



NEWSLETTER OCTOBER 2022

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 21 OCT- LAST DAY OF TERM
3.10pm finish
- 31 OCT— INSET DAY
- 1 NOV —SCHOOL RE-OPENS
FOR PUPILS
- 19 DEC - 2 JAN - XMAS BREAK



SchoolSpider

Please make sure you download the school spider parent app - we send very important information through the app

ASDA
Foundation,,

Remember to keep voting for us at www.asda.com/green-token and select Preston Fulwood from the drop-down box.

We are hoping that the money will go towards a refurbishment of the college sensory room
You can vote once every week so please keep revoting and it is open until midnight on New Year's Eve

We are very sad to hear the news that former Chair of governor's Steve Warren passed away at the weekend.
Our thoughts are with his family and friends at this sad time.

Staff news

We are pleased to welcome to the team -

Sally Williamson - TA1
Jamie McDonald-Romero - TA1
Lucy Hinksman - TA2b
Lucy Singleton - TA1
Harriet Haslam-Price - TA1
Hannah Swords - TA1

Congratulations for 20 Years' service to -

Liz Ascroft
Jenny Waters
Lisa Rowlinson



REMINDER

SCHOOL REOPENS ON THE 1st NOVEMBER

CLASSROOM NEWS



All of class 8 have settled in so well to the new school year and have been working their socks off in all areas. We have been focusing on how we travel around to and from school and at home with our families. We have been focusing on a small selection of transport that children have said they use. We have also been thinking about how we can stay safe when travelling round. We have spoken about keeping our seatbelts on, wearing a helmet when riding a bike and keeping safe by the roadside. All the pupils have been contributing to our sessions and made great progress with their understanding

Class 7 have been working hard in English and followed the text about the BFG. In maths we have been learning about Money and have been out to the shop to choose items for a specific amount and pay for them ourselves. Swimming is loved by all the children and they are progressing in skill and confidence all the time. Through the creative curriculum we have been learning about Brazil. We have been taking part in weekly music sessions, we have created animals linked to Brazil, comparing temperatures and how we travel. We enjoyed PSHE where many of us shared pictures of our families and the people who are special to us.

Class 1 have had a lovely first half-term in school. We have been getting to know our friends and adults in class and have been developing our understanding of daily routines and expectations.

Our topic has been 'Ourselves'. In daily literacy lessons we have been enjoying the story/song 'If you're happy and you know it' and we are getting very good at anticipating what is coming next and copying the actions. In maths sessions we have been exploring simple counting songs and rhymes. We have thoroughly enjoyed practicing our fine motor skills in our daily dough disco sessions and many of us can copy actions with play dough ie pinch it, roll a ball, squeeze and splat it! We have been transitioning to different places around school and are especially loving our play/communication sessions in both the interaction room and sensory room. We have all had fun exploring a wide variety of messy play and creative activities in the afternoons, and look forward to our daily music and movement sessions. We like to explore objects on our 'wow' table too – this half term it was colour themed and we've been investigating objects of a different colour weekly. We like to be active in class 1 and our small soft play/matted area in the classroom has proved popular – we also like to run, climb and explore in our class outdoor area lots!

We have all settled beautifully and everyone is very proud of us 😊



Class 6 have had a very noisy and busy half term experiencing and learning about things we can hear.

Through our English lessons we have covered two texts, 'The Listening Walk' and our non-fiction book, 'Sounds'. We have loved reading about all the different sounds within our environment as well as taking part in our very own listening walks around school. The noise didn't end there as we continued the theme within our music lessons, exploring a range of musical instruments, from guitars and drums to even bagpipes. The children loved it!

During Maths we have been learning all about measurement, exploring length, size, and height. Making different sized biscuits was lots of fun, but not as good as covering them in chocolate and tasting them – yummy!

This half-term, My Dance has been a particular favourite among the children. They have loved learning a variety of dance styles, including the Waltz, Tango, and Scottish Reel. However, I think that the Cha Cha Cha has proven to be the most well-liked, with everyone joining in. They have been amazing!

We hope you all have a lovely half term break! After the holidays we will be learning all about traditional stories and fables.

Kelly and the class 6 team.



CLASSROOM NEWS



Class 9

Our Semi-Formal curriculum theme this half term is transport. Some of the pupils have caught the bus opposite the school gates and travelled to Clitheroe. They have enjoyed walking around the castle grounds and playing on the park.

We have looked at different types of transport through our curriculum activities. In English lessons, we have enjoyed reading the story "You can't take an Elephant on the Bus". In art lessons, we used collage materials to make pictures of different vehicles. We also cut out different shapes and used them to make pictures of trains. The pupils have developed social skills by playing a lotto game using pictures of different types of transport.

In our PSHE lessons this half term we have been looking at our personal strengths by exploring things that we are good at. As a class, we have shared videos and photographs of things that each of the pupils are good at and celebrated these individual achievements.

Some of the pupils have taken part in music therapy sessions led by a visiting therapist. A group of pupils have also joined the secondary/college choir and enjoyed singing/signing different songs.

We have been keeping fit and healthy by taking part in daily walks around the school grounds and joining in weekly PE lessons.

Hope you all have a lovely half term break.



Class 5 are having an awesome Autumn Term! Christy and the class team were all so proud of how everyone settled in during September the whole class are now used to their new room, staff and our routines. This half term: we've been busy learning about sounds that you might find around your own house and we used an 'I hear' Theme Board to communicate about the sounds; we used process and sensory art lessons to create the most wonderful Autumnal scenes; we used an 'I see' Theme Board to describe the shapes they see and then we've been using large 3D shaped to build building for our small world animals and toys; we experienced 'Harvest Time' through sensory art, sensory pictures, fruit and vegetable messy play, and a Story Massage to music, all paired with Makaton learning; we've also explored our family trees, through photographs from home and our own books- 'My Photo Family Story'. We've had cake-tastic times, celebrating Khalil's and Clark's birthdays; learning how to play party games and share together. We've progressed lots during our 'Friday Friend' sessions too, learning how about peer communication- they have done so well! We are finishing the term with a Pumpkin Party and look forward to our next half term and the magical time, running up to Christmas! Thank you to all the Class 5 parents for your on-going support



Class 2 have been looking at the weather in English. They have enjoyed sensory stories about the wind and the rough sea. In Maths they have been practising using a number line to count forwards and find the missing numbers.

They have been enjoying regular TACPAC sessions, sensory integration and learning about hot and cold in Science. In Music they have been singing songs about weather

A huge thank you to one of our pupils Oliver who packed customers bags at Morrisons in his own time and raised an amazing £149.41. Oliver's Chippy also put a donation in of £60. So AMAZING!!!!



CLASSROOM NEWS



This half term all pupils have settled into the new academic year very well and have adapted to the changes that this has brought. We have worked on various topics, accreditations and enterprise projects both as an individual class and as part of the wider college team. We have built a collective Disney Castle inspired bug hotel, designed and built our own smaller bug hotels to take home and are designing a bug hotel which we will aim to market, build and sell as part of our college enterprise work next half term - please keep an eye out on our website and social media for more information!

In addition, some of us have started (and for some continued) Functional Skills English and Maths accreditation, we have an established weekly shopping trip to the Sainsbury's in Longridge, some of our students have been completing work experience at a local charity shop with more opportunities planned across the year, some of us have been working as part of a large team to design and build pumpkins for sale as part of our enterprise work. It's been a busy half term!

It's been a superb start to the year. Have a lovely half term break.

Mark and the Class 13 Team



A warm welcome to all of our new pupils and families in class 1 - Its' great to see all pupils have such positive start to the new term and are settling into routines. This half term has been very busy for both pupils and staff and it's great to see what we have already achieved this year.

Can I thank staff, pupils and parents for their fundraising efforts this term. The Bingo night was very well supported by the local community, and we were really impressed by our students' efforts in completing their Guild Wheel challenge.

If any parent is interested in becoming a Parent Governor to support the school, please contact me for an informal chat about the role.

Enjoy the Half Term.

Paul Leaper - Headteacher



FUNDRAISING NEWS



A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for the bingo event, we are overwhelmed by how many people joined us to support the school.

We raised an amazing £1566.50!!!

Thank you to all the businesses that gave us donations or raffle prizes



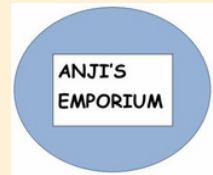
Thank you!



We have received a very generous donation from Longridge Rotary Group of £500 towards our Cash for kids fundraising.

After fundraising themselves they were looking for a local charity to donate to and decided to support the school and help provide equipment for our sensory circuits!

We are so overwhelmed!



We are currently up to £2170.00 of our £2500 target!

You can donate on our fundraising page -

Charity Champions Lancashire | Rock FM and Greatest Hits Radio Cash for Kids - Cash for Kids (cashforkidsgive.co.uk)



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