Paces School for Conductive Education.

Autumn Term 2 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As another term draws to an end, I would like to take this opportunity to reflect on all that the pupils at Paces have achieved. Our new school provides such a lovely working environment for both the pupils and the staff and we have very much enjoyed making the school our home over the past few weeks. A big thank you to all the staff and parents who have helped and supported us on this journey. Particular thanks to Paces school staff who gave up time during their weekend; staff from Turner and Townsend and any parents and governors who helped with the logistics of the move.
I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday with your families, and I look forward to welcoming pupils back into school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023.
Best wishes
Ruth

Governor Update:
I am pleased to announce that we have a number of new governors that have recently joined the governing board. Our new Chair of Governors is Tom Lane, whose wife Becky is a long-standing member of the Paces team. Our new staff governor is Petar Tica, class teacher in the Hardwick class and responsible for planning ICT and AAC across the school. We are also lucky to have Katie Hall who is the Deputy Headteacher at Woodlands Primary School and brings with her a wealth of relevant educational experience.

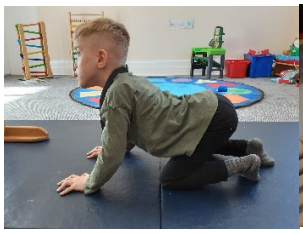
In the new year we will also be looking for a new parent governor. This is a great opportunity for a parent to support with the strategic management of the school as we move forwards. Emma Dodd is our existing parent governor and is happy for any interested parent to call her on 07885 934643 for additional information.

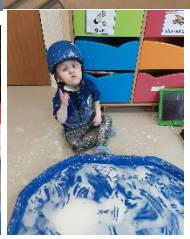
The Fundraising Team would like to thank all parents and carers for their support this year! We have lots planned for 2023 including some exciting new events! Please take a look at our website www.pacessheffield.org.uk to see if there's anything you'd like to get involved in.

Warwick I Class:

We have had a very exciting half term settling into our new classroom and school environment. The children have had fun exploring the different areas and making labels so we know where everything is. Our new bathroom area has been a wonderful addition and we love the increasing independence it is giving the children. We've also had a great time in our new Task Series groups where the children are learning alongside their peers in Durham in different rooms on the top floor of the school. This has been a particularly successful change and the children are really benefitting from their new role models.

Within our topic, we've continued to learn about the past and have particularly enjoyed 'The Elves and the Shoemaker' story- recalling it and sequencing it, as well as counting and sewing shoes! We also learnt about clothes in the past and had a go at redesigning old t-shirts instead of making new ones. More recently, we had a lovely visit from one of our pupil's grandma and grandpa who told us all about what it was like when they were at school, bringing with them photos as well as exciting instruments from when they were children.





Windsor Class:

In Windsor this term we have been very busy with all our learning. In Maths we have done lots of work on fractions that will be used towards our WJEC awards. In English we have been writing poetry and looking at different writing techniques within poems. During Science we have been exploring acids and alkalines, we have done lots of experiments round this topic but our favourite was the Invisible ink!!

There have been so many other highlights during this term, including hosting a whole school event for Children in Need and raising money and our Christmas party. We have particularly enjoyed working with different friends and staff for the task series every morning. We are all working really hard towards achieving our physical targets. We had a lovely Xmas party and enjoyed playing lots of games.

Christmas Celebrations:

We enjoyed having our family members in school to share in our Christmas festivities. We loved sharing our songs with them and really enjoyed having family to help us with our arts and craft activities.

Christmas Fun: We really enjoyed our special Christmas lunch on Tuesday and our party afternoon to celebrate the end of term. We particularly enjoyed a visit from the big man himself who delivered us some presents.

Children in Need:

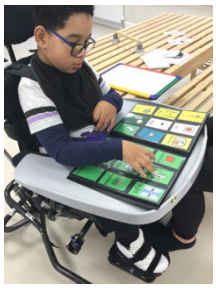
Once again we celebrated Children in Need day in style with pupils and staff dressing up in either their spotty gear, pyjamas or Pudsey outfits. Pupils in the Windsor class organized some fantastic activities for the whole school to participate in and everyone had a great time playing games and eating cake!

Balmoral Class:

It's been an exciting yet challenging half term in the balmoral class, with all the pupils rising exceptionally to challenges they have faced from moving to a brand-new school, to putting on a Christmas performance for you all to enjoy. The pupils have worked extremely hard over the last 7 weeks and are excited to share that progress with you all.

During our literacy lessons we have focused on expanding our vocabulary to make our writing more exciting! Here you can see Rio using new words to create some fantastic sentences about working in a Victorian Factory.

In our maths lessons, we have been improving our knowledge of place value. Understanding how numbers relate to their values! Here is Riley showing amazing partitioning skills dividing his numbers up into 10's and 1's. In ICT we have been using the software programmer Pivot animator. We have been able to create short stories whilst developing our knowledge and ICT skills along the way.



Warwick Class: Warwick Class welcomed a new class member this term, her name is Fatima and she has settled in really well, getting to know the rest of her class and staff team. We are looking forward to learning more about Fatima.

Everyone is settling into our new school really well and particularly love our new classroom. We have a sensory corner that has a bright and colourful canopy to sit under with fairy lights hung from it and mirrors on the walls. We love to listen to our sensory stories using our new interactive screen, whilst we practice our independent sitting.

This term we have been exploring our new school and the beautiful grounds around our building. We enjoyed meeting new people whilst on our walks around the school.

We wrote a non-fiction book about our new school. To begin with we went outside to take pictures and discussed which were our favourite parts. The children enjoyed looking at all the trees and plants outside and we really enjoyed discovering our new play area.

In our new school we have an amazing life skills kitchen this is George's favourite part. We loved using our life skills kitchen to bake some delicious buns.

This term we have also been learning about the season autumn and have been out collecting conkers, leaves and pine cones. We have incorporated our autumn finds into our Maths lessons, where we have been learning the numbers 1-5.

Warwick class have also been learning about old and new and we compared and explored old and new toys and have enjoyed looking at old pictures too.

We continue to work super hard on all our physical programmes and our teacher Abbey has created a new floor programme for us to enjoy, amongst our other programmes.

Durham Class:

We have had a fantastic term in Durham, settling into our brand-new school and classroom. The first day back was Halloween, so we all wore spooky costumes!

We had a lovely walk to Chapeltown War Memorial for Remembrance Day in November, laying paper poppy wreaths we had made and thinking about the soldiers in the war.

We have all been trying really hard in our task series and are developing using the skills we learn throughout our daily life in school!

We have done lots of amazing work in our lessons too. We have written letters to Ruth letting her know how much we love Thorncliffe Hall, learnt about schools in the past and written diary entries as if we were children during the Industrial Revolution.

We have all been practicing our number skills, whether that's learning to recognise numbers or how to add, and we have done lots of work on telling the time.

December has been extra fun in the run up to Christmas! We decorated the Christmas Tree, made lots of Christmas crafts, and have been visited by a very cheeky elf! We also had a lovely trip to Meadowhall. We got to pick a toy from Poundland, went to see a fantastic film called Strange World and even went to McDonald's!

Wentworth Class:

We have a very busy term behind us. The Wentworth class has settled well in the new classroom, enjoying decorating it and make it our own. We have a good daily routine now and it has been great to see students from other classes whilst doing the morning task series. All of the students have already made some great progress. We have been learning about poetry in English, Buddhism in RE, forces in Science and the Industrial Revolution in History. We are really looking forward to Christmas, we have been baking with varying degrees of success and lots of mess.

Family Services:

Wow what an eventful start to the term! Firstly, I have enjoyed settling into my new role as Family Support, having lots of new areas to explore. As many of you will know, as part of my role I now attend annual reviews to support with social care and it has been great hearing how amazing all the pupils are doing. Secondly, I have had the opportunity to work with the pupils in class, which has been lovely- and it is always fun in class! Thirdly, I have been building lots of relationships with external agencies, in the hope that we can access more support in and out of school. More updates in the new year to follow.

For the spring term, I will be keeping myself extra busy! From arranging meetings with post Paces provisions to enrolling on lots of exciting courses to support my role. Additionally, I have been working alongside the fundraising team to explore new avenues for the pupils of Paces. We are hoping to involve them all in various activities, such as getting out and about in the local community. Next term will be full of new fun things for Paces- so watch this space! As always, I would like to remind you all that I am available to support you whenever and wherever possible, so please do not hesitate to get in contact. Best wishes Kim

Hardwick Class:

We have had a great term in Hardwick, with lots going on. We have done lots of themed work in our lessons, such as; baking for Halloween, fantastic art work for Halloween, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day and lots of Christmas crafts and baking.

The pupils in Hardwick class have been working hard in their daily task series, developing their skills with a focus on sitting and standing balance: leaning to the side, leaning forward and putting their weight on their feet to help with standing and walking. It has been lovely to see every pupil, although all at different points in their learning journey, improve their skills throughout this term with a smile on their face each day!

Throughout all our lessons and play times, the pupils have been supported to be more social and interact with their peers. They have played fun games involving reaching out to each other and vocalising at the top of their voices – which can get very loud, believe me! It has been great to see the ever-growing friendships and relationships within the Hardwick class, the pupils improving their skills with initiating interactions and doing work around sharing and positive play.

We really enjoyed our Christmas class trip to Hollywood bowl and Frankie and Benny's, we had a blast scoring strikes and competing with the other half of the class! We have made some fantastic memories this term, and we are excited for what 2023 has in store for us.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from us all in Hardwick Class.

Future dates for your diary:

Pupils return to school	3rd January 2023
Finish for half term	10th February 2023
Return to school	20th February 2023
Finish for Easter holiday	31st March 2023
Return to school	17th April 2023

Christmas Celebration Take 2:

On behalf of all the staff and pupils of Paces School I would like to wish you a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.