



# Park Community Academy

Successful Learners, Resilient Individuals, Responsible Citizens



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Website: [www.park.blackpool.sch.uk](http://www.park.blackpool.sch.uk)

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Newsletter 10

**Congratulations**  
to class 2C  
for 99% attendance  
this week.  
Whole school  
attendance is 90.9%

World  
Down  
Syndrome  
Day

Thank you to everyone who  
donated towards World  
Down Syndrome day. We  
raised over £191.

## Upcoming Events

- 27.03.25 - Eco Fairtrade Coffee Morning at 10.30-11.30am
- 02.04.25 - Fashion Show - Thrashion
- 04.04.25 - School closes for Easter
- 04.04.25 - Non uniform for Spring Fair donations
- 22.04.25 - School opens for Summer term
- 24.04.25 - Year 11 DofE Residential to Borwick Hall
- 25.04.25 - Spring Fair - 4-6pm
- 28.04.25-30.04.25 - Sixth Form London Residential



## Eco Fairtrade Coffee Morning

Students in Sixth Form are holding an Eco Fairtrade Coffee Morning on Thursday 27th March, 10.30-11.30am at The Oracle, St Annes rd.

There will be an Easter raffle with Easter Eggs, a Hamper and chocolate bouquets. All Fairtrade!

Tickets are £1 a strip.

## Spring Fair

Please don't forget to bring in any sold raffle tickets and money. If you require any more tickets, please call the school office.

We are welcoming any donations towards our Spring Fair. Please can we ask for tinned food, bottles, bric a brac and books to be brought into school. We will also have a second hand clothes stall, please make sure any items brought in are clean  
Thank you for your support.

## Red Nose Day

A huge congratulations to all our pupils for their incredible efforts in raising over £900 for Red Nose Day! KS4 did a fantastic job selling red noses and the whole school got involved in a range of fun activities. This included a dance-a-thon, draw-a-thon and joke-telling to spread laughter and joy. A special shoutout to our Sixth Form students, who took on the impressive challenge of rowing 21 miles—the distance from the UK to France! Your dedication and enthusiasm have made a real difference. If you have any remaining sponsorship money, please collect it over the weekend and drop it off at the school reception.  
Well done everyone!



## Trashion Show

Some of our pupils have taken part in a Trashion Workshop this week with upcycled old clothes/fabrics and recycled items to design and make costumes for our upcoming Fashion Show. They showed their work to all of the other classes to help share ideas'.





# Star of the Week

**1C - Declan for his excellent work in Maths, identifying long and short.**

**1P - Oscar for his fantastic engagement in mark making activities.**

**1B - Oliver for walking so well into class each day and helping by putting his coat on his peg.**

**1A - Corah for independently making choices as part of our morning routine.**

**1H - Ashley for making a wonderful rainbow in English this week!**

**2E - Ellie for showing kindness, being helpful and her great answers during Maths.**

**2C - Riley for his effort in learning to measure with a ruler in Maths.**

**2M - Leo for fantastic engagement with learning this week.**

**2R - Harry C for good listening and being a kind friend.**

**2W - Josh for becoming a free reader and working independently in class.**

**2G - Scarlett for her super ideas being an engineer & in Young Enterprise.**

**2A - May for her excellent ideas and teamwork during enterprise.**



**Congratulations**

# Achiever of the Week

**3J - Khaleesi for excellent homework this week.**

**3H - Jensen for showing maturity and resilience throughout the week.**

**3L - Broydon for having a fantastic attitude towards learning this week.**

**3C - All of 3C who took part in the performance at the Grand Theatre as part of The Tempest!**

**3R - Will for great engagement in Maths lessons.**

**3S - Tia for neat handwriting in English.**

**3T - Demi for representing 3T in the Trashion show workshop.**

**3B - Ronay for his amazing work exploring new environments.**

**4M - Chloe for showing a mature attitude all week.**

**4J - Teaghan for being helpful to others especially class 1C.**

**4W - Declan P for a great first week at PCA.**

**4H - Liam S for learning all the key vocabulary in Entry Level RE.**

**4B - All of 4B for being amazing ambassadors for our school.**

**5J - Jorja for attending her external college interview.**

**5TG - Jasmine for doing a fantastic job when leading the warmup and cool down in our gym session.**

**5I - Anna her fantastic fundraising for Red Nose Day!**

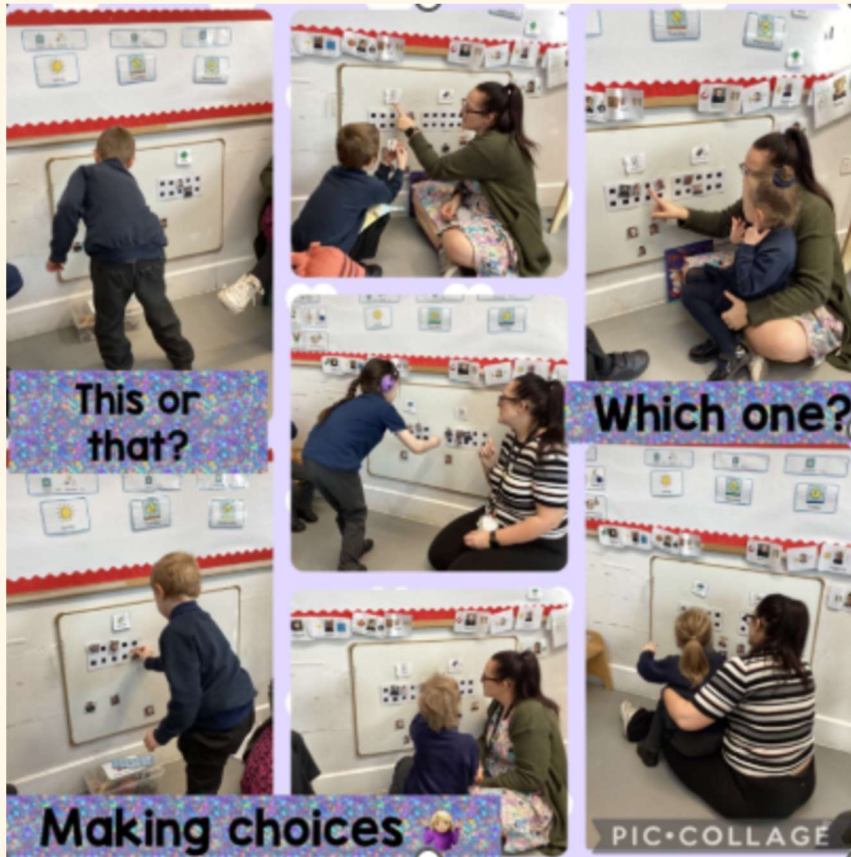
**5M - Kris for his mature attitude and taking part in all activities.**





# Classroom News

## KS1



This week during our “Morning Hello” circle time we have added a new element. Each morning the children are given a choice, for example, apple or banana, drawing or outside play. They are invited one by one to have a go at making a choice. When everyone has had a turn we count the faces on each ten frame and write the total number under each choice. As the week has progressed, the children have become more confident in making their choices. Well done 1A! 😊

## KS2

What a busy week it's been in 2G! We started on Monday with our weekly trumpet lesson with Mr Holt and Mr Dale. We are learning to play 'Samba Time' and 'Green, green, grass'.

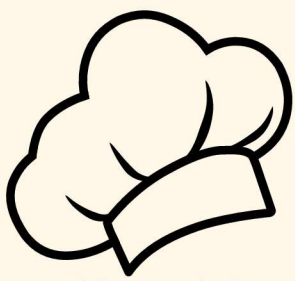
We've been researching and fact finding to collect information for our report writing in English. We wore odd socks to celebrate Downs Syndrome Day.

Towards the end of the week we learnt about different types of engineers, then thought of a problem and designed a solution.

We also took part in 'Young Enterprise' morning, working in teams to work out how to make a £5 investment grow. As a result, in the Summer term half of the class will be holding a 'Lunchtime film club' and the others will be selling cookies to make a profit. We hope Primary children will support our ideas.







# KS3



This week in DT, 3B made their own flatbreads. The pupils used different skills such as mixing, kneading and measuring to create the perfect dough! We got to enjoy the flatbreads with some homemade hummus which was delicious!



## MAKING FLATBREADS



# KS4



4W have been learning to write their own music. They learnt about minims, crotchets and quavers (not the crisps) and used the notes to create their own drum beats.

# KS5

Students have been preparing for the Easter Coffee morning. They have created chocolate bouquets and handmade flowers to decorate.

Please visit The Oracle next Thursday and have a coffee and hot cross bun with us at our Eco Fairtrade Coffee Morning.





# Congratulations!



## Independent Travel Training



*"I can't believe how quickly my daughter's confidence grew and I'm so proud of her achievement"*

BlackpoolCouncil

## Learn essential Life Skills

### What skills will I develop?

- Road and personal safety
- Journey planning
- Understanding timetables
- Using public transport
- Coping with change
- Problem solving



Well done, we are very proud of you! 👍

The Travel Trainers



## What are the benefits of Independent Travel Training?

- Increased confidence
- Greater opportunities to access college, employment and leisure
  - Enhanced numeracy and literacy skills
  - Increased social Interaction and social skills
  - Improved Time Management skills
- Greater freedom for the young people, so they become less reliant on parents and carers

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Independent Travel Training



# Sweet and sour chicken recipe

The whole family will love this healthier spin on a takeaway classic!

## Ingredients

150g easy-cook brown or white rice

227g pineapple pieces, in natural juice

1 tablespoon cornflour

2 tablespoons tomato purée

1 teaspoon reduced-salt soy sauce

2 teaspoons vegetable oil

300g skinless chicken breast or thigh, cut into chunks

1 medium onion, thinly sliced

1 pepper (any colour), deseeded and cut into chunks

3 celery sticks, sliced

2 medium tomatoes, cut into wedges

1 pinch ground black pepper (optional)



## Method

Put the brown rice on to cook in plenty of boiling water for 30 minutes, or until tender.

Information:

If using white rice, remember it only needs around 12 minutes, so start cooking it after step 2.

Meanwhile, drain the juice from the pineapple into a small bowl or jug, and cut the pineapple rings into chunks. Add the cornflour to the juice and stir until smooth, then mix in the tomato purée and soy sauce. Set aside.

When the rice is 10 minutes from being ready, heat the oil in a wok or very large frying pan. Add the chicken and stir-fry over a high heat for 3 to 4 minutes.

Information:

Swap the chicken for turkey or lean pork if you fancy a change – or try tofu for a vegetarian version.

Add the onion, pepper and celery to the pan. Stir-fry for another 3 to 4 minutes, then add the tomato wedges and pineapple chunks.

Give the pineapple juice mixture a quick stir, then add pan. Keep stirring until the sauce is hot and thickened. Season with the pepper, and serve with the drained rice.

Information:

You can swap or add any extra veg you fancy to the stir-fry! Broccoli florets, red onion, courgette, sliced green beans and carrot strips all work well.



Join us for  
**NEW Inclusive Football Fylde**

INCLUSIVE FOOTBALL FYLDE

We create a welcoming space where young people with learning disabilities can enjoy football, feel a sense of belonging, and be themselves. Here, they can play freely, express their creativity, and explore their potential without limits.

**WHEN**  
Mondays, starting March 24th, 6.30pm - 7.30pm

**WHERE**  
Kirkham Grammar School sports hall

**COST FREE**

Our club is not yet fully accredited with Special Olympics GB but we are in the process of becoming so. In the meantime, we are following all SOGB guidelines on eligibility, registration, safeguarding and standards of training. More information on athlete eligibility on the reverse.

TO REGISTER TO ATTEND, please email [ian@schudlo.com](mailto:ian@schudlo.com) for a registration form to complete before the session.

Come along to our  
**PCA Spring Fair on Friday 25th April 2025**  
4.00-6.00pm

Entry: 50p for Adults  
Children are free of Charge

We are asking for donations to be brought into school of bric-a-brac, books, toys, bottle, tins and chocolates.

BLACKPOOL Parent Forum

**JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL INFORMATION DAY**  
**THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 2025**  
**10:30AM-2:30PM**  
**THE GRAND HOTEL**  
**NORTH PROMENADE**  
**FY1 2JQ**

ALL PARENT/CARERS AND CHILDREN/YOUNG PEOPLE WITH SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND DISABILITIES WELCOME  
NO NEED TO BOOK JUST COME ALONG TO ENGAGE WITH SERVICES, FIND OUT WHAT'S AVAILABLE AND GET ANSWERS TO ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE

ALSO AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE WHAT ACTIVITIES, SOCIAL GROUPS AND SHORT BREAK FACILITIES ARE ON OFFER IN BLACKPOOL FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE

**BLACKPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB TRUST** **DISABILITY SESSIONS**

**JUNIOR PAN ABILITY KICKS**  
Term-time football sessions for 8-16 year olds living with a disability. These sessions cater for all football abilities.  
**EVERY WEDNESDAY 4:30PM - 5:30PM**  
AGES 8 - 12  
**EVERY THURSDAY 4:30PM - 5:30PM**  
AGES 13 - 16  
Stanley Park, West Park Drive  
FY3 9HQ

**FRIDAY NIGHT YOUTH CLUB**  
Term-time youth club for 8 to 18 year olds living with a disability. Offering a place to meet new friends through activities such as; sports, arts and crafts, games, and more.

**EVERY FRIDAY 5PM - 7PM**  
(DURING TERM TIME)  
Education and Community Centre  
Bloomfield Road, FY1 6JJ

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\*Excluding bank holidays