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Inspiring each other and growing together to achieve our best

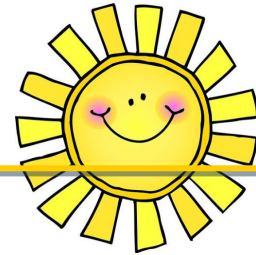
Inspire – Grow – Achieve

Hello and welcome

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

Summer Newsletter

July 2022



Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers

We have reached the end of another school year and looking back I wonder where the time has gone. The past 3 years have been hugely impacted by the Coronavirus Pandemic but we are now beginning to see light and find our new normal. As always the pupils have shown us the way with their resilience and determination to make the most of all life has to offer.

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 tried so hard to welcome our new pupils for September these past few weeks. Their transition events have been more in keeping with what we would want; however, even though they have still not been perfect we will be ready in September, just like this year, to help them settle in.

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. 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 graduation. It was also amazing to be able to celebrate the year 6 disco and the achievement assemblies with all our families.

We have 3 new classes joining us this September in the high school. They will be called Cedar, Sycamore and Rowan, it is great to see our school family grow. We are welcoming 40 new pupils altogether, 26 in the 3 new classes and 14 across school. These new classes have meant that we will be welcoming new staff to school for September. We are also saying goodbye to some of our staff who are moving onto to new adventures. I would like to take this time to thank, Pareece Craig, George Steer, Sian Atherton-Griffiths and Sophie Hackett for all their hard work and dedication to the pupils and Lancasterian school. We wish them well with their new adventures. I would also like to give a very big thank you and a very sad goodbye to Alli Gaskin, she has been our speech therapist for 16 years. It will be difficult to say goodbye but she will still be in touch through our partnership with ACE Centre. 2 of our staff are also leaving us temporarily to expand their own families; Mar Garcia-Herrero and Eriola Matsi. We wish them all the best and can't wait to meet their new babies next year.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff and the parents for your support during this difficult year. We have all worked together to ensure our pupils still receive the best education and school experience they can. As always the pupils have been amazing and have amazed me with their resilience. They have continued to inspire, grow and achieve greatness despite all the disruption.

Happy holidays and I look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 5th September

Alison Randall

Headteacher

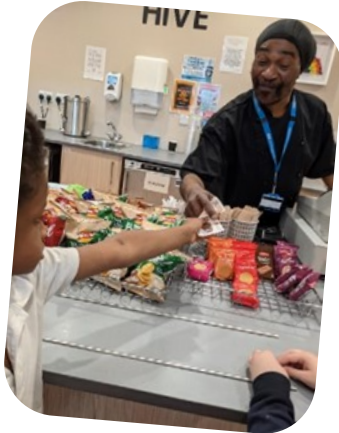
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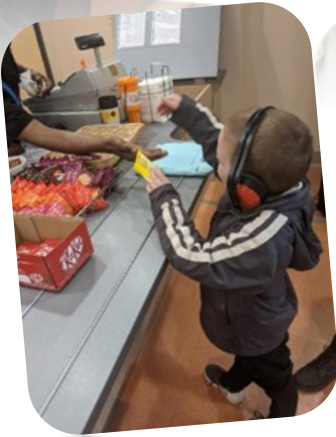
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Daffodil class

This last term Daffodils have been working on our life skills in the community. We have been going to the café at Withington hospital and paying for our snack.



We have been working on using cooking equipment safely and working on our spreading skills by making a range of snacks in cooking.



We have been working on our communication skills and have been using our pecs book in different activities and out in the community.



We have also tried to keep cool in this hot weather and when appropriate have got the paddling pools out to keep us cool in the summer heat.



Lavender class have enjoyed our Tuesday morning trips to **Wythenshawe Wheelers**, exploring a range of different bikes with our friends.

Lavender class



Some of Lavender class have been using the hydro pool in school. We have been working on our independent life skills to dress and undress ourselves, and we are also becoming more confident in the water.



We enjoyed our summer trip to **The Children's Adventure Farm** linked with our topic of **living things**. We explored different animals in their different habits and enjoyed giving them food, and we also enjoyed exploring different activities in a different environment.



We had a great day!

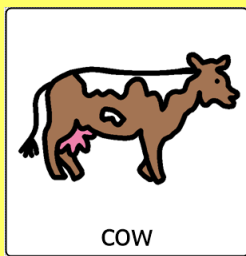


Bluebell class

This term we have visited Wythenshawe Community Farm on Thursday afternoons. We enjoyed visiting all of the farm animals we had learned about in class. We were also able to feed the cows and chickens.



Farm



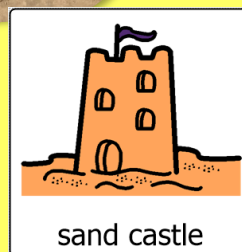
cow



We also went to New Brighton beach for our end of year trip! We really enjoyed paddling by the rocks and looking for shells on the beach.



Beach

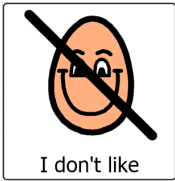
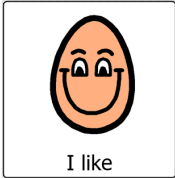


sand castle



shells

Blossom class



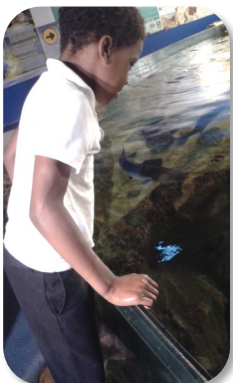
This year in Blossom everyone has been working really hard. They have completed a wide range of work and concentrated really hard. They have had fun, engaging in a variety of sensory activities using a wide range of things and have really begun to discover what they like and what they don't like.



They really enjoyed their enrichment activities this year especially exploring the foods and music of Spain. They smelt and tasted lots of different things and even got to listen to some guitar music played in the classroom.

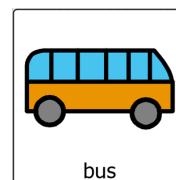


The class have enjoyed going out. They have grown in confidence during our trips to the park and have found the items they enjoy playing on. They have been able to share spaces well and begun to think about how we take turns.



At the end of the year we really enjoyed our trip to the Blue Planet Aquarium in Chester. The children behaved incredibly well and enjoyed looking at the different animals which were on display. They have shown us that they are able to travel safely and can explore new environments.

Well done Blossom.



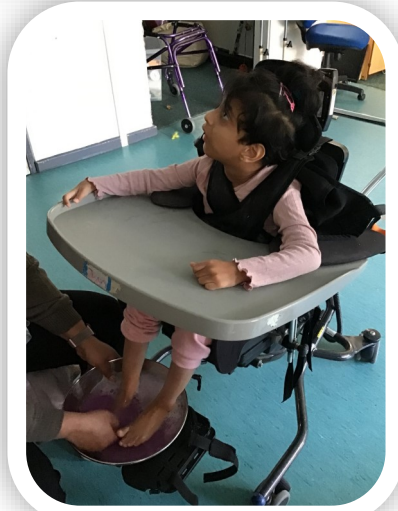
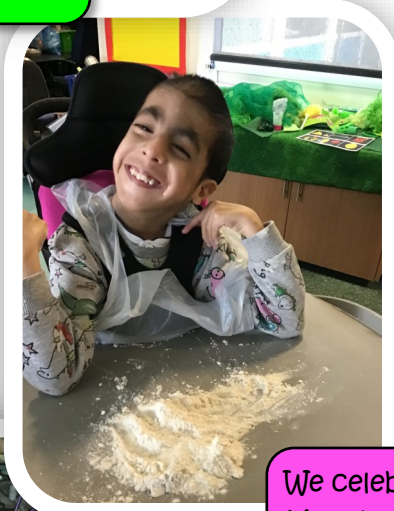
Rose class



We have had a fantastic summer term. We have had a full sensory learning experience.



We have been taking advantage of our nearby park and outside spaces to feel and smell leaves, sticks, soil and grass and explore the community around us.



We celebrated the Queen's Jubilee, Manchester day and dressed brightly for PMLD awareness day.



We have loved cooking in our classroom. We used the mixers, poured ingredients and helped to knead the dough. We even got to taste test everything ... of course!



Sunflower class

Water exploration

Our pupils have been able to explore different textures and resources in water. We have been able to go outside and splash around in a paddling pool.



Some of our pupils have also had the opportunity to go to the hydro pool. They have had a fun time splashing and kicking around!

We contributed to the pride flag used in the Manchester festival. We chose green and red, and used different tactile materials to allow all students to engage with it.



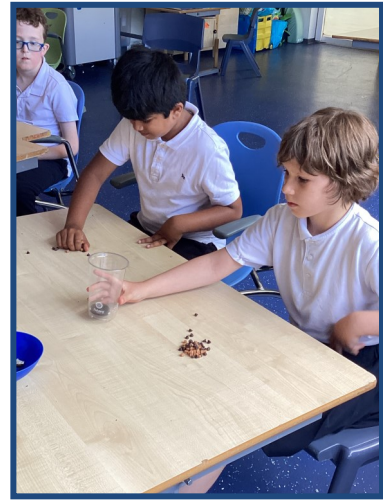
Therapy ball

We have been using the MOVE program principles during our therapy ball sessions. We have explored different movements using physio balls such as rocking, bouncing, rolling and tapping on them. Our pupils have really enjoyed this session and has allowed them to work on their different MOVE skills.



Jasmine class

What a term and year in Jasmine Class- we have all been working so hard and having such fun. In science we split into two groups- one group of us working on growing and planting, the other group exploring what you can find inside rocks and how fossils and soil are made.



We also had an amazing Class trip to RHS Bridgewater, where we explored the gardens and trees and found the most amazing hidden fairy houses and doors.

In our humanities this term we have been looking at ancient Egypt. We loved the mummies so we then tried to mummify our own fruit!



A year in Acorns class!

Acorns have had a fantastic year! We have been on a range of different trips and celebrated lots of different events.



World Book Day



Trip to the Sea Life Centre



Trip to St. Ambrose Church



Christmas Trip to the Parrs Wood Complex



Trip to Shaare Hayim Synagogue



Celebrating Christmas



Trip to Castlefield, Manchester Roman Fort



Celebrating Eid

Hello from Pine class! As the end of Summer term approaches we would love to share with you what we have been doing in school.



Pine class

This term we have enjoyed lots of activities linked to our topic of **Living Things**. We really enjoyed learning about mini-beats! We had the chance to explore and interact with lots of wild and interesting insects, including Morio Worms, Locusts, Beetles and Stick Insects. We enjoyed exploring our local community and had trips to the park every week, no matter the weather! We have been able to take what we have learned outside and explore our local plants and animals.

We have also enjoyed lots of physical activities including cycling at Wythenshawe Park, PE with a Manchester City Coach and Rebound Therapy.

We have been learning to problem solve including opening a range of different boxes, containers and jars. We have also been using different kinds of puzzles to challenge our skills. We have been developing our visual and auditory memory, through a wide range of challenging activities.

We have been using a wide range of sensory activities to help us learn and every week we take part in a Sensory Story. These stories have focused on plants and animals and have included "Rumble in the Jungle", "There was an Old Lady who swallowed a fly" and "Jasper's Beanstalk".



We've had a fantastic year! Thanks for all of your support!!
We hope that you all have a fun and safe summer holiday!!



Elm class

Improving our communication

We have been working hard to improve our communication this year. We have used a variety of PECs symbols, electronic AAC devices and individual communication books across a variety of different activities and in different places. This has helped increase our confidence in speaking to others and reduced our frustrations, as a wider audience more easily understands our wants.



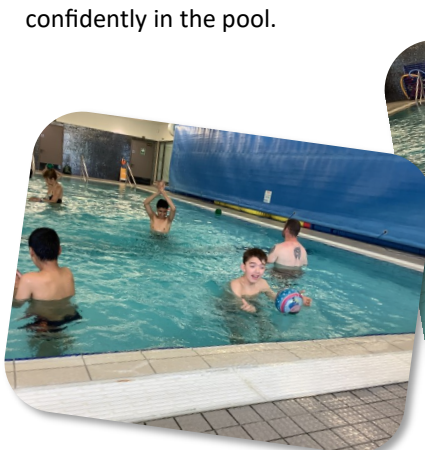
Making friends and sharing spaces

We have been building relationships with staff and other pupils. We have enjoyed visiting Wythenshawe Wheelers both as a class and with our friends from Willow Class. We learnt to share the bikes and relate well to different staff in both classes. We have also built relationships in class and learnt we can share our space with our preferred staff and share these staff with other pupils in class. Lastly, we have learnt to share our space whilst out in the community. We can now share tables with each other and next to unfamiliar people in public spaces.



Swimming

We have really enjoyed going swimming this last term. We have practiced our dressing and undressing skills. Some of us have also had showers and practiced our washing skills. We have increased our confidence in the water and practiced moving about more freely and confidently in the pool.



Willow class

This term our topic in Willow has been "Living Things". We have focused on caring for our environment. We have explored our story "The Lorax", about the consequences of what can happen if we do not look after the living things we share our planet with.



Exploring 'The Lorax'



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Tactile exploration

We have explored life cycles in tactile exploration! We have been exploring frogs and butterflies. We all really enjoyed our butterfly eggs (tapioca pearls) and frog spawn (jelly baff)!



Tactile exploration



PMLD Awareness day

Summer term has been a time for celebrations! We have celebrated the Jubilee, Sports week and PMLD awareness day. We have also been lucky to share some live music events!



Sports week



Manchester Day



Live Music

Birch class

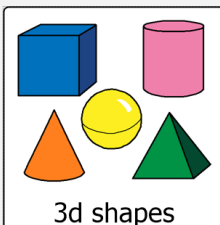
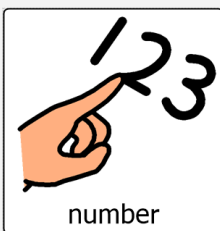
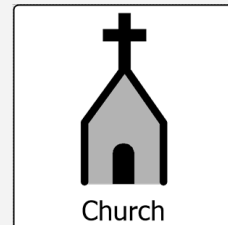
Hello from Birch class!

We have enjoyed lots of trips this term linked to our Science Topic; Mini Beasts and Living Plants. Our trips have included visiting, Tatton Park, Adventure Farm, Sea Life Centre and Longford Park. The pupils have engaged and participated in all their off-site learning. They have been able to apply their learning to everyday life.



We have had a trip to our local church to look at different symbols used in the church and had a lovely story read to us by the vicar.

In Maths we have been working on number counting and formation. The pupils have also explored 2D and 3D shapes.



We have been looking into traditional Manchester foods and past industries. We have tasted food around Manchester, we have made Manchester Tart and Eccles cakes. We explored the cotton industry, and then put into practice our fine motor skills. We did this by using a variety of coloured cottons.

Have a fabulous, safe Summer Holiday!

Maple class

This term Maple have really enjoyed swimming lessons at Hough End and have been practicing their swimming strokes and water safety.



Venture Arts have been running weekly workshops and we have designed, molded and painted ceramic bowls.

We have enjoyed our weekly Tennis lessons at Heaton Mersey Tennis club where we have developed our hand-eye coordination and racket skills.



For our summer trip we travelled to Blackpool to visit the seaside, play in the arcades and have fish and chips. It was a great way to make some fun memories with friends and celebrate a successful year in Maple class!



Out and about with Beech class!

This year Beech Class have really enjoyed being able to get back out on the road again!

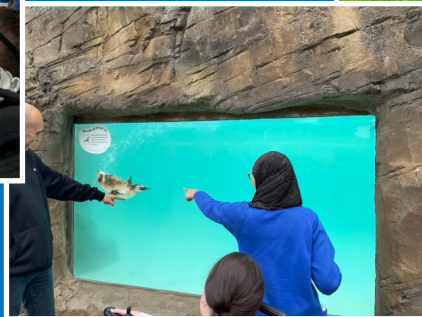
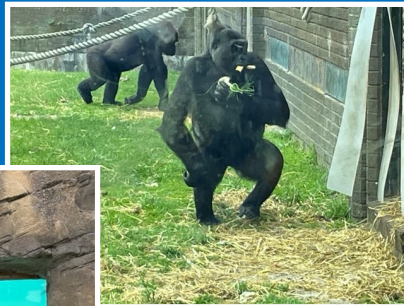


We loved going on a country walk earlier in the year. We even played 'Pooh sticks' on the bridge!

Christmas wouldn't be the same without a trip to the Trafford Centre and the cinema. We love going to the movies!



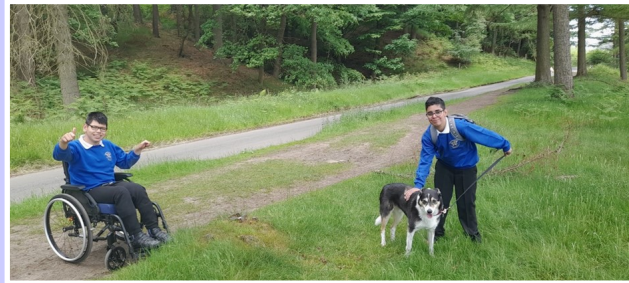
Blackpool Zoo was our destination for our summer trip. It's been a long time since we were able to visit and the animals looked really pleased to see us! The Gorilla stole all the fruit then ran into his hut!



Even a trip to the local park is such fun on a summer's day! (and the ice cream)

Oak class

Oak Class have had a brilliant time working on their **Duke of Edinburgh Award** this summer term. Our Year 11's completed their final excursions in The Peak District and year 10's completed an important excursion to Ladybower Reservoir. Pupils especially enjoyed these breath-taking views accompanied by Simons' dog, Mac!



Logan has been working on many design and technology projects this year. Highlights being this huge skatepark and planters made from unused wooden pallets.



For enrichment this term, Oak Class have been exploring music recording and production. Pupils recorded their voices and had lots of fun adding effects using music production software. We were joined by students from Birch and Maple class for some sessions and even collaborated to record their own song!



Class of 2022



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.

