

Bleasdale School Summer Newsletter 2019



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Date for your diary—the School Photographer will be in School on the morning of Friday 13th September, 2019.



School re-opens for pupils on
Tuesday 3rd September 2019

Half Term
Monday 21 to Friday 25 October 2019
Staff Development Day
Monday 28 October 2019

School re-opens for pupils on
Tuesday 29 October 2019

School closes for Pupils on
Friday 20 December 2019 at **1.30 pm**

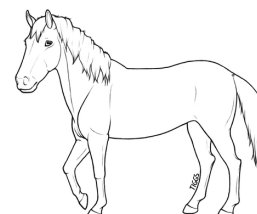
Morning Groovers.

Every morning the whole school takes part in morning groovers, where we complete laps of the garden. Pupils complete the laps in the most appropriate way to their ability, for example, walking, running or cycling. Everyone is together completing laps in the garden whilst exploring the smell and texture of the day. This helps prepare us for learning.



The summer term is always very busy in FE as some students prepare to move onto pastures new. The students and staff are working together to prepare for the next step including transition sessions, spending time in their next setting and welcoming new students into FE to get to know each other. We wish Jessica, Thomas and Kirsty every success for the future.

As the weather has improved Riding for the Disabled has started up again, this time at the Westmorland Show Ground. Pupils enjoy taking turns to ride with Monty.



Some pupils in Class two have been visiting Our Lady of Lourdes school for inclusion, they have been taking part in PE lessons, developing their throwing and catching skills.

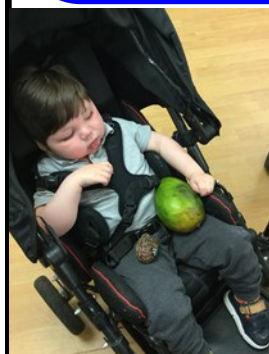


FE have enjoyed the adapted trike sessions at Salt Ayre. There is a range of different trikes to fit everyone's needs. Each week the students have improved their skills.

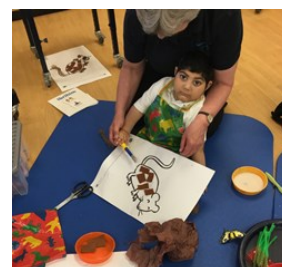
Residential pupils are now using the play area and following breakfast on Saturday & Sunday mornings we are taking part in Morning Groovers.

Staff Changes

Meg Handford-Wiser, one of our residential staff, moved on to a new job this term. We currently have a relief Site Supervisor—Geraint Evens—and a relief Child Care Assistant—Lisa McLoughlin—working with us.



As part of Class 1's sensory story lessons we have been reading 'Handa's Surprise' and Handa's Hen'. We have been exploring the different fruit and animals in the stories. We have been grasping paintbrushes to paint the animals from the story.



Class 3 enjoyed a 'circus skills' themed parents session, we made popcorn, took turns in the 'big top' and explored sensory stations with juggling balls, splatting foam and wet sponge throwing! Thank you again to those parents who came in to join us.



Ryan has continued his inclusion at Morecambe Road School one afternoon a week where he takes part in communication sessions with his new friends. More recently the rest of the class have had inclusion links with a class from the Loyne School, who will be joining us on Wednesday mornings for our reading sessions. The first visit went well and all pupils joined in the session before spending break time on the new playground.

FE are very busy this term taking learning into the community. Students are applying their school based learning into real life contexts including; identifying social signs, communicating with unfamiliar people and completing focused tasks.



Class 4 have enjoyed taking part in Yoga sessions with Alex Davidson our Sports Co-ordinator



Class 3 have been working together during Skills for Learning sessions, practising grasping and releasing skills and pressing the switch to let their partner know it's their turn. Some pupils have really developed their physical skills too by sitting on class chairs around the table - it is much easier to work together this way.



On Monday evenings residential pupils have been taking part in trike and vehicle maintenance. Pupils have explored resources such as handle bars, inner tubes and a range of different pumps whilst listening to appropriate songs such as 'Riding along on my push bike' by Mungo Jerry. Next they collected their buckets of soapy water and mops and cleaned the school vehicle and trikes. Some even hoovered inside and tested the horn and windscreen wipers. But the best fun of all came when it was time to use the hose pipe, everyone got a little damp!



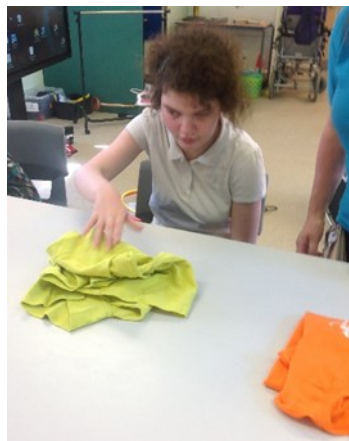
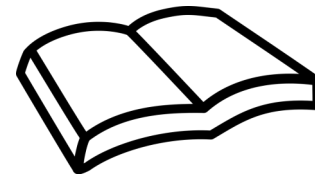
Weekend visits have included a trip to Brockhole's Nature reserve near Preston, where a game of hide and seek took place, Carnforth Carnival and the Scarecrow festival in Garstang. Our last trip of the year will be to the Viking Festival at Heysham.



Everyone had fun taking part in Sports Day. Congratulations to the Oak House who were the winners on the day!



This term Class 1 have taken our share a book session to Unique Kidz in Morecombe. We have listened to the stories 'We're going on a bear hunt', 'Walking through the jungle', 'Dear zoo' and 'Whatever next'. We are beginning to meet new friends during our share a book session.



Class 4 worked hard developing their laundry skills. They made washing liquid, hand washed clothes and used a launderette. They practised ironing, folding and hanging them afterwards.

Residential - our DT topic has been printing. Everyone printed their initials onto t shirts which they wear in Team Games, they also printed a large banner to wave to cheer as they their team as well as little individual flags.



F.E. have enjoyed having Morecambe Road School students join them for inclusion lessons during summer term. We have explored the sensory story of The Hunger Games, completing team games and communication challenges.



Class 3 have been busy making mushrooms from clay for the summer fair - we have practised our fine motor skills rolling and squashing the clay into the correct shape and then using tools to make marks in the top. Thank you to everyone who bought them on our stall.



More Sports Day Photos



New playground opening—June 2019



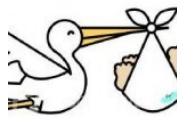
Our new fully accessible playground was opened last month by Morecambe FC's goalkeeper Barry Roche . It was bought with the money we have raised over the years at various fund raising events such as Christmas and Summer Fairs. It is located in the grounds of the residential building and is already being well used at break and lunchtime as well as by the residential pupils after school. We are hoping to make access to it available to pupils and their siblings during the holidays.



FE have also been taking part in a range of vocational experiences including work placements at Homebase garden centre and hosting a weekly “pop-up” café in the school grounds. Students have completed various tasks as part of their working role and have enjoyed working with the public.



Baby News Kelly Sharpe, Team Leader on the Residential Side, and her husband Carl welcomed their third son (Ted) this term. Mother and baby are doing well.



In PE Class 1 were very lucky to have a dance session with Diddi Dance. We enjoyed the bright disco lights and exploring the parachute. We were given bells to shake and ribbons to explore during the dance session.



Change to holiday pattern for 2019—2020 Next year’s May Day Bank Holiday has been changed from Monday 4th May, 2020 to Friday 8th May, 2020 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of VE Day. We have also altered our planned Staff Development Day from Tuesday 5th May to Monday 11th May. An updated list of term dates is attached.

The Inclusion Team at Lancashire County Council have asked us to share the following link with you. If you copy and paste it into your browser you will find information about changes to the SEND partnership:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/special-educational-needs-and-disabilities/shaping-send-together/lancashire-send-partnership/#section2>

Would you like to nominate yourself or child to become the next Morecambe Carnival Royalty? Take pride of place as Carnival Queen by making a nomination today. The popular Morecambe Carnival is set to return in Morecambe on Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th August 2019. You are welcome to make your nominations now! Enter: www.morecambecarnival.org/mc19royalty The closing date is 18th July 2019 (T&C’s can be seen on the website)

The pupils, staff and governors of Bleasdale School hope you all have a wonderful Summer Break and look forward to seeing you again in September