford to watch Chitty Chitty Bang Bang, Blackpool Tower enjoying fish and chips at the famous Harry Ramsdens, Rheged Visitors' Centre in Penrith and local shopping with lunch out at the Hurley Flyer in Morecambe.*

FE students have been learning all about China this term. We were very fortunate to have a special visitor who travelled all the way from China to show us how to cook Chinese food. We made some Chinese dumplings which were really tasty.



In our inclusion sessions Class 2 have worked with Silverdale Primary School on creativity. We have designed money containers using various methods such as tie dye and embellishment. We will create purses with our designs.

All the children respond well to inclusive sessions, they can be very responsive to their peers, vocalising and reaching towards them,

Class 1—In our inclusion sessions we have worked with Silverdale Primary School on shape work. They have been working with us to create the round Mr Happy, the rectangular Mr Grumpy, the triangular Mr Rush and Mr Messy.

All the children respond well to inclusive sessions. Maya gets very excited when they come to see us and work with us. Scarlett likes to press her switch to greet her friends.

We have raised £17.00 for International Book Aid on World Book Day and £89.41 for Comic Relief on Red Nose Day. Thank you!

Class 4 raised £52 for the Purple Polio project.

During daily living skills pupils helped to make scones, then served them at the Coffee Morning. This was part of continuing their community work with the Rotary club whilst finding out about fund-raising.



The pupils, staff and governors hope you have a wonderful Easter.

