Paces School for Conductive Education.

Summer Term 1 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am pleased to announce that we have secured additional funding and will be offering a summer school this year for pupils in Year 1 and above. This will run from Monday 24th July- Friday 28th July.
A letter will be sent out after the half-term holiday for parents to request a place. We have a limited number of places which will be offered on a first come first served basis.
I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and finding out about all the wonderful things we have been doing in school. We are very much looking forward to a busy summer 2 half term and, in the meantime, hope you have a lovely holiday.

Best wishes
Ruth

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SAVE THE DATE: Saturday 15th July 12-3pm.

Paces PTA will be holding a Paces Summer Picnic. Donations of cakes and tombola prizes would be much appreciated nearer the time. Further information relating to this event will be shared after the half term holiday.

Educational Visits: Once again we have been making the most of our wider community and some groups have had the opporuntity to go on educational visits. There have been lots of visits to our local area including shopping trips to Lidl, walks to the park etc.
The Balmoral Class have experienced a series of PE lessons at Hesley Wood and have been to visit Cannon Hall Farm.

The Wentworth Class visited Crucial Crew where the students refreshed their knowledge about how to stay safe in their home and local environment. They loved asking questions and interacted with the educators using their communication skills brilliantly and appropriately.

Attendance:

Please can I remind everyone that if your child will not be in school you must phone the school office before 9.00am and either leave a message or speak to a member of the admin team. There is usually a member of staff in school from 7.30am each day.

If your child has a medical appointment, please remember to share evidence of that appointment with us.

Please try and avoid booking holidays during term time.

Hardwick Class:

We have had a fabulous half term in Hardwick, our theme for this term being Rio de Vida! We have been back in time to learn about the history of Samba music and dancing, where we especially enjoyed the loudest music! We will be transforming our classroom for a day for our very own Rio de Vida Carnival! We will be trying different foods and having our very own Brazilian drum session.

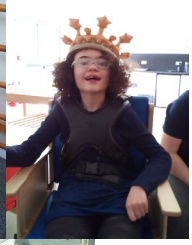
We have also been celebrating the coronation as a class: creating crowns, having a coronation picnic as a school and joining in with coronation bingo and a quiz!

The weather is getting a little bit brighter, so we have managed some lovely nature walks in the sunshine! It also fits in with our story: Roaming in the Rainforest. We have had the chance to experience the story outside in, our not so wild, park outside the school.

Everyone has been working tremendously hard on their targets this half-term: developing our skills in the standing programme, being able to stand for even longer! We have also worked towards improving our mark making skills with the hand programme, making sure that we get the chance to make marks in lots of sensory materials – coffee is the absolute favourite.

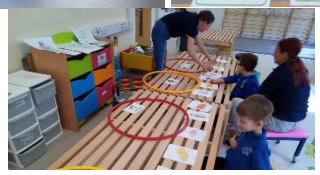
Finally, in our AAC Groups, we have been working with the children in other classes to communicate together about different activities and objects: ice, ducks, tasty food and even monsters!

We are all looking forward to more sun and more wonderful experiences within the Hardwick class!



Warwick 1 Class:

The summer began for us with the round up of our Puddles and Rainbows mini topic where we really enjoyed exploring our feelings through 'The Colour Monster' story. We made our own feelings jars and shared the things that make us feel happy, sad, excited angry, worried and calm. Now, we have moved on to our fantastic new topic- Ready, Steady, Grow! We have been exploring different foods and where they come from as we've learnt about farms and their plants and animals. We had great fun reading and acting out 'The Enormous Turnip' and everyone loved 'Jack and the Beanstalk'- especially repeating the 'Fee Fi Fo Fum!' rhyme! Our own beans have been planted in different ways to find out exactly what they need to grow- we are monitoring the progress of them very closely. We are now enjoying 'Jasper's Beanstalk', learning about the different days of the week as we explore the concept of time. We can't wait to see what the second half of the summer term will bring!



Windsor Class:

Windsor Class have had a very green-fingered half term. We have planted seeds and thinned out the seedlings, repotted plants, taken cuttings and prepared some raised beds - all as part of our Introduction to Plant Care Science unit. We all really enjoyed a trip to a local pond; we looked at different flowers and their seeds on the way.

We have produced some wonderful artwork linked to our shape mathematics topic and are currently learning about symmetry. Our ICT topic has revealed some amazing talent within the class as we have become film makers. We have played back and evaluated short films on the internet and we have recorded and edited our own individual films. We are now preparing ideas and content for a class film about our school playground. Students have articulated themselves really clearly for the camera.

As usual, everyone has worked extremely hard with some wonderful progress made with communication, really thoughtful discussion of characters in our exciting class novel, and some outstanding physical work in the task series – especially from our two newest students, Amy and Oscar.

Durham Class:

This half term in Durham Class, we have learnt about volcanoes.

In literacy, we wrote some amazing volcano shape poems, which we are very proud of!

In Geography, we learnt that when volcanoes erupt, magma pushes up through the Earth's surface and lava erupts out. We also know that the gas is poisonous. We discovered that most of the world's volcanoes can be found in the "Ring of Fire."

We created volcano soundscapes in Music, choosing different instruments that reminded us of volcanic sounds.

We made papier mâché volcanoes in Art, using newspaper and glue around a bottle to make the mountain shape. We then painted the volcanoes and made them erupt, using coke and Mentos, and bicarbonate of soda and vinegar!

We have continued practising our number skills, alongside learning about weight and capacity. We have learnt how to weigh objects using standard and non-standard measurements.

Have a lovely holiday and look forward to seeing you all back for the final half term before summer.

Future dates for your diary:

Start of term:	Mon 5th June 2023
PTA meeting:	Tues 13th June 2023
Multicultural Arts Week:	19th-23rd June 2023
Sports Day:	Tues 27th June 2023
Sports Day:	Wed 28th June 2023
Parents Evenings:	Tues 28th & 29th June 2023
Music Festival	Fri 14th July 2023
Paces Summer Picnic	Sat 15th July 12pm-3pm
Last day of term:	Fri 21st July 2023
Summer School:	24th-28th July 2023

Balmoral Class:

We have a had a very busy term in the Balmoral class from exploring the great outdoors to completing a heart dissection as a class! For four Wednesdays, we visited the local scout camp and completed various activities. Our topic has been heavily science related and our most exciting event has definitely been our heart dissection. We used an Ox heart to look much closer at the chambers and systems in the heart. In Maths, we have worked on applying our numeracy skills to shape space and measure, including finding the area of shapes, properties of 2D and 3D shapes as well as measuring the perimeter of larger shapes. We have developed our artistic skills further, creating lots of art work using many different materials inspired by the heart and designed some inspiring pieces!

Wentworth Class:

We've had a very busy start to the summer term in Wentworth class, learning about many exciting things. In Science we have been learning about the heart and the circulatory system, so we dissected lamb hearts, made clay hearts and even created a model that shows how the blood circulates through the heart. The class has been using the life skills kitchen, measuring ingredients (linked to Maths – measuring) making a variety of different dishes including traditional hearty pies (linked to History), Naan bread (linked to RE – Islam). The students have also practiced measuring lengths using various tools, and they are learning to put these skills into practice.

King's Coronation:

We had a lovely day celebrating the King's Coronation in May. Groups joined together to share an afternoon tea as well as making crowns and flags. Sadly, it was a little bit too cold to enjoy our picnic outside but the cool weather didn't spoil our celebrations and fun was had by all.

School Council:

In student council this term, we have arranged and planned a music festival for next term.
We are doing a sign and sing video to Better When I'm Dancing.

We are looking forward to spending the day with all of our friends.

Nico.

Sports Day:
Sports Day will be held over two days. On Tuesday 27th June Hardwick, Durham, Warwick 1 and 2 will have the opportunity to participate in events, scoring points for the country they explored during multicultural week.

On Wednesday 28th June, Balmoral, Wentworth and Windsor will participate in the same events also representing their countries.
Parents are invited to attend school between 10am and 12pm on the day their child is participating. Light refreshments will be available for parents. More information will be shared nearer the time.

Warwick 2:

This term we have finished our fun topic 'Puddles and Rainbows'. We learnt about changes in weather and filled in our weather charts. We have loved exploring different feelings through our class sensory story, 'The Colour Monster', we even made our own colour monster sock puppets!

We have welcomed Toni into our class, who is a full-time conductor assistant. We have loved getting to know Toni and showing her how we do messy play! Georgina is now with us full time and we have finally welcomed Elise, who is our new senior conductor assistant while Lucy is on maternity leave.

There has been so much to celebrate this term including the King's Coronation. We had so much fun making the class throne, sceptre and orb, which needed lots of glitter! We counted the King's gems, made our own crowns and pretended to be the King or Queen sitting in the Warwick 2 throne that the children helped decorate.

We have started an exciting new topic 'Ready, Steady, Grow' which is teaching us all about where food comes from. We have enjoyed planting seeds and we are currently having a race to see who will grow the biggest beanstalk. We are also planning to go on farm animal hunts around the school and to explore different types of fruits and vegetables

Multicultural Arts Week:

The week commencing Monday 19th June, we are holding a school wide multicultural week. Each class will spend the week exploring the art, food, geography, dance, traditional clothing, culture, music etc, from that country. If you have anything at home that could be useful for us that week, we would love it if you could send it in. On Friday the children will spend the day visiting all the classrooms. We would like to invite parents and carers into school on that day at 2pm to visit the last two countries with your child and their class. A letter with more details will be sent out nearer the time.

The countries that we will visit are as follows:

Warwick 1 & 2: India
Durham: Australia
Hardwick: France
Balmoral: Poland
Wentworth: China
Windsor: Italy

Sunset at Snowdon:

A group of parents are completing the Sunset for Snowdon challenge to raise much needed funds for our sensory room and sensory equipment. On 8th July this amazing group or dedicated parents will climb to the summit of the highest mountain in Wales. The group have a Justgiving fundraising page. Type Justgiving into your search engine and type 'Snowdon for Sunrise' for Paces School into the search function to donate. We would like to extend our thanks to them and wish them all the luck in the world.

Parent Meetings:

Parent meetings will take place on Wednesday 28th June from 3.15pm-4.30pm and Thursday 29th June from 3.15pm till 5.30pm. These will be a chance to reflect on your child's achievements over the past academic year and to look at plans for the next academic year. A letter will be sent out after the holiday with details of how to request a slot with your child's teacher.

Staffing update and new pupils:

We have enjoyed welcoming Oscar and Amy into the Windsor class this half term. They have settled in brilliantly and have already become very much part of our Paces family.

This half-term we said goodbye to Lucy who has started her maternity leave. We wish Lucy well over the coming months and can't wait to meet her new baby boy. We also say a fond farewell to Kennedy who has a new job working as a therapy assistant in a nearby school. We have loved working with Kennedy over the past 15 months and we will miss her very much; we know she will be brilliant in her new job.

We have welcomed several new members of staff this half term. Having worked at Paces on a part time basis for a while Carl is now working in the Windsor class on a full-time basis. Toni is now working in Warwick 2 class on a full-time basis. Lisa has joined the Windsor Class and Chloe is working in the Hardwick class. Becky has started working as a lunchtime support worker in the Balmoral class, Katie is supporting Wentworth class over lunchtime, Jenny is helping Warwick 1 at lunchtime and Hayley is helping Hardwick.

Carl

Toni

Lisa

Katie

Hayley

Jenny

Becky

Many of you know that Jayne Lowson has unfortunately had surgery to remove a tumor on her brain. This has been removed successfully and we wish Jayne the very best on her road to recovery. We can't wait to have you back in school Jayne. We all miss you lots.

Congratulations to Elise who successfully gained the role of a Senior Conductor Assistant and is working in Warwick 2 to replace Lucy. We also extend congratulations to Petar who, from September, will take on the role of Assistant Headteacher to support the work of the Senior Leadership team.