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# Park Community Academy

Successful Learners, Resilient Individuals, Responsible Citizens



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## ATTENDANCE

As a school we continue to expect and encourage excellent attendance from all our children and young people. We do understand that when children are very unwell they need to be off school and also that some appointments need to be taken in school time. However, I must remind parents and carers that where possible routine appointments need to be taken out of school hours or in the holidays.

It is also important that holidays are booked during school holidays and not in term time.

Mrs G. Hughes  
Head Teacher

### What is good attendance?

0 days off school – 100% - Ideal

2 days off school – 99% - Excellent

8.5 days off school – 95% - Early actions required

19 days off school – 90% Persistent Absence

27.5 days of school - > 85% Very concerning

>50 Severe Absence

Everyday matters!

Missed learning matters!

## SIGN OF THE WEEK



This week's sign is 'firework' to celebrate bonfire night. Make sure your are all following the rules around fireworks safety.

## Upcoming Events

The Big switch off  
15.11.23

Dance Festival, Winter  
Gardens

15.11.23 at 6.00-8.00

Children In Need

17.11.23

Parent Drop in

24.11.23 at 10 -11am

Year 11 Certificate

Presentation Evening

27.11.23

Christmas Enterprise Market  
place

30.11.23 at 10-11am

Lower Primary play

13.12.23 at 1.30-2.30pm

Upper Primary Christmas Play

15.12.23 at 1.30-2.30pm

Winter Wonderland

18.12.23

Sixth Form Christmas Dinner

18.12.23

Primary Christmas Dinner

19.12.23

Secondary Christmas Dinner

20.12.23

School Closes for Christmas

21.12.23 at 2pm

NHS

## BLACKPOOL SCHOOL NURSING

Blackpool School Nursing service offers a health review contact for all young people with an Education and Health Care Plan (EHCP) at 14 years of age.

We are offering drop-in sessions which will be held at Park Community Academy.

This provides an opportunity to discuss any general health concerns you may have, offer advice and support to access health services and help prepare your child for the transition to adult health services.

No need to book, please just come in between the times advertised below.

The dates for these drop-in sessions are:

Monday 6th  
November 2023  
09.30-11.30

Monday 4th  
March 2024  
09.30-11.30

Monday 1st  
July 2024  
09.30-11.30

Congratulations  
to class 1B  
for 100% attendance  
this week.  
Whole school  
attendance is  
89.5%

## Cost of Living Support

Find help with food, utility bills, keeping warm and much more at  
<https://www.fyidirector.co.uk/cost-of-living-help>

# Star of the Week

1C - Oliver for fantastic engagement in our pumpkin activity, helping to remove the seeds by scooping with a spoon.

1P - Renzo for setting up for breakfast and lunch. He helped to cut up and peel fruit to serve to his friends too.

1S - Khang for enjoying sharing a book with an adult, noticing the "choo choo train" and "helicopter".

1B - Jack for sitting and engaging with a fine motor activity for an extended period of time.

1H - Kya for always wanting to learn more.

2H - Oliver for asking fantastic questions and sharing his ideas this week.

2M - Jahvonte for communicating his needs and trying new things.

2B - Logan for always looking out for others in class.

2R - Connor for amazing work on Sumdog.

2G - Hayden for working hard with the alliteration work taught in English.

2W - Lacey for being a fantastic friend and helpful around the classroom.

2A - River-Leigh for fantastic concentration all week and great listening to teachers!

# Achiever of the Week

**3T - Kudzwaishe for his fantastic phonics work, copying sounds.**

**3J - Lily for making mature choices and handling challenges well.**

**3K - Aaron for using his initiative and providing great answers to questions in Science.**

**3S - Jake for producing a fantastic piece of descriptive writing in English.**

**3H - Leland for taking care with the presentation of his work and working on his handwriting.**

**3R - William for his increased confidence and communication in lessons.**

**3C - Declan for being really helpful at lunch times and adapting to new routines**

**3A - Laiba for asking a friend to read a book with her independently.**

**4H - Alexis for her mature attitude and always giving 100% in everything she does.**

**4W - Archie, Teaghan, Alice and Mason for amazing performances in Music.**

**4S - Louie for great attention to detail in Art.**

**4J - Lucas excellent work in all sessions and working well as a part of a group at college.**

**5J - Crystal and Casey for great cooking skills and trying their own cooking.**

**5M - Aimee for her enthusiasm and listening skills in the gym.**

**5B - Harvey for always having a positive attitude towards learning and helping others in need.**

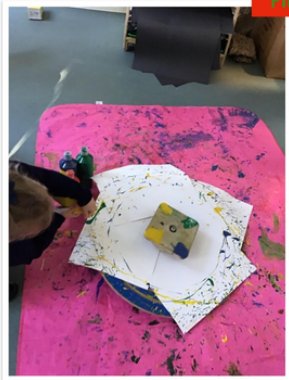
**5I- Kyle for completing his Travel Training and becoming an independent traveller.**

# Classroom News

# KS1



Fireworks



PIC•COLLAGE

1C have enjoyed taking part in firework activities ready for Bonfire night. We enjoyed cause and effect activities and made a whole class firework picture using paint and a spinner. Key words used were fireworks, ready, steady, go and spin.



## KS2

2R have been doing amazing work in English this week! We used adjectives to write a news report describing a very spooky Halloween setting. They look spooktacular! We then had a pretend trip to the funfair where we got to ride The Big One and The Revolution. It was very exciting and we did lots of screaming! We then tried some tasty treats we might eat at the fair and described them using our senses.



# Classroom News

## KS3

In Art, pupils have been researching characters designed by Tim Burton. They discussed features of the characters they observed, before creating their own spooky characters using tones and layers to create depth.



## KS4

The Myerscough college pupils really enjoyed learning how to change the plastic bodywork on a motorbike this week. Everyone worked really well as a team to get the job done.

## KS5

Kyle has had a super week. Not only did he complete Travel Training and become an independent traveller but he also completed Dog Therapy Training, proving that he can work with Molly and support her to succeed!



# Healthy Winter Warmer Meals

Over the next 7 weeks why not try one of our healthy winter warmer meals. All recipes take around 30 minutes to make, and we've made it nice and simple. If you don't like an ingredient you can easily swap it to something else. simple.

If you make one of our meals make sure you send a photo in to [admin@park.blackpool.sch.uk](mailto:admin@park.blackpool.sch.uk). Make all 7 and you'll win a prize, perfect time for Christmas.

## Meatballs and Tomato sauce recipe

An easy way to round up a hearty meal for the family and include some of your 5 A Day.

Prep: 15 mins    Cook: 35 mins    Serves 4

### Ingredients

- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
- 200g any type of mince (lean if possible)
- 1 tablespoon olive or sunflower oil
- 1 tin chopped tomatoes (400g)
- 200g any type of dried pasta, like fusilli
- Swappable or optional
- 200g mushrooms, sliced
- 1 pepper, any colour, chopped
- 2 teaspoons dried mixed herbs
- 2 tablespoons tomato purée (optional)



### Method

1. Mix some of the chopped onion and garlic with the mince. Shape the mince into small balls about half the size of a golf ball.
2. Heat the oil in a non-stick frying pan and brown the meatballs on all sides. Remove and put on to a plate.
3. Add the remaining onion to the frying pan and cook for 2 to 3 minutes until soft. Add the remaining garlic and cook for another minute.
4. Add the tomatoes, tomato purée, herbs, mushrooms and peppers to the pan with 150ml water. Bring to the boil, then add the meatballs. Reduce the heat, cover with a lid and simmer for 30 minutes.
5. About 10 minutes before serving, put the pasta on to cook in plenty of boiling water. Serve with the meatballs and tomato sauce.

### Swap tip

Don't worry if you don't have all of the ingredients: you can swap some for whatever you do have, or leave them out completely. The recipe will still be delicious!

Serve with wholegrain brown rice as an alternative to pasta, but remember that it takes 25 to 30 minutes to cook.

If you want to get into the Christmas spirit why not go and watch Mrs Johnson who will be performing in Nativity! The Musical! which will be on at The Marine Hall in Fleetwood from Wednesday the 15th - Saturday the 18th of November. Please note, the performance on Saturday 18th of November at 2pm will be a relaxed performance. This means it will not be as dark in the auditorium and the mics & music won't be as loud so may be more suitable for some of our students. For tickets go to Performances - Nativity! The Musical - Wyre Theatres (patronbase.com)



**Cou-Cou THEATRE PRODUCTIONS** presents  
**Nativity! The Musical**  
 Your favourite festive film LIVE on stage  
**Wednesday 15th - Saturday 18th November 2023 | Nightly at 7pm with a Saturday matinee at 2pm**  
 Adults £10 | Concessions/Under 18s £8  
 Family of 4 £32 | Tickets can be booked online or via the box office (01253 887693)  
**marine hall** fleetwood  
 "Feel-good, funny and full of yuletide joy!"  
 NATIVITY! The Musical



**Winter FAMILY HUBS**  
 We're back! Join us at Bloomfield Road Stadium. All families are welcome to attend and join in with games, crafts and receive a FREE hot meal.  
 Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays  
 3:30pm - 5:30pm  
 Moretti Lounge, Blackpool FC, Seaside Way, FY1 6JJ  
 Scan to book  
**FREE**  
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**Blackpool Teaching Hospitals**  
 NHS Foundation Trust

Blackpool Teaching Hospitals are hosting an open day to help visitors learn more about the different roles and careers available at the Trust.

The event will be held on Saturday, 4 November from 10am-2pm in the Education Centre at Blackpool Victoria Hospital.

Visitors will be able to speak to a variety of staff representing their professional areas and ask any questions they may have about the different job roles available and what it's like to work at the Trust.

There will be representation from across the organisation and the event will be an opportunity for Trust colleagues to promote and showcase their profession and to inspire those who are considering a career in health, now or in the future.

The event is open to the public - anybody who is interested in finding out more about the fantastic job opportunities and careers that are on offer.