



Bleasdale School Spring Newsletter 2019



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School re-opens for pupils on
Tuesday 23 April 2019

May Day Closure
Monday 6 May 2019

Half Term
Monday 27 to Friday 31 May 2019

School closes for Pupils on
Friday 19 July 2019



Class 2 have enjoyed using the new bikes. They are trying very hard to balance on them.



Class 4 have been preparing for the World at Work day hosted by our school in April. They have been improving their presentation skills including brushing hair, washing own faces and looking in the mirror. Work has also focused on their communication skills, developing good listening skills and using switches to greet others. They have experienced work activities relating to Romneys Kendal Mint Cake factory in Kendal and Piccadilly Gardens in Lancaster.



At the beginning of March, we had our annual Social Care Ofsted inspection which took place over 3 days. We are now proud to share our 'Outstanding' result. To read the report, please go to the Ofsted page of our website.



As part of our topic 'People Who Help Us' Class 1 have been learning about Nurses, Police Officers and Firefighters. We have enjoyed exploring the equipment each professional needs to help them carry out their jobs. We have been making our own x-rays using a lightbox and dog biscuits.



In our Sensory Story session Class 4 have followed the Slumdog Millionaire story. The pupils have played a simple version of Who Wants to be a Millionaire by making choices from 4 sensory answers. They have acted out parts of the story and have anticipated the rolling, dancing and shoe sorting elements of this. They have helped to create and follow their own sensory books of the text.

Staff Changes

Our Swimming Co-ordinator Gill Nelson and TA Gemma Ducie moved on to pastures new this term. Sue Cranswick, one of our Night Staff, also retired. Gill has been replaced by Sally Gardner and we have welcomed 4 new TAs— Nicola Bell, Georgina Carr, Emma Hall and Amelia Wilson—along with Clive Rawes who joins the team on nights. We have also appointed a Sports Co-ordinator, Alex Davidson and have a supply teacher—Felicity Harris—working in FE along with a supply TA, Tracy Pickup, working in Class 3.

FE pupils and staff promoted, set-up and hosted a French Café on Thursday mornings. Our successful café was attended by pupils and staff at the Loyne School as well as Bleasdale parents and governors. Pupils took orders then served croissants, drinks and more to our



Class 3 have been learning about what is in our community. We have looked at lots of different shops and services such as the fire station, butchers, hairdressers and visited the local church.





At the beginning of the term the residential pupils took part in the Great British Bird Watch. During these sessions, pupils made a variety of different bird feeders, played bird lotto and on Sunday 27th January visited Leighton Moss Nature Reserve.

FE students have enjoyed visiting Tesco in Carnforth, and the Co-op in Silverdale, to find and buy items for our French café. Some of us made choices about what we want to buy. Recently, we were supported to purchase items for gardening activities. We then used the items and tools to help with gardening alongside one of the grounds staff at school.



Class 3 have had a busy term, we had a very successful visit to the North West New Age Kurling Championships at Sir Tom Finney School. Pupils enjoyed meeting some new friends and joining in the games, winning most of our matches!



Class 1 have continued our inclusion links with Silverdale School this term. We have enjoyed going outside on a 2D shape hunt. Our friends from Silverdale School find the 2D shapes and help us to match the shapes on our textured bingo cards.



We are all looking forward to the new outdoor play area which is being built in the residential grounds and hopefully should be ready in the Summer. The large hedge has been removed and the ground flattened. We look forward to sharing more news about this in the next term's report.

Class 4's highlight of the term was our 3 day residential trip to Bendrigg Lodge. Parents were invited to join us in class to find out about the trip.



All pupils had a brilliant time and showed great interest and trust in the Bendrigg Staff.

All pupils were brave and became more independent during their stay!



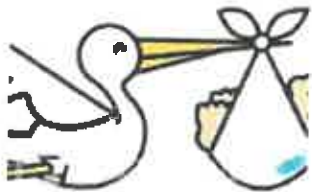
In Class 1 we have been reading the story 'The Tiger Who Came To Tea'. We have been using our sense of touch and smell to show a preference when making our own tiger food. We invited our parents into class for a Tiger Tea party at the end of term.



On Thursday after school two pupils have started going to Costa Coffee in Morecambe to enhance their social and independent skills. Whilst there, they use their communication systems to ask for their drink and snacks. Residential pupils have also enjoyed taking part in a weekly 'Clubbercise' class. This has taken place in a darkened atmosphere with disco lights. Pupils have been encouraged to exercise their bodies to different pieces of modern music whilst using glow sticks to enhance their movements



This term Class 2 have been working with Silverdale Primary School to explore the topic Winter. The favourite sessions have been using the switches to see who can melt the ice the fastest to release the trapped "Lego" person from the ice.



Baby News Two of our Teaching Assistants have given birth this term. Anna Mashiter and her partner Lee became first time parents to William at the end of February. Shortly afterwards, Kathryn Clarke and her husband Mike welcomed Benjamin—a baby brother for Maisie. Mums and babies are doing well.



Class 3 also visited Greenlands Farm as part of our Learning Outside the Classroom topic of Living Things. Pupils were very brave touching and holding lots of different animals from snakes and spiders to lambs and pigs. We explored the food that they eat and where they live....some of it was very smelly!



In FE our Red Nose Day activities were very popular, and we contributed to the school fundraising. Pupils enjoyed 'pin the red nose', sticking red nose stickers on photos of pupils and celebrities!



The pupils, staff and governors of Bleasdale School hope you all have a very enjoyable Easter break.

