



Paces School for Conductive Education.

Spring Term 1 2023

Dear Parents,

It's been a lovely, busy half term with so many exciting activities. At the start of the half term we spent time together reflecting on our goals and new years resolutions. It has been great to watch everyone working hard towards achieving these targets. The highlight of the half term for me was Singing Hands today. It was really lovely to see so much joy and laughter in school (as well as lots of singing and signing!)

Have a lovely half term
Ruth

Parent Governor information:

Unfortunately, we didn't receive any ballot papers from parents interested in becoming a governor. This role is a great way of getting more involved with the school and helping support with the strategic development and growth of the school. Anybody who is interested please get in touch with Ruth to discuss further.

Singing Hands:

A big thank you to the PTA who arranged for Singing Hands to come into school and deliver a series of workshops this week. Pupils and staff really enjoyed the day joining in with lots of lovely songs and signing.



School Council:

Hi, we are the school council and we're so pleased to meet up again. We've been discussing lots of things such as the names of our new school houses which will be called Endcliffe, Weston, Hillsborough and Millhouses. After the holidays we will be putting everyone into one of the four houses.

We are also busy organising a music festival for all of our friends which will be on Friday 14th of July.

Each class has one or two representatives and they are:

Windsor: Nico

Wentworth: Grace and Aoife

Balmoral: Wiktor

Durham: Owen and Isabella

Hardwick: Ramiyah

Warwick: Louie

Jemma Vernon is now helping us run the school council. By Aoife and Grace.



Children's Mental Health Week 6th -10th Feb:

A focus across the school this week has been Children's Mental Health Week. Pupils have accessed activities from the Place2Be website and explored the theme 'Let's Connect'.

Each member of staff and pupil decorated one link for our special Children's Mental Health Week paperchain which we all put together in our end of half term assembly. We also created a gratitude jar with pupils and staff thinking of things they are grateful for. Before the end of this week we will work together to fill the jar with our ideas.



Something Special:

Last term we were lucky enough to be asked to participate in filming for three episodes of Something Special. It was a great day and all the younger pupils in school enjoyed their moment of fame.

A special well done to Stanley, Chloe, Elise and Becky L who did a full day filming in Leeds as part of the George's Café episode. Please see below dates of episodes available of CBeebies.

Episode 10 – George's Café – 26th Jan 2023

Owen, Rio, Lenny, Felix, Ezra, Archie, Beau

Episode 11 – Alpacas – 27th Jan 2023

Bere, Lennie, Louis, Isabella, Owen, Ezra, Isaac

Episode 15 – Ice Cream Farm – 22nd Feb 2023

Lennie, Isaac, Ezra, Beau

Episode 23 – Fishing – 6th March 2023

Finley, Javaria

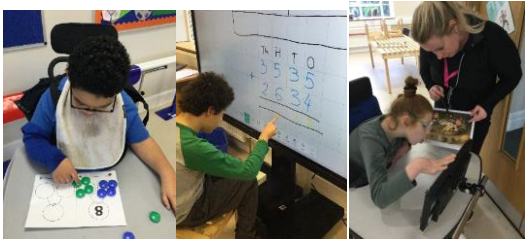


Balmoral Class:

Spring 1 has been an exciting time in the Balmoral class. We have explored the 'Grow to Sow' topic and have learnt many new interesting facts about the world beyond our school. On the last week of term, we went for a well-deserved trip to go bowling and went for some food at Frankie and Benny's!



In English, we have been reading the book 'The Secret Garden'. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed reading the book and created some amazing descriptions of the characters. The pupils have demonstrated fantastic recall, sequencing the main events of the story in their own words!



Addition and subtraction have been our main focus in maths during spring 1, pupils have shown an excellent understanding of the concept and have revelled in using the resources available to them to show us their knowledge!

In RE, pupils have explored Buddhism and how their lives differ from our own. Pupils have demonstrated some amazing understanding of the way of life of a Buddhist and have even selected some values to incorporate into their own life!

The main area of our topic has been geography. We have explored how farms work and explored the produce we can grow here in the UK!

Windsor Class:

Windsor Class have had a fabulous time this half term learning about different types of animals and the basic needs they all share. We started off by focussing on birds and learned about variation across the species by seeing how the beaks of different birds have adapted to enable them to eat specific foods more effectively. We have tried to attract more birds to the school site by creating some bird feeders and decorating some very beautiful nesting boxes for them.

We have been looking at different pets and starting to think about how they need to be looked after. We were lucky enough to have some overnight guests in the classroom: a pair of fancy mice called Ruth and Lizzie. We made a hide for them to play in which we put in their cage and we fed them treats of peanuts. The next day the mice were joined by a whole host of other animals including a snake, a lizard, a tortoise, a giant millipede, more mice, a guinea pig and a skinny pig, and a beautiful velvety black rabbit. The students were very happy meeting the animals up close and held or stroked them, some even let a mouse pose for a photograph on their shoulder. The visit from Leanimals Mobile Zoo was a great way to enrich our work on animal care for our current WJEC Science unit and we are excited to learn more about looking after specific animals in greater detail next half term.



Warwick 2 Class:

Warwick 2 have enjoyed exploring winter through our sensory story 'Stick Man'. We found sticks to count and turn into our own stick-men, made beautiful snowy pictures, matched clothing to the correct season and handled different temperature objects and materials to learn about hot and cold. We've had two birthday celebrations in class, celebrating Beau's 6th birthday and Javeria's 5th birthday. We had a lot of fun playing party games, dressing up, dancing, sensory play and of course eating CAKE!

This term we have been enjoying our new topic 'Dangerous Dinosaurs'. This has involved us going on Dinosaur hunts around the school, digging up dinosaur bones, counting footprints and creating our own dinosaurs. We have enjoyed our class sensory stories 'If I had a dinosaur' and 'Dear Dinosaur'. We have written a letter to the T-rex at the museum and wrote our own class story 'If we had a dinosaur'. Watch out parents, I think the children will be wanting a pet dinosaur for home!

We have had lots of fun learning all about Chinese New Year, by watching lion and dragon dances, making lanterns and cooking Chinese food in our amazing life skills kitchen.

We continue to work super hard on all our physical programmes. We had a special visitor on Wednesday 1st February; Bassit Siddiqui from Tes Institute and Siddiqui Education as well as Googlebox! He was amazed at all our hard work during the task series and said he could have watch us all day! He attended our class to watch are teacher Abbey complete her final teaching exam.



Future dates:

Return to school:	Mon 20 th Feb
World Book Day:	Thurs 2 nd March
Comic Relief Day:	Fri 17 th March
Break up for Easter:	Friday 31 st March
Start of Summer Term:	Mon 17 th April
May Day holiday:	Mon 1 st May
Extra bank holiday:	Mon 8 th May
Break up for half term:	Fri 26 th May
Start of half term:	Mon 5 th June
Last day of summer term:	Friday 21 st July

Wentworth Class:

'We had a great start into the new year and this half term has gone very fast. The students have each made a vision board setting some goals for themselves and identifying the steps needed to reach these goals. The class has also been enjoying Art lessons learning about L.S Lowry and his work. The students have been creating some fantastic drawings using pencils and charcoal inspired by Lowry. They've also been learning about the Victorian times and these History lessons will be something they will remember for a very long time to come. The students experienced a Victorian day wearing clothes from that era and finding out the consequences of any poor behaviour which wasn't pleasant. The pupils have also been making circuits during Science lessons, learning about electricity and about how to use and be safe around different electrical appliances. This also links to PSHE where they have been learning about First Aid.



Safeguarding:

Just a reminder about who is responsible for safeguarding in school.



Ruth Liu-Designated Safeguarding Lead/Online Safety Lead.



Eva Sebeszta



Sam Rowland



Kim Donovan

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads

Durham Class:

Durham Class have had a lovely half term, reading and doing work around the story of Rapunzel in our English lessons. We were shocked to discover that in the original Rapunzel tale, Rapunzel is locked in the tower because her Dad steals lettuces from the Witch's garden! We dressed up as the different characters from the story and answered questions in character; we learnt that this is called Hot Seating. We are also writing a newspaper article about the events of the story!

We have all been practising our number skills, whether we are learning to add and subtract using concrete objects, learning the inverse relationship of addition and subtraction or learning column addition and subtraction. We have also been looking at measuring, using standard measurements (cm) or non-standard measurements (cubes, paperclips).

We have been learning about towers as part of our topic. We have been investigating towers, and discovering different towers, looking at where they're found in the UK and on a map of Europe.

We also had lots of fun playing pie face at lunch and dressing up in Chinese clothing for Chinese New Year.



Hardwick pictures:



Hardwick Class:

We have had a great start back to school in Hardwick after the Christmas break. We have done lots of themed work in our lessons, such as; celebrating Chinese New Year, we have done lots of fun activities such as cooking Chinese food, making a Chinese dragon and Chinese lanterns for Lantern festival.

As our termly topics is machines, we have been learning about different types of machines, how they sound and their function. This has been through a variety of activities embedded in all of our lessons which children have been able to achieve some of their targets along the way.

We have enjoyed our class story: Mrs Armitage on Wheels where the pupils have helped upgrade Mrs Armitage's bike with loud horns, a hand washing station and an umbrella to keep the rain off! It has been one of our favourite stories with lots of ways to use our different communication methods to ask for "more" or "stop" of the different activities – but most the pupils will say "more" to everything!!!

Pictures in the Durham Class box.

Warwick 1 Class:

Warwick 1 have had so much fun with our Dangerous Dinosaurs topic- it's certainly been a favourite for the children and the grown-ups! Each week, we've gone back in time to learn about different types of dinosaurs, as well as dig for fossils and bones. We even met a palaeontologist! In English we've written letters to a dinosaur and imagined what it would be like to have a pet dinosaur. In maths we've been sorting, counting and measuring dinosaurs- we've loved it all!

For the first time, Warwick have a school council class rep- Louie has embraced the role and is doing us proud! It has been great for the two Warwick classes to get together to share their ideas about the school. We have also had a lovely time together celebrating birthdays in the group- 'pass the parcel' continues to be a favourite!

