



# Lancasterian



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Spring Newsletter

April 2022

Hello and welcome .....

... to our termly newsletter. Don't forget to visit our school [website](#) or our [YouTube channel](#) where you will find further up-to-date information and some amazing videos!

## Message from the Headteacher

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Dear Parents and Carers

I have always thought that it is strange how we call the January to April term, Spring. We are coming to the end of the Spring Term 2022, but Spring has only just started! It has been lovely to have some sunshine and the lighter evenings. We have had another amazing term with everyone learning and having fun; pupils and staff.

Our Spring parents evening was very successful with lots of very positive conversations about how well the children are doing in school and the progress they have all made. It was nice to see some parents visiting school for their meetings but I know how much easier a virtual meeting can be. We will continue to offer either face to face or virtual parent's evenings in the future.

Our EHCP reviews are still virtual, however we are beginning to offer some face to face meetings as well. I know everyone agrees these are vital meetings to ensure your child's provision is what they need. It is very important that everyone attends these meetings and it can be difficult to rearrange especially if other professionals are involved. However, if you are unable to attend please let us know as soon as possible so we can make sure everyone has a meeting.

We had a very successful 'World Book Day' again. I really enjoyed seeing the pupils dressed up in their costumes and sharing their favourite books with their classes. This was unfortunately all virtually as I had finally succumbed to Covid and had to work from home!

I was able to join in with the Comic Relief fun and it was great to have Jasmine class organise this. All the pupils enjoyed wearing their pyjamas to school and Jasmine class had fun visiting the central library!

It has been lovely to see more joint events in school this term; Holocaust memorial day, Safer Internet Day, World Water Day, Intra class Boccia tournament. We started in January with virtual whole school events in our individual classrooms, however more recently classes have been pairing in the hall for joint events. I am sure this will continue and the pupils will enjoy more time with friends in other classes.

This year we will also have our Easter Bonnet and Egg decorating competitions. Classes also took part in a range of other egg related activities; looking after an egg, egg drop, making a car for their egg!

Hopefully you will be seeing more Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths activities in school over the next 2 years. I am proud to let you know we are the lead school in the Enthuse project with Siemen's and other special schools across Manchester.

Finally thank you again for all the support you have given the school and helping your child to keep learning in the still difficult Covid times.

Kind regards

*Alison Randall*

Headteacher

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# Lancasterian dominate at Goalball!



At the beginning of March, 6 of our KS3/4 students went to Levenshulme High school to take part in a Greater Manchester Goalball event. Goalball is a very competitive sport, where all the children have to wear a blind fold and take it in turns to throw the adapted ball into the opponent's goal and at the same time defend their own goal, all without the ability to see. The team played 6 matches during the competition and managed to win 3, draw 2 and only lost 1. As a result, the team won the overall event and will now go on to represent Greater Manchester at the finals during the summer term.



Oak class visited Alderley Edge to begin preparations for their D of E expedition. Prior to the day the class had to discuss and agree a set of instructions that would be needed to make the day successful. This included preparation of lunches, agreeing on suitable clothing and ensuring that first aid and medication was taken to keep them safe whilst on the walk. They had a fantastic day, the weather was kind and they managed to walk over 2 and a half miles! The miles have been added to Oak class walk total which currently stands at 292 miles! This is equivalent to travelling from Lancasterian school to Lille in France!



On Your Marks...  
**Get Set Go!**

**Pancake races!**

All over school there was a delicious smell as some pupils took over the kitchens to make pancakes! Beech class even extended the fun to have pancake races in the playground!





At the start of this school year Lancasterian embarked on a new exciting journey to become a Rights Respecting School. The award is based on principles of equality, dignity, respect, non-discrimination and participation. At the end of last term we were awarded Bronze level and we are now well on our way towards achieving Silver!

Please check out the UNICEF website if you would like to find out any more information.

[www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/](http://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/)



**UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**  
**Article 1:**  
Everyone under 18 has these rights

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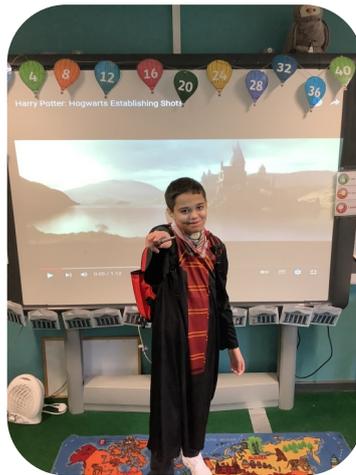
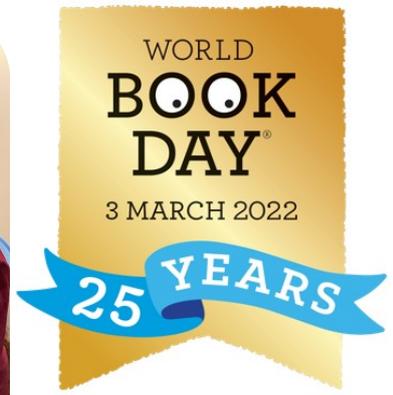
**World Water Day**, held on 22nd march every year focuses on the importance of freshwater and helps raise awareness of the 2.2billion people living without access to safe, clean water. This year our pupils enjoyed a range of fun water activities to celebrate the wonderful freshwater that we have daily access to. Some of our older pupils experienced what it would be like if they had to walk a long distance whilst carrying back a bucket of water!



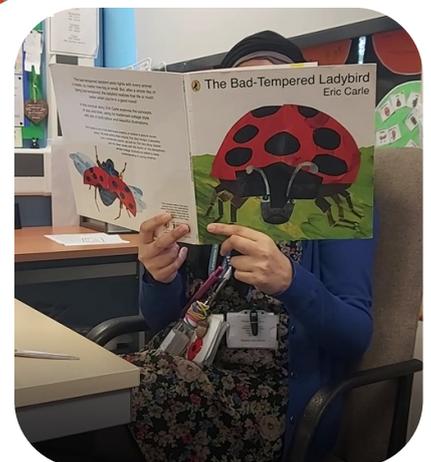
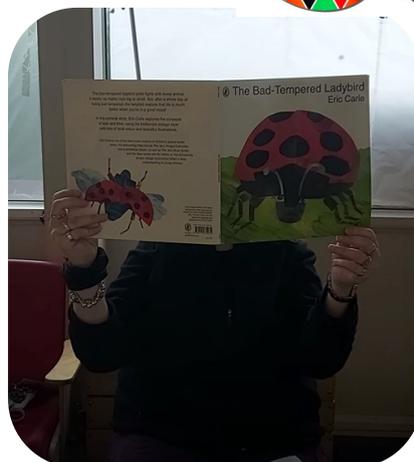
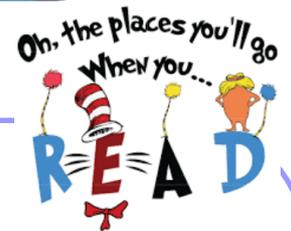
**UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD**  
**Article 24:**  
I have the right to good quality health care, to clean water and good food.

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On Thursday 3rd March we joined the nation to celebrate the annual World Book Day. There were lots of story book characters around school as staff and pupils dressed up and took part in lots of literature inspired activities.



## THE MASKED READER!



You've heard of The Masked Singer ... well we had some Masked Readers! The pupils had to guess who was reading the story from behind the book!



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# IWM IMPERIAL WAR MUSEUMS

Maple class have been learning about the events that took place during WW1 and WW2 and how life was different for those who lived through those conflicts. They enjoyed a visit to the Imperial War Museum in Manchester.



# SEA LIFE Manchester



Acorns class visited the Sea Life Centre at the Trafford Centre, as part of their cross-curricula work on plastic pollution, animal habitats and the ocean. The pupils got involved in a workshop where they learnt more about plastic pollution in the ocean and the harm it does to animals and their habitats.

They saw a sea turtle called Eddie that had been hurt as a result of plastic pollution. Luckily, he had been rescued by the Sea Life Centre.

# School Council News



I am very excited to introduce our new and improved school council this term. We began by sharing our thoughts and opinions in circle time. For some of our classes, circle time evolved into class councils, the foundation for our school councils. Each week class councils discuss different topics all relating to our key question 'How can we improve our school?'

In January elections were held for our executive council. Students from 6 classes created manifestos and gave inspiring speeches to fellow students explaining why they would be the best student for the job. Our executive council meet every half term, bringing together all the ideas from our class councils and circle time, making decisions and creating action plans on how we can improve our school.

Our first order of business, Playgrounds! All students used their voices to share what they love about our playgrounds and how we can make them even better. The executive council took all of these brilliant ideas and composed a letter to Mrs. Randall requesting changes to the playgrounds that included new equipment, activities for all abilities, communication boards, and areas for students to sit and chill.

We all look forward to receiving Mrs. Randall's response and thinking of some new ideas on 'How can we improve our school?'

Hanna Brown - School Council Coordinator.



## UN CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

### Article 12:

I have the right to be listened to and taken seriously.

# Holocaust Memorial Day

This year for Holocaust Memorial Day Lancasterian took part in a national activity which was accessible for all of our pupils. Each pupil painted or decorated a stone which is to be placed in the new National Holocaust Memorial Centre in London.

The idea comes from the Jewish tradition of placing a stone on the grave of a loved one every year and every time you visit, to remind the world that the person is gone but not forgotten, because stones last for years.

Well done to all the pupils who took part and hopefully one day you will be able to visit the National Memorial Centre and find your stone!



After such a long time, we are delighted to have our hydro pool back open again! Our pupils have been enjoying some long awaited quality splash sessions!



# Skills for Life

Everything Starts With You



This term the pupils have accessed a wide range of activities during their enrichment sessions that incorporate the 5 core skills - **communication**, **problem solving**, **self-belief**, **self-management** and **teamwork**.

These core skills support the *Skills for Life* mission 'to ensure that children and young people have the right skills to be able to grow up happy, healthy, safe and successful.'



Acorns class cleaned out the school pond as part of their cross-curricula learning. They explored the habitat of the school fish and took time to note down their observations.



Over the last half term Beech class have been developing their musical skills. They have been fortunate enough to have a guitarist within their staff team who was able to showcase his skills and support the pupils with some basic rhythm and beats. The pupils have enjoyed clapping, drumming and playing percussion instruments along to some of their favourite songs.

Meanwhile, over in Oak class the pupils have been developing their STOMP band by using their bodies and ordinary objects to create musical theatre. They even used wheelie bins!

All of these skills were put into practice at the end of term **Battle of the Bands**, where Beech class went up against Oak class in a musical crescendo!

# BATTLE OF THE BANDS



## EASTER CELEBRATIONS



At the end of term, pupils enjoyed lots of Easter activities and celebrations. There was lots of egg activities including decorating eggs, egg hunt, egg drop competitions and one class even had a challenge of looking after an egg for a whole day without breaking it! At the end of the day 4 pupils out of 12 managed to still have an un-cracked egg!

