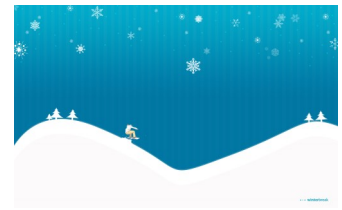




Bleasdale School Autumn Newsletter 2018



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School re-opens for pupils on
Monday 7 January 2019

Half Term
Monday 18 to Friday 22 February 2019

School closes for Pupils on
Friday 5 April 2019 at 3.30 pm



Class 2 welcome
Joseph and Aariz into their
class.



As part of our topic 'All about me' Class 1 have been learning about our five senses. We have been out in the school grounds to listen for sounds all around us. We used our sense of smell to choose ingredients to make delicious cupcakes for our family to taste. We enjoyed getting messy when using our sense of touch to explore a range of sensory media, including cooked and un-cooked pasta.

During weekends open we have enjoyed spending time in the pool, rebound therapy and art sessions. Weekend visits have included a shopping trip to Lancaster for Halloween resources, the Harvest Festival service at Silverdale Methodist Church, a visit to Arnside fireworks display and Blackpool Illuminations.



FE have been working as a team to prepare lots of gifts to sell at our Christmas Fair such as pebble plaques and bath bombs. Some of us attended a Christmas Market in Fulwood to sell our goods, it was very busy and we sold all our natural plaques in 20 minutes!!

In September it was lovely to welcome Lenore to the Residence. She has settled really well into the group.

This term Class 3 have been enjoying the most of the lovely weather and spending lots of time in the garden. We've looked at what lives there, how we can help the wildlife, what grows in the garden and had a go at planting some bulbs ready for summer.



More recently FE students have all enjoyed a Christmas Shopping trip to Lancaster where we were supported to purchase items from our shopping lists, followed by lunch out at the Crafty Scholar.

Staff Changes

This term we have said goodbye to Lucy Green who has a new job. We have welcomed two new teachers—Kirsty Creggan and Carley Colquhoun along with five new TAs—Sarah Ezdi, Sarah Unsworth, Asher Lockley, Paige McKinley and Amy Furness. Hailey Comerford has also joined us as a Child Care Assistant.

We have been busy supporting various different causes this term. In October we held our Harvest Festival and collected items which were donated to Lancaster Homeless Action. We had fun in November for Children in Need, making Pudsey biscuits, playing different games and holding a Great Bleasdale Bake Sale. Our Christmas Fair raised an amazing £915.00 for school funds and, at the time of writing, we had raised £98.50 for Save the Children by wearing our Christmas jumpers. Our final event of this term will be our Christingle service on the last day when we fill our candles with pennies which then get donated to the Children's Society. We would all like to say "thank you" to our parents, carers and friends for helping us to get involved and raise money.

This term the residential pupils have been involved in a variety of activities including team games of Hockey and Basketball, which was very interactive. Pupils took part in a 'warm up' activity before exploring different types of balls and protective equipment they needed to wear. Next, they had to choose their teams by wearing t shirts which they tie dyed during a weekend session. Everyone had great fun cheering each other with the use of switches.



Class 4 have learnt outside the classroom by going to Bendrigg Lodge. There we have been trying out a range of exciting activities such as abseiling, climbing and archery. We very clearly showed our like or dislike of climbing. Some of us became more confident and braver during the term.



D.T sessions in the House have been linked to a sensory story about the 'Fairground'. Pupils helped to make interactive props to tell the story, such as a coconut shy, a large helter skelter which lit up when pupils pressed a switch and a carousel. During the story pupils experienced different forms of movement such as spinning, going up and down and round and round. We used the outdoor equipment to facilitate this. They also experienced a roller coaster ride in the 4D cinema room as well as taking part in the 'Hall of Mirrors'. In other sessions pupils designed and made their own cushions. They made dyes from vegetables and then dipped their material which they bought from Dunelm in Lancaster. They then operated the sewing machine via a switch which has been a good sharing activity.

This term in F.E we have been busy both in and out of school. Some of us have had fun attending multi-sports sessions at Salt Ayre, whilst others have taken part in weekly 10 Pin Bowling Sessions at Holgates.



Kamil and Maya have enjoyed taking part in Riding for the Disabled. They have to be very calm and listen to Jenny carefully to help drive Monty round the course to collect all the balls.



Class 1 have continued our inclusion links with Silverdale School this term. We enjoyed a counting story about pirates and dressing up as pirates. The Silverdale pupils helped us hunt for treasure. We used our hands to explore the treasure and choose which treasure we liked the best.





On the 30th November the whole school along with parents dressed up as Elves and took part in St John's Elf run. Pupils and staff did laps of the school garden locating Elves, listening to their bells and exploring the tinsel. Together we raised over £535.00 for the hospice. Thank you for your support.



We have been retelling the story of The Secret Garden and have really enjoyed our sessions in the new sensory suite where we can make this come to life! Everyone in Class 3 has worked really hard on their computing targets and being able to control the equipment independently.

The first week after half term was 'Halloween week', residential pupils carved pumpkins and decorated the house for the Halloween disco, day pupils were also invited to come along and join in the fun. As well as lots of singing and dancing we had a fancy-dress competition and explored hidden bowls which had slimy spaghetti, wobbly jelly and shaving foam in.



Class 4 have been studying Thailand in Foreign cultures. We enjoyed making a variety of Thai soups and some of us enjoyed tasting them. We worked hard at chopping the vegetables, some of them were really tough to chop. We smelt a lot of fresh herbs including coriander and lemon grass.



We have been asked to share the following information with you by Lancashire County Council.

Parents, carers and young people - have your say on the re-development of the Local Offer by visiting the following page: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdl6nHnGxMYZBvqDPeLwZkjuhCIWRCpx1smHDVBF0UVzyuM9Q/formResponse>

Read the latest news from across the SEND Partnership:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/shaping-send-together/lancashire-send-partnership/>

Class 1 have celebrated Halloween, Bonfire night, Remembrance day and Christmas this term. On Halloween we had 'share a book'. We had fun exploring spaghetti worms and monster slime with our friends. To celebrate Bonfire night we went into the swimming pool and pretended to be different fireworks in the pool whilst we played Katy Perry 'Firework'.

For Remembrance day we used our fingers to explore poppies and even create our own poppies for homework. We had so much fun performing The Nativity play. We were very lucky to meet Father Christmas in his Grotto at Bayview Garden Centre.



Class 2 invited their parents to join them in their Charlie and Chocolate sessions. We had fun showing them all the skills we have been practising this term.

In Skills for Learning Class 3 have been looking at measure and have been busy sorting and exploring lots of sensory items. Some of us didn't like the feel of the long and short 'worms'!



As part of our Learning Outside the Classroom Class 4 have visited our local libraries. While there we shared non-fiction books and greeted members of the library. We complimented this learning with learning in the classroom by reading books and some of us used our PODD books to match actions in the books to actions in the visuals.

The pupils,, staff and governors of Bleasdale School wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.