

Our HSA Newsletter

Friday

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Autumn 1



Pictures: Romero Brito, Book title 'The Boy at the back of the Class'

What's happening in ...

YEAR 5

On Monday, our year 5 pupils enjoyed an inspiring visit to Blackpool University campus as part of the Tales Retold Project. The day was packed with exciting activities designed to build resilience, teamwork, and oracy skills.

The experience began with a lively vocal warm-up, after all, every great story deserves a strong start! The children then split into smaller groups to work more closely together. Some explored expressive movement, while others focused on facial expressions and characterisation. Each group used imagination and dialogue to bring their characters' thoughts and feelings to life.

Throughout the day, our pupils embodied the academy's core values, demonstrating creativity, collaboration, and enthusiasm. They truly loved the experience and are already looking forward to 'part two' of the project in February. In preparation for their next story telling adventure, year 5 have begun reading 'The Boy at the Back of the Class' by Onjali Rauf. It is a powerful tale that celebrates friendship, empathy and courage.

'Every child demonstrated our academy values through creativity and cooperation'

After the visit, many pupils were excited about their own futures, some even imagining themselves attending university one day. It's amazing what learning outside the classroom can inspire!

Back in the academy, year 5 are embracing their learning with curiosity and enthusiasm. In history, the children have been delving into the world of the Vikings exploring the question: were they settlers, invaders, warriors, or perhaps a mix of all three? Through their investigations, they've discovered the lasting impact the Vikings had on Britain, both geographically and demographically, often in ways we don't even realise!

Over in Geography, we've been journeying through the diverse landscapes and rich cultures of South America, broadening our global understanding.

In Art, the classroom has come alive with bold colours and vibrant patterns as the children experiment with styles inspired by Brazilian artist Romero Britto. His playful, energetic approach has sparked plenty of creativity!

'Year 5 have been around the world with their studies!'

Across all subjects, year 5 have shown creativity, teamwork, and enthusiasm, making it a fantastic start to the term.

Keep it up, year 5! Mr Dawson and Miss Lillie are so proud of the dedicated learners you are and can't wait to watch you grow and continue to excel in your studies.

Our Values Nominations are in!

CLASS TEACHER NOMINATIONS

KS1: Ayla, Valencia, Jesse and Noah

KS2: Sofia, Lily-Louise, Natalia, Caleb, Oliver-Bailey and Charlie

'She always tries hard and puts 100% effort into her work'

**Not booked an appointment for
Parent & Guardian Cosultation
Evenings?**

*Contact the
Academy Office*

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Special Feature

FOCUS ON MR DAWSON

Each week we have a ‘special feature’ on one of our Hawes Side team members. This week it is Mr Dawson, year 5 class teacher.

Here’s what we asked Mr Dawson.

Mr Dawson what was your favourite subject at school? My favourite subject at school was history. I’ve always been fascinated by different civilizations and the societal impact. From the Egyptians to the Victorians, I loved learning about people and how they lived and comparing it to life today. I also like to think, at least in my lifetime, I don’t have to worry about Henry VIII chopping my head off if I make a mistake!

Who was your most memorable teacher? My most memorable teachers would be split between two: my year 2 teacher, Mr Atkinson, and my high school history teacher, Miss Jordan. Both were kind, funny, and genuinely cared about us, their students. The thing I remember most is they always took the time to listen. Both Mr Atkinson and Miss Jordan showed me how life changing a teacher can be when they provide the right support and guidance.

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Their influence undoubtedly inspired me to become a teacher, and I like to think I carry forward the best qualities of both these influential and inspiring educators to my class.

What person in your life has had a positive impact on you – made a lasting impression? The people who have had the most positive impact on my life are my mum and dad. Whether it was watching rugby with dad on a Saturday or going for lunch with mum. Both of my parents have been my biggest supporters. Their love, care, and encouragement have guided me through every achievement, and I feel incredibly lucky to have such wonderful people in my life.

**Family Learning in Year 1
Blackpool Rocks!**

This is a free 4 week course
starting 4th November.
1pm - 3pm

Book your place by filling in
the form at:
<https://bit.ly/FLBR25>

Year 2 Harvest THANK YOU



Thank you to the wonderful children and parents who donated to our food bank to celebrate Autumn Harvest.

Holiday activities BFCCT



HOLIDAY ACTIVITY AND FOOD CAMP

If your child attends a Blackpool school and receives benefit related **FREE SCHOOL MEALS** they can access our Holiday Activity and Food (HAF) Camps during school holidays for free. We have HAF Camps for primary, secondary and SEND pupils.

Our action packed HAF Camp includes four hours of:

- Football
- Arts & Crafts
- Games Consoles
- Dodgeball
- Cricket
- Plus more activities!

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A message from our Principal

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



**CAROLINE
BOOTHROYD**

It’s been another fantastic week at the academy, full of energy, creativity, and community spirit. Our year 5 pupils have made a brilliant start on an exciting new project with local schools and our Blackpool cultural partners, exploring themes of resilience and communication. The project beautifully reflects our school values and will include elements of performance, with a very special trip planned later in the year to see *The Boy at the Back of the Class* on stage, it is a powerful story that we know will inspire our children

We were also delighted to welcome new families into school this week as they begin thinking about places for September 2026. It was a real pleasure to meet so many prospective parents, to say hello to familiar faces, and even reconnect with some of our former pupils now returning as parents themselves. Moments like these truly highlight the strength and warmth of our school community. If you know of anyone who is looking for a school place for their child, please do encourage them to get in touch or come along to one of our upcoming open events, we’d love to welcome them too.

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As the week comes to a close, we are all looking forward to welcoming back our year 6 pupils from their residential trip. Mrs Beckett has shared that they are having a fantastic time, with plenty of teamwork, laughter, and lasting memories being made. We cannot wait to find out more about it next week.

In the meantime, we wish you all a restful weekend and look forward to seeing you on Monday for the final week of the half term.