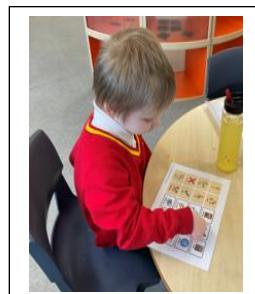


Bumper Edition! Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

16th & 23rd January 2026

Spring 1



Pictures: Foundation and Mosaic in action!.

What's happening

FOUNDATION

In Foundation, the children have been exploring the weather and the changes they notice during the winter months. It has not been hard to notice how cold it has been, and our 'weather explorers' have spotted ice and frost, as well as the patterns formed by frost and ice on leaves, windows and the ground. They have also noticed how, when we are cold, our cheeks and hands can change colour, and how we can see our warm breath in the cold air.

The children particularly enjoyed investigating how ice melts, watching the changes to it as the temperature warms up. Ice changes from being hard, slippery and cold into water. They learned that when ice melts on higher ground, the water can flow down to fill streams, rivers, lakes and seas.

The Foundation children have also been talking about how winter affects animals and that some animals hibernate during the winter months. They have spoken about caring for animals and how we can look after them, especially in winter.

'In the frosty, quiet forest, the snow blankets the ground and the trees have shed their leaves. Where have all the animals gone? Winter Sleep, A Hibernation Story'

MOSAIC

Since returning from the Christmas break, the children in Mosaic have settled back into their daily routines wonderfully. In class, we are currently focusing on fostering independence and encouraging the children to take responsibility for simple tasks, such as putting on their wellies and placing their coats in their designated boxes.

In Mosaic, the children are exploring the theme 'House and Home', with a strong focus on developing practical life skills through everyday activities.



In maths, the children are exploring shapes and practising counting through interactive action songs. Meanwhile, in English, they are bringing stories and rhymes to life using real-world objects and movement.

There has been lots of music coming from Mosaic! The children have been enjoying songs such as "Polly Put the Kettle On," "I'm a Little Teapot," and "We're Going on a Bear Hunt." Learning is certainly fun in Mosaic!

Mosaic also has a *Sign of the Week*, which is "Help." The children have been practising this and using it throughout their activities – after all, we all need a little help sometimes!

'All children need is a little help, a little hope and somebody who believe in them' Magic Johnson

Our Values Nominations are in!

CLASS TEACHER NOMINATIONS

KS1: Abigail, Felix, Gabriella and Harry

KS2: Summer, Guenhwvar, Ava, Bleu, Frankie, Isaac, Arthur, James, Jaxon, Eliza-Rae and Mia

'She has shown great resilience during her work, challenging herself to be the best she can be and never giving up.'

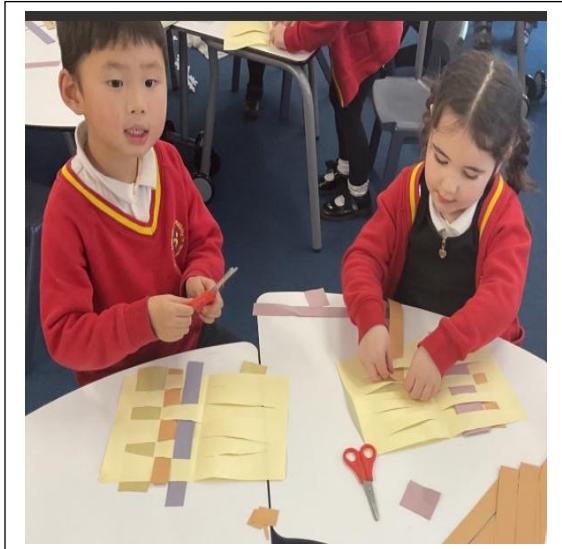
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There are lots of musical showcases and other events coming up before we break up for half term. These will have come out to you by letter but please keep an eye on our website calendar for up-to-date event information.



What's happening

YEAR 1

FOCUS ON SCHOOLS ALIVE

In Year 1 Design Technology, the children have been exploring textiles made by weaving materials together.

Although weaving can be tricky, the children tried their hand at paper weaving! It's harder than it looks and requires dexterity, concentration, and resilience. Through their determination, the children created some wonderful patterns of their own design with different coloured paper.

'Perseverance, the secret of all triumphs' Victor Hugo

In the coming weeks, the children will be using wool to create their own designs, putting into practice the weaving techniques they have learned and mastered in Design Technology.

The Year 1 children are reading *Lost and Found* by Oliver Jeffers. It's a beautiful story about a lonely boy who finds a sad penguin, believing it to be lost. In the end, the penguin isn't lost at all but just needs a friend leading to a heartwarming conclusion about companionship and friendship.



From reading the story, the children identified different ways the boy showed kindness to the penguin. The class discussions were insightful and engaging, and the story certainly captured the children's imagination while encouraging us all to think about what it means to be kind.

The Year 1 children also worked hard on their writing, focusing on what is needed in a sentence and taking pride and care in their work.

'In a world where you can be anything, be kind' Clare Pooley

We are very excited about the upcoming performance at the Winter Gardens on 12th February, where our Schools Alive children will showcase their talents to families and a wider theatre audience. As we have mentioned before, the children have been practising exceptionally hard, and we have no doubt they will shine.

In preparation for their performance on stage, Blackpool Music Service, who run Schools Alive, will be coming into the academy on 26th January to record the children's vocals. Although the recording date was recently changed, our performers will still be ready!

We are also incredibly grateful to our performers' families, who have been supporting the children by listening to the songs at home and ensuring they attend rehearsals. Even when plans change, such as with the audio recording, their dedication and support have been amazing.

'An amazing performance is always a reflection of awesome amounts of practice.' Robin S Sharma

For some, it's a 'whole new world' on stage, but our children are never fazed. They keep honing their delivery, practising their moves, pinpointing their places on stage, and, most importantly, smiling.

Farmer Parrs Prize Draw

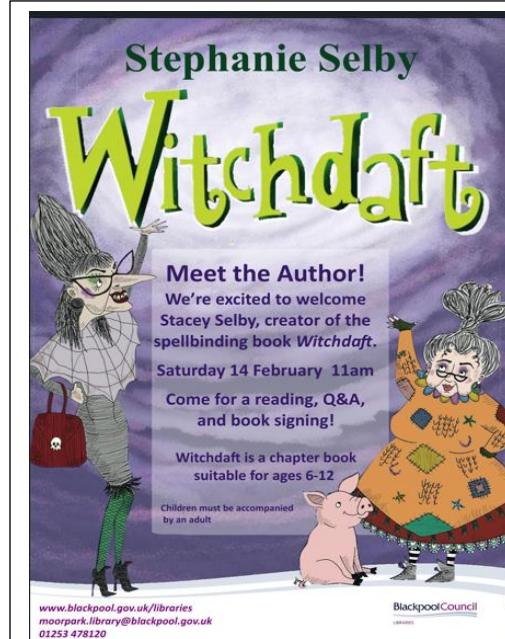
Do you want to be in with a chance to win a free family ticket to Farmer Parrs?

Letter sent home with all the information

Pictures, Year 1 in action

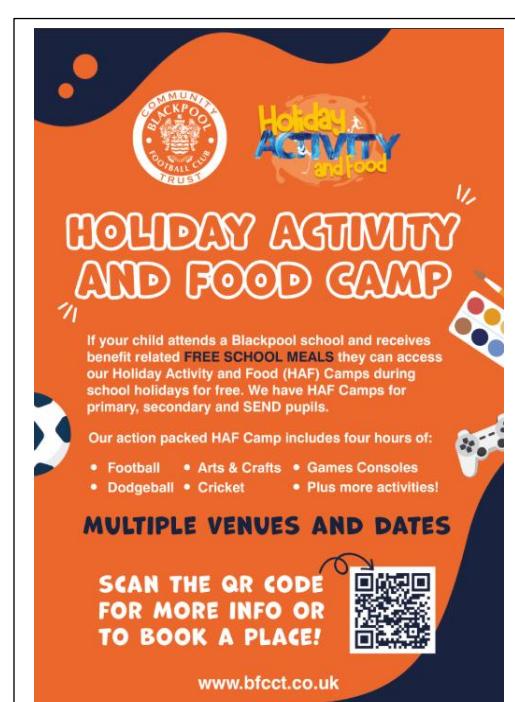
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Pictures: Our OPAL playtimes, Creating a masterpiece

Art Competition

BLACKPOOL GAZETTE

Zoom in! Too small to read try [clicking here](#)

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ART COMPETITION

Calling all Young Seasiders to pick up their paints and pencils!

The Blackpool Gazette is launching its annual school art competition – and it's not too late for your school to get involved. Crafts competitions sees pupils from primary schools across the country submit their art to a panel of judges with their Comedy Crafts competition. Last year, over 100 schools across the Fylde could submit their work to a competition with a different theme each year, with the winners receiving £1000 worth of prizes. The work can be in different styles and media, including paper mache, model making, painting and pencil drawings. Last year's overall winners were the pupils from Westminster Primary Academy, who won the theme of 'A Place Where we Live'. Schools across the Fylde can enter their work to a competition with a different theme each year, with the winners receiving £1000 worth of prizes. The work can be in different styles and media, including

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A word from our sponsor

Blackpool and The Fylde College is thrilled to be the main sponsor of the Young Seasiders Art Competition 2020. The exhibition will showcase the artwork of over 100 young artists across the country. The Fylde College is a great place for inspiring young artists.

Available to them are a range of opportunities made possible by the college's creative and performing arts, music, sport and business departments. The college consistently receive national acclaim.

Mark Potter Head of Digital and Creative Innovation at Blackpool and The Fylde College is sponsoring the Young Seasiders Art Competition 2020 and looks forward to seeing wonderfully creative work from young people.

This is a fantastic opportunity for young people to channel their passion for the arts. The gallery exhibition provides a stunning showcase in which to celebrate their imaginative work.

OPAL Event

HAWES SIDE COMMUNITY

We hope you can join us for the **OPAL event on 3rd February**, straight after school in the main hall.

During the event, we will share our **OPAL playtimes** with you, along with some fundraising through our **Hawes Side Tombola** and refreshments.

It's a wonderful opportunity for our academy community to come together, and we really hope to see you there!

Break-up for Half Term

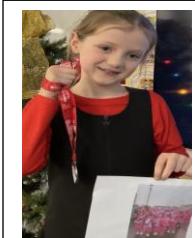
Friday 13th February at normal time
Don't forget it is non-uniform day too



Pictures: OPAL

Celebrating Success

ISABELLE & ESMAY, YEAR 3 AND TAEKWONDO



Isabelle has been raising money for Brian House Children's Hospice and took part in a Santa Dash. Through her efforts she raised a considerable sum for the charity. What a super sport you are Isabelle!



Esmay has been working really hard at her gymnastic lessons and has won awards for all her dedication and hard work. Without a doubt her resilience has made an impact and we are all so proud of your achievements Esmay.



Some of our children have had grading success at Northern Taekwondo. Harrison gained the blue tag, Jasmine and Harrison the blue belt and Marley the red tag. Well done to you all!

Master Lee has shared there are some spaces, so if your child would like to take up Taekwondo why not get in touch <http://www.northerntaekwondo.co.uk>

If your child has a success they would like to share with our Hawes Side community just email in to admin@hawes-side.co.uk We would love to share your stories!

Special Feature

FOCUS ON MRS MACFARLANE AND MRS CROSS

Each week, we have a 'special feature' on one of our Hawes Side team members. This week, it is Mrs MacFarlane and Mrs Cross, Learning Support in Mosaic.

Here's what we asked Mrs Cross and Mrs MacFarlane.

If you had not gone into school life, what would you have liked as a career, and why?

Mrs MacFarlane said if she had not gone into school life she would have loved to have been a florist. Being surrounded by flowers every day and designing beautiful designs, would be heaven! Mrs MacFarlane enjoys being outside in nature and arts and crafts, so this could bring her hobbies together.

For her, the thought of brightening someone's day, whether for a special occasion or a simple 'just because' moment is incredibly special.

'You can't use up creativity. The more you use it, the more you have' Maya Angelou

Mrs Cross would have liked to be a plasterer or a carpenter because she really enjoys working with her hands. The satisfaction of seeing something complete through hard work and effort would be very satisfying. Mrs Cross liked learning practical skills and she has transferred these skills to being a Learning Support Assistant.

Just like in school, these practical trades require patience, problem-solving, and the ability to adapt to individual needs. They also offer the reward of knowing you've made a difference and helped build something special.

Dates for your Diary

**24th and 25th March
Parent & Guardian
Consultation Evenings
with Class Teacher**

***More information to come
out in due course***

A message from our Principal

Our values: Resilience, Respect, Responsibility, Reflection and Relationships



**CAROLINE
BOOTHROYD**

I thoroughly enjoyed reading about all the wonderful activities we have been doing this week and celebrating the many achievements of our children, both in and out of school. At our academy, we place great importance on developing the whole child and fostering a love of lifelong learning, reflecting our vision for every child to thrive academically, socially, and personally.

We are particularly excited about the development of OPAL and can't wait to share with you how far we've come in developing our play. At our upcoming OPAL event, we will showcase our progress and share more about what we have planned for the future. To help us take OPAL even further, we would love your support, you may have a particular skillset, or simply the passion, to help us continue to grow this initiative. You can find out more about how to get involved at our OPAL event

It's by coming together as a community and sharing our skills and passions that we can make our school a place where children not only learn but truly thrive and have fun doing it! We are excited for you to be part of this journey with us

