Paces School for Conductive Education.

Summer Term 2 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,
I can't quite believe we have reached the end of another academic year. When I reflect back on the past 12 months, once again the pupils of Paces have achieved so much.

Next year will be a very exciting year as we move into our new school building. We plan to spend the first half of the Autumn Term preparing and involving pupils in the move as much as we can. We will try and provide an opportunity for everyone to visit before we move too, as well as attempting to minimise the disruption to learning as much as we can. In the autumn term we will be in touch with regards to arrangements for dropping off and picking up at the new school. Just to remind everyone, we move into the new school over the October half term. Pupils will not be in school from Monday 17th October until and will return Monday 31st October.

In the meantime, I hope you all have a lovely and enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing you all on the 1st of September.

Summer School:
We look forward to welcoming some of our older pupils to Summer School starting Monday 25th July to Friday 29th July.

We have some lovely activities planned and we ask that parents drop their children off at 9.00am and pick up at 3.00pm. Packed lunches will be required. We can heat food up as needed.

Pupils will be involved in Conductive Education programmes in the morning and then we have a range of fun activities and visitors coming to work with us in the afternoon.

Pupil Update:
At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Tobias, a much loved and important part of our school team. Tobias has been a pupil at Paces since the age of 3 and is an absolute credit to his family and the staff in school. We will miss him dearly but hope that we will keep in touch with Tobias as he starts his new adventure at King Ecgburts school.
Paces won't be quite the same without you Tobias!
Good luck with everything you do and huge thank you for all your fantastic fundraising efforts.

We look forward to welcoming Toby, Fatima, Albert and Matty to our school in September. All have had very successful transition visits and we look forward to working with them.

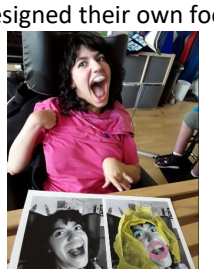
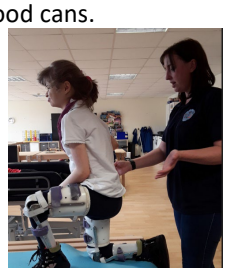
Windsor Class:

This half term our work in Windsor class has been inspired by events in our class novel, *The Switch*, as our protagonist has been trapped in a laboratory where beauty products are designed and then tested on children! We have explored the techniques used in advertising for our English unit and students have had fun creating their own products and magazine advertisements for them, utilising the techniques we have seen. I would love to try the edible chocolate bath bomb!

In Maths we have continued to consolidate our understanding of money whilst also learning about both 2D and 3D shapes.

Linked to our Science topic on the human body, we have taken different measurements to assess people's health and looked at how to keep skin healthy. I have been very impressed by students' impressive recall of important details to check for signs of health. We also explored different smells and then made and tested our own shampoos. They smelt lovely but sadly could not compare with the cleaning power of the shop bought alternatives.

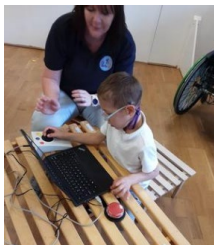
Following students' fabulous pieces inspired by the work of Banksy and Yayoi Kusami, most recently our focus in Art has been on Andy Warhol. After looking at his Portraits of Marilyn Monroe and making their own, students considered his interest in product packaging and designed their own food cans.

Warwick Class:

Warwick class have continued to have a fantastic summer enjoying their Animal Safari topic. We had a wonderful time visiting Yorkshire Wildlife Park and saw a huge variety of animals including lions, polar bears, wallabies and giraffes. As well as that, we've had some pet animals visiting us. Derek the dog came from Support Dogs and he showed us some of the amazing things he does to help look after the people he lives with. Jimmy the hamster also came to see us, with his owner Katharine- a pet-loving member of the Warwick team. The children have really enjoyed exploring some of the things we need to have to look after animals; we even went to the local pet shop to learn about what they sell.

The class have explored the features of a non-fiction books and helped to write a page for a class book about looking after animals. As always, the children have worked incredibly hard on developing their physical skills and they loved putting them into practice for Tobias' 1k challenge- the wheelbarrow being a particularly popular method of transfer! ICT has also been a particular focus this term with the children relishing in more regular opportunities to use laptops and switches. It's been a great term and the children have so much to be proud of!



WJEC results:

Well done to Lara, Mia, Tristan, Elliot, Veronica, Lillia, Charlotte and Nico who successfully gained credits in the following WJEC units of work:

Science and our universe
Variation and adaptation
Working with measures
Communicating experience
Introduction to whole numbers

They all worked extremely hard to complete their units. A big thank and well done to the staff team in Windsor for supporting students with their exam board work.

Durham Class:

During this term Durham class have explored maps, learning about the location of the world`s seas and oceans as well as map symbols. Linked to this we also learnt about directions on a compass. We have explored the human and physical features of a coastline finding out about the coastal town of Whitby, including how Captain Cook is linked to the town.

We investigated the differences between Whitby in the past and the present and created our own Punch and Judy show.

During English lessons we wrote a coastal description, thinking about our vocabulary, using adjective word cards and we also wrote a non- chronological report about Whitby. We researched information about the coastal city, using the internet and google maps. Finally, we wrote a persuasive letter to family members to encourage them to visit a coastal town.

We had lots of fun making our own lighthouse- it is so big we can get inside it!

This half term, in maths, we have been learning about the days of the week, months of the year and recognising seasons. The children worked hard to become confident with sequencing events and remembering when each of our birthdays will be. This led nicely into our discussion about the festival of the Summer Solstice in our RE lessons. We enjoyed some nature-orientated activities, such as perfume making, with our friends in the Hardwick class.

This half term we have spent lots of time outdoors enjoying the nice weather. We have been increasing our independence in using the outdoor park area at Paces. The children have thoroughly enjoyed playing with water outside too!

Balmoral Class:

The summer term has proven to be fun-filled and exciting for all of the pupils in the Balmoral class. We have enjoyed trips, banquets and sports day! I am delighted to say all our wonderful pupils have made amazing progress over the term and have definitely earned a well-deserved rest over the summer holidays!

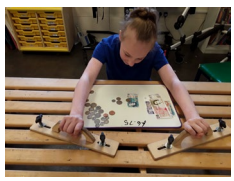
We have continued our investigations into the ancient Greek civilisation. We even decided to eat like a Greek for the day! We sampled olives, Greek yoghurt, feta cheese and much more! We think some pupils were much keener than others on Greek food.

The pupils took part in a whole school sports day which definitely brought out their competitive side! We represented the country of Jamaica and sang our anthem loud! A massive thanks to you all for sending your child in Jamaican colours!

Wentworth Class:

We have been learning about money this term, not just in Maths but in PSHE too. We talked about how money affects our feelings, what are the links between money and jobs, how we pay for things, how payments are changing, what affects our choices about money, responsibilities and difficulties with money and how to plan a simple budget. We had some amazing discussions and debates around this topic. Each student worked on their History PowerPoint presentation using the knowledge and skills they gained during ICT, History and English lessons.

We have also been enjoying the lovely summery weather and whenever we could, we have had lessons outside in the garden. We even attempted a lying programme on the grass which ended up with lots of laugh and fun.



Future dates for your diary:

Summer School	25th July-29th July
Start of term:	1st September 2022
Pupils finish for half term:	14th October 2022
October half term:	24th -28th Oct 2022
Return to new school:	**31st October 2022**

New Staff and pupil update:

Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Briana who has been a super teacher in Hardwick and Durham this year. Briana will be working at a school much closer to home and enjoying a much shorter journey to work each day.

We look forward to welcoming Mel Hipwell and Jemma Vernon both teachers with experience of working in special schools.

Congratulations to Vickie Strange and Lucy Barker who have been appointed as Senior Conductor Assistants.

Message from Mel:

My name is Mel Hipwell, I am excited to be joining the team at Paces School as a teacher in September 2022.

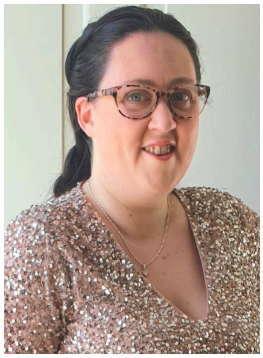
I have been teaching in education for 10 years. I graduated with a first BA Hons in education and I'm currently doing a MA in special educational needs.

I am a very active person who loves any type of fitness and adventures! I have 2 small children who keep me on my toes.

I am really looking forward to meeting everyone and teaching the children from September. It is very exciting times ahead for Paces School and I am very pleased to be a part of it.

Message from Jemma:

My name is Jemma Veron and I'm looking forward to joining the team at Paces in September. I've already been made to feel so welcome by both adults and pupils. Whilst I'm new to Paces I've worked and taught in a variety of SEN schools for the past ten years and I can't wait to meet and get to know my new class when we return after summer.



Hardwick Class: We have had a wonderful half term of continuing our work on the Splash! topic. Since we are enjoying the heat of summer, we have been linking this topic to preparing for going to the beach!

In our writing and hand programme sessions, we have been drawing a path for the car to go visit the beach – rubbing the sun cream onto ourselves to stay safe in the sun and we have built up sand castles.

In PSHE we have been exploring different professions - our clear favourites being a hairdresser where we can wash and brush hair. We have had a go at being a midwife, looking after babies, giving them baths and helping them put clothes on. We have also been working in pairs and small groups to help work on our sharing and social skills.

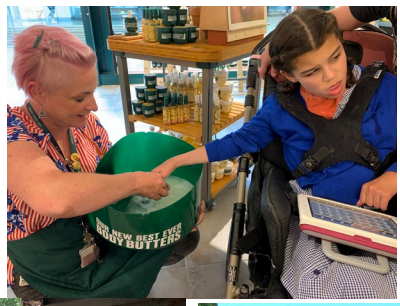
We have been working hard on our physical skills, by continuing our task series for a full year, the children in Hardwick know them very well. So, they have been able to know what happens next and work in the task series with more independence!

Something Special: Well done to Stanley and Chloe who spent a day filming in Leeds with Mr Tumble himself. It was great to be able to welcome the film crew into school where many pupils from the Warwick, Balmoral, Hardwick and Durham class all had the opportunity to go in front of the camera. We certainly do have some budding stars in our midst. We look forward to hearing from the BBC with regards to when the shows will be aired.

Educational Visits:

It has been lovely this half term for some of our classes to go out on Educational Visits. Here are some pictures below of groups out and about.

Hardwick, Durham and Balmoral all enjoyed visits to Hesley Wood to enjoy some of their outdoor facilities. Warwick class enjoyed a visit to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park linked to their termly topic Animal Safari. Pupils from the Windsor class visited Meadowhall to develop some independent life skills with some pupils choosing to visit the cinema. Pupils from the Wentworth class visited Crucial Crew to explore activities linked to keeping themselves safe.



Sports Day:
On Thursday 7th July we held a Commonwealth themed Sports Day. Each class represented a different country from the Commonwealth and competed in a range of different sporting events. Although it was a very hot day the pupils and staff all worked extremely hard and enjoyed taking part in the day very much.

Summer Fayre:
The PTA will be holding a later Summer Fayre on Saturday 17th September 12.00-4.00pm. We hope very much that the weather will still be nice and we will be able to enjoy the outdoor space at the campus. We will be holding the usual stalls including toys/books, tombola and cake stall.
Any donations for items to any of the above would be gratefully received from 6th September.

Congratulations:
Congratulations to Becky Eve and her husband Will who welcomed baby Teddy in May. It was lovely to see Becky and Teddy when they came to Paces for one of our assemblies.

We wish Vickie Strange and Leanne Danforth the very best with their up-and-coming wedding celebrations. Congratulations to you both.