



Lancasterian

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Summer Newsletter

Hello and welcome ...

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Message from the
Headteacher

July 2023



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the school year and this year has been another wonderful year. I would like to thank you all for your support of our school through the difficulties with cost of living and education funding crisis. I am looking forward to next year with hope and excitement for how we can all continue to support our pupils to continue to develop.

This time of year is always a time of mixed emotions. We are one day saying good bye to some of our pupils and then the next welcoming our new pupils.

We have had a very successful transition for all of our pupils, those staying with us and those who will be new in September. We have been aiming towards having more face to face transition events which we have finally achieved this year.

All of our year 11 pupils are leaving and moving onto sixth forms in other schools or local colleges. They have been with us at Lancasterian for a long time and it is hard to say goodbye. However, they are so grown up now and are ready for the next stage in their education. I wish all the year 11 pupils good luck in their new schools.

It was lovely to be able to celebrate with the pupils and their parents all their achievements at the High school prom last night. This week it was also amazing to be able to celebrate the year 6 disco and the achievement assemblies with all our families.

We have had a very successful year developing our curriculum offer both academic and enrichment. We have been awarded the Right Respecting School Award; Silver. We are committed to ensuring that everyone in school, pupils, school and parents, are aware of all children's rights and how they can support everyone to access these. Jackie Greenwood and the steering group worked really hard to achieve this this year and I know are keen to keep going and for us to achieve Gold! Well done to everyone.

We have also been awarded the ECO-Schools Green Flag for all our hard work on making our school more sustainable, increasing environmental learning and reducing our carbon footprint. Clare Fagan, Helen Climance and the pupil led Eco Committee have worked really hard in raising awareness this year and putting simple actions into place. I know that everyone is very keen to carry on this work and to support Manchester in achieving its goal to be Net Zero by 2038. Thank you for all your hard work.

Finally, I want to say thank you to all of our pupils! As always they have been amazing and show us every day that they should never be underestimated. They have continued to **Inspire each other and Grow together to Achieve their best** despite all of their personal difficulties.

Happy holidays and I look forward to seeing everyone again on Wednesday 6th September.

Alison Randall

Headteacher

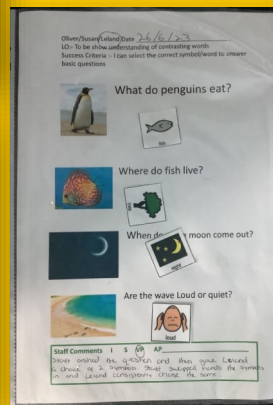
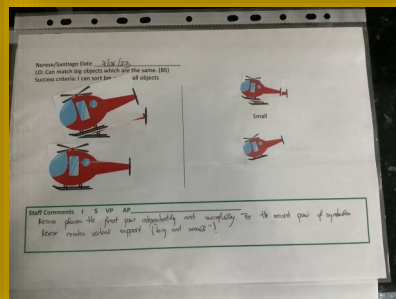
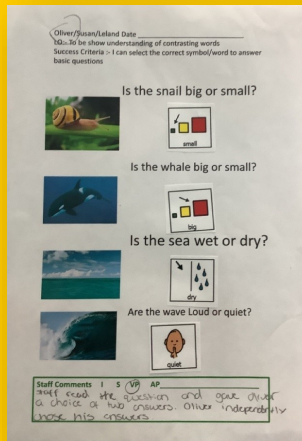
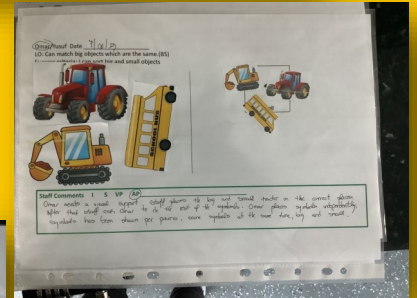
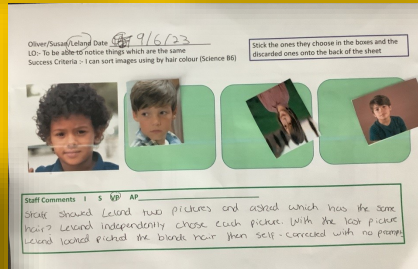
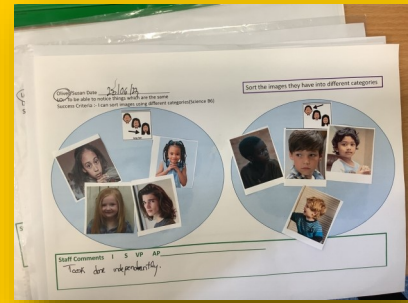
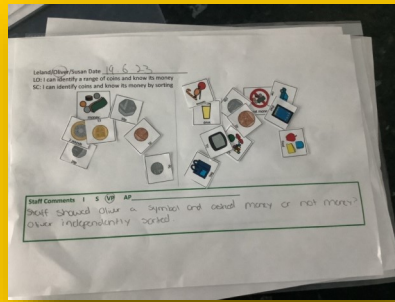
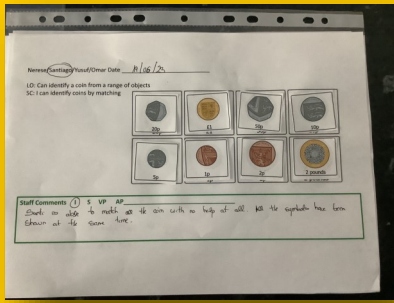
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Edited by J Greenwood

This term we have been learning about what different coins look like, for example big or small.

Daffodil class



We have been answering simple questions using symbols and learning about what makes us the same and what makes us different.

Fun in Lavender class



The ice lollies kept us cool during the hot weather.



We have enjoyed cycling this half term.



We explored lots of ingredients whilst making a variety of food.



We used adapted scissors to practice our cutting.



We enjoyed creating self-portraits.



We used collage to create our pictures.

We had fun in rebound and practiced our jumping skills.



Bluebells Class have had an exciting term learning about journeys.

We have had many successful trips to Mayfield Park and Wythenshawe park where we have been exposed to new surrounding and learnt how to interact with unfamiliar people.

Bluebell class

We have enjoyed accessing hydro pool each week where we have gained more confidence in the water and even begun to put our head under and kick our legs! We also had a fantastic time each week at rebound and have had more opportunities to go cycling at Wythenshawe Wheelers.



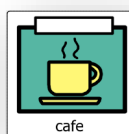
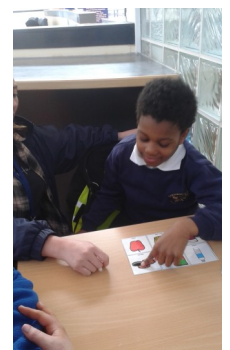
We have been gardening and exploring art during our Enrichment classes this half term and we have made some planters out of recycled milk bottles!

Blossom class

Blossom have had a fantastic time this half term. We have taken part in lots of different activities and have engaged with visitors to our classroom and the school. A violinist came to our classroom and played for us. We all listened really well and chose whether we wanted the music to be soft or loud, fast or slow. This was an amazing experience for everyone.



During sports week we were lucky enough to take part in a session run by Sale Sharks. We all got to try out adapted wheelchairs and showed how we were all able to self-propel around the room, as well as throw and catch a rugby ball. We all received a medal to show how well we had done after the session.



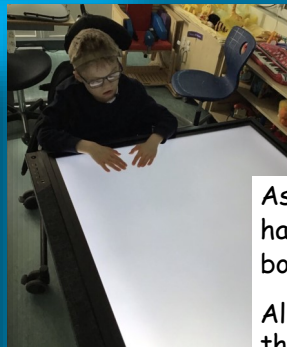
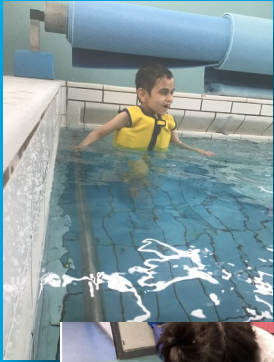
Throughout the half term we have been visiting the café at Withington Hospital. We have shown we are able to choose what we would like to eat from a set of symbols, sit with the rest of the class and wait for others to finish. We have shown how well our communication skills as well as our social skills have developed over this year.

Rose class

This half term Rose class has been exploring water in different contexts.

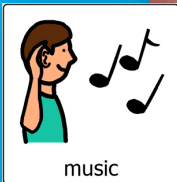
We have used foot spas, ice, bowls for pouring and have also been able to go and use the hydro pool.

The pupils have been able to explore their movements in the water as well as express if they want to continue exploring the ice or move on to use the foot spas.



As part of our cause and effect activities we have been able to use the interactive white board to make music as a whole class.

All of the pupils were able to join in and use their movements to create different sounds.



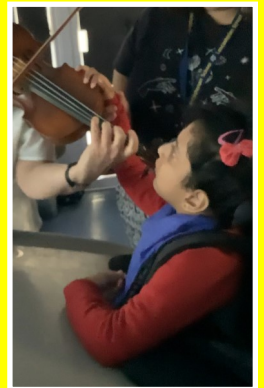
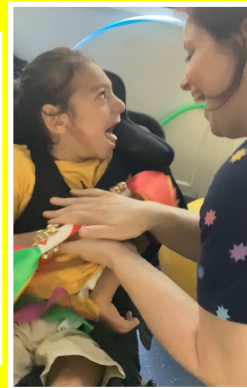
Sunflower class have been making things move as part of our theme of 'Journeys.'



Sunflower class

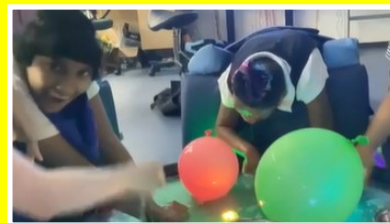


We used our whole body to bounce, rock, and balance- including in water, foam, and paint.



We have used our fine motor skills to reach, grasp and release during activities.

We went on a magic parachute ride and explored different types of transport- from a submarine in the sea, to a wagon pulled by horses, and a steam train in a tunnel!

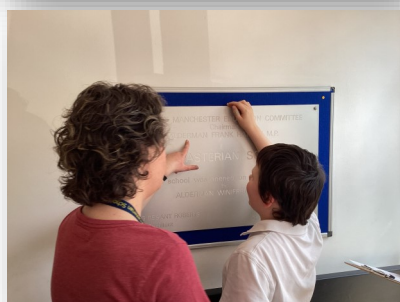


We also explored seasonal movement activities, such as maypole and ribbon dances from around the world, water drumming, and light spinning.



Jasmine Class have been learning about features of poetry in literacy, focusing on the theme of nature. We visited Tatton Park, where we explored the farm, sensory gardens, and the maze. We talked about what we can find in nature as we looked around Tatton Park, and have linked this to the poetry we are writing in class!

Jasmine class



Ahead of Lancasterian School's 50-year celebration, we have been learning about the history of our school! We used pictures as references to identify key places around school, such as the hydro pool, soft play and the opening plaque. We have studied diaries, old photographs, attendance records and letters, to find out more about what our school was like in the past. Two students got to interview a member of staff who has been here for 17 years!

Out and about with Acorn class

Acorns Class have had a wonderful summer term. We have enjoyed enhancing the learning that goes on inside the classroom by visiting places outside of school, as well as welcoming visitors in.



Some of our highlights include visiting Reddish Vale Farm, Wythenshawe Park, Marple Locks and a visit from the police.



The pupils have been working really hard this term and have enjoyed learning about Journeys as part of our English topic.

Pupils have enjoyed exploring our local environment and engaged in educational visits to Manchester Museum, Wythenshawe Farm and Chester Zoo, but to name a few.

Hello from Birch class!



In Enrichment this half term the pupils have been working on their teamwork and communication skills. They have visited local parks to play games together and completed an enterprise project to raise money to put towards the end of year trip and a special class treat.

Birch Cafe

Cheese Toastie - £1.50
(Cheese, cheese & onion, cheese & Tomato available)

Friday 7th July
Food Tech room
10:15am - 11:30am
Deliveries available

Birch Cafe

Slice of cake £1
Tea / coffee 50p

Friday 30th June
10:15 to 11:45am.
Food Tech room
(Deliveries available)

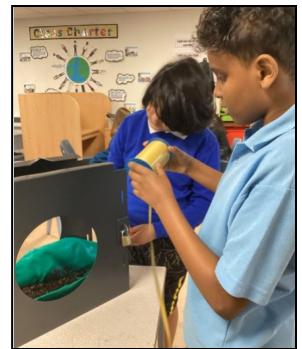
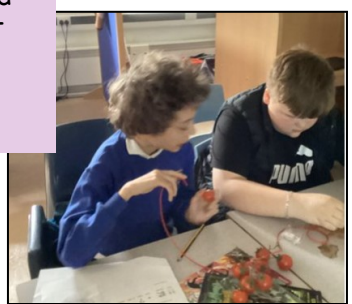
Please stop by and grab a treat!

This year has been a fun packed adventure for Birch pupils and we have made some amazing lasting friendships. Have a fabulous, safe Summer Holiday!

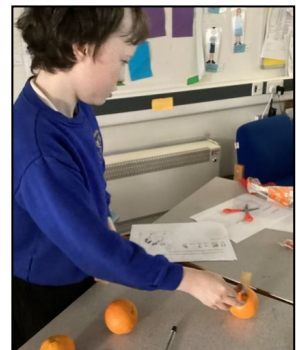
Cedar class

One thing we have all worked hard on this term is reducing our waste and how we can recycle more. We designed our planter for the school competition and we came second!

We investigated alternative energy sources and carried out experiments to look at what the best fruit or vegetable would make the best battery.



We looked at how we can keep the classroom healthier and wrote to our MP with our suggestions.



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Our address: Lancastrian School
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Date: 23rd June 2023

Dear Mr Smith

We are writing as we have had a SAINTE monitor in classroom for 2 weeks and we want to let you the results.

The monitor is measuring carbon dioxide and temperature in the classroom. It is measuring data in the classroom.

We need good air quality in our classroom because:

- It is good for the planet and environment and it is going to help the classroom.
- We have found that our air quality goes up and down when there are more people in the room and we move around a lot.
- This means its ruining our classroom as we don't have enough windows that open, our building is too old and we need a new one.

Yours Jones

Pine class

Pine have had a busy Summer Term working through their topic 'Journeys' We have read travel poems and the book, 'Last Stop Market Street'. We have been mixing colours to make new ones and printing with paint bubbles. We grew plants from bulbs, remembering to water everyday and leave in the sunshine. We recycled a broken drum to plant them as part of the school's ECO display. We have been thinking a lot about 'same', 'more' and 'less' and trying to use these mathematical terms through all our lessons.



We have been looking at how materials change by folding, scrunching, ripping or adding water and making our own tie dye T- shirts to wear to the Summer Fair.



We had a brilliant day out at Ringway Viewing Park even if we did choose the only rainy day in June to go! We all had a go at being the pilot – lots of buttons to press! We were amazed by the size of some of the planes we saw land and take off.

This half term Elm class experienced camping. All of the pupils have had opportunities to cook and eat foods made on a camping stove as well as explore a tent and sleeping bags both indoor and outdoor.

Elm class



We also had a weekly trip to our local CO-OP where we have been able to use a visual shopping list to find and purchase items needed for a cooking session later in the week. All of the pupils have experienced scanning, bagging and paying for their goods throughout the sessions.



Sycamore class

Our focus in Communication has been learning to make choices to help us become more independent. Learners have been encouraged and supported to make choices about what they want, what they need and how they feel. We have been focusing on understanding different types of questions and when we need to answer.



In the Summer term our overarching theme has been "Journeys". We have been exploring different ways of getting around, as well as celebrating and exploring cultures from around the world, reading stories related to them and discovering their culture, food, music and art.



We have enjoyed continuing our swimming programme this term. We have also been taking part in PE with Manchester City, learning new skills and teamwork!

Our focus in Reasoning and Cognition has been "Functional Time", including timetabling and scheduling, understanding the routine of the day and understanding the routine of regular activities. Great progress has been made in responding to visual and gestural cues.



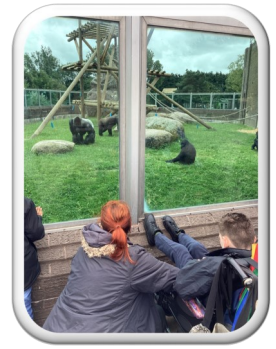
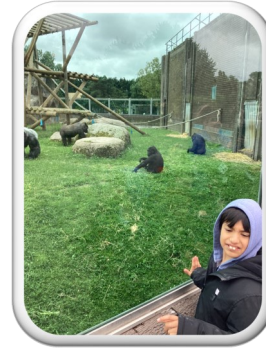
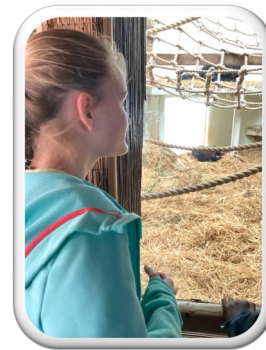
We have also been taking part in a STEM Science project with 6 other schools and Siemens, our business partner. We took part in a Rollercoaster Challenge, where pupils got the opportunity to build rollercoasters using a variety of resources, and test them to see how they work and how we could make them even better. Siemens hosted us for a wonderful celebration day alongside 3 other partnership schools.

This term, Rowan class have been looking at their topic about 'Journeys'. We have been enjoying our sensory massages linked to travelling to space, the children have made great progress in accepting touch and asking for different massage strokes. We have also been exploring different elements of space in our creative expression sessions, where we have been using different artistic materials such as wool, paint and tissue paper to create objects we might find in space. In addition, we have used unusual tools such as pipettes and sponges to create different textures to our art pieces!

Rowan class



In enrichment, we have been exploring messy play using different sensory stimuli such as slime, playdough and gloop (icing sugar and water). The children have loved getting messy and noticing the different textures. We have discovered which pupils prefer dry, and which like wet textures!



Finally, we ended our year by visiting Blackpool Zoo! All the children who attended sat beautifully on the minibus on the way there and home again. It was a very busy day and we tried to see as many animals as we could in the short time we were there. I think our favourites were the lions, gorillas and sea lions.

Hello from Maple! We've made it to the last half term of the academic year, it's gone so fast! The pupils have been working really hard this term and learnt topics such as debating in English, weighing and measuring and Ancient Greeks in History. The pupils have been on their summer class trip to the football museum and had a McDonald's for lunch which was a great way to end our year together before some of us move to a different class.

Maple class



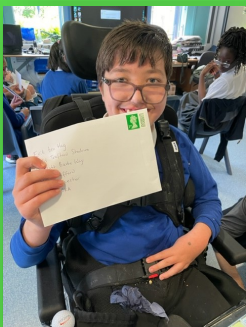
In English this half term the pupils have been working on their communication skills. They have been learning about debates and debating on topics such as 'should we wear school uniform or not?' and 'what time is best to go to bed?'.



We learnt about Ancient Greeks this term in History looking at how they lived and the influence they have had on us today; the pupils learnt about Greek pots, their different uses and then created their own!



Beech Class have been investigating this term.



We investigated writing letters and what happens if you put them in a post box. We received signed photos from Pep Guardiola and Erik Ten Hag!

We investigated how plants germinate and grew beans first in a plastic bag, then in a pot and finally transferred them into an old shoe for our 'recycled planter' competition.



We investigated different countries, their food and culture. Here we are doing Spanish Flamenco dancing and eating Spanish Tortilla!

We investigated the human circulation system and even found out what hearts actually look like by dissecting a lamb's heart!

This term, Willow class have been exploring the theme 'Journeys,' through motion, movement and environment curiosity, to experience the world around them.

Willow class



Visit to Mary Louise gardens.



River Mersey visit, meeting furry friends!



'Going on a Bear hunt' - tactile exploration



Making a splash in hydrotherapy!



A trip to the seaside - music and movement



'The magic London bus' - story massage.



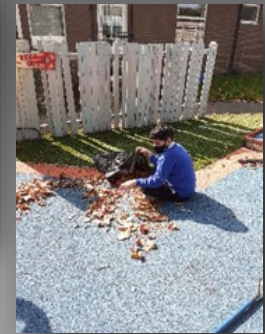
Visit to Withington Hospital café.



Watering the school planters as part of the Eco display.

Oak class highlights

Many of our Oak students have spent the last half term preparing for their final exams, practicing papers, going over previous learning and homing in on their times tables and grammar in preparation. In addition, they have been finishing off their ASDAN work and finalising the paperwork for their Duke of Edinburgh. This is a challenging time for them but they have all responded brilliantly.



During our final half term, we have spent a lot of time looking at the world of work, working with our career's advisor, looking at post 16 opportunities and homing in on those skills that make us more employable in the future. Sometimes this has been on a 1-1 or in small groups and teams, problem solving and taking up roles like company director, salesperson, finance direct etc to give them a taste of life in employment. We have also been carrying out enterprise activities for our enrichment lessons. Learning how to buy and sell goods, how to work out the logistics, the costings and learning about profits and how we can use these to purchase more goods. We have been selling ice creams and hot food to adults and children from other classes. We are going to use our profits to fund our end of year activities to celebrate a year of hard work and to say goodbye to our year 11's.

In our last week of the summer term we held our annual Year 11 graduation evening and Primary leavers prom. The pupils were all dressed to impress and made the staff and their families extremely proud.

Well done to all our pupils and in particular the Year 11's as they transition to their next destination.

2023 class of

Congratulations Graduates!



GOOD LUCK!

Good luck to Brian, Yaza, Daniel, Harvey, Hajra, Davae, Sebby and Logan.

