

Park Community Academy



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Welcome back to the Summer term at PCA. We are excited to be able to restart many of our enrichment activities, including after school clubs, swimming, cycling and some additional learning outside the classroom activities. We are also starting to plan our annual 2 week Summer Scheme. Miss Watson will be returning from maternity leave soon and has been busy writing our Summer Production, and I know the PE department will be thinking creatively about a range of sporting activities throughout the term. However, please be reassured that all activities continue to be fully risk assessed in line with our COVID plan and will only take place when we are confident that it is safe to do so.

Mrs Hughes

PCA Awards - Well done to the students, parents, carers and Governors of PCA for helping us achieve our Bronze #BlackpoolBeatingBullying Charter Award, as part of the Resilience Revolution with Headstart. This anti-bullying charter has shown that we are able to identify bullying and its impact, and gives the pupils the awareness and resilience skills. We aim to keep going and achieve our Silver award next!



The kindness of our whole school community has been recognised by Kindness UK and we have also been awarded a Kindness UK accreditation. We are very proud of this achievement as we show kindness every day in all we do as a whole school community.



Lower Primary

This week, 1B have been learning to count out a set of random objects. The children have been searching for objects around the classroom to fill their baskets with the correct number.



Joshua found 10 sticklebricks to fill his basket and Harry used bricks, pencils and dinosaurs to fill his basket with 12 things. It was all great fun!

Vaccinations - Y8, 9 & 10 - Vaccinations are taking place on **Thursday 22nd April** for pupils where consent has been given. These include the HPV vaccination for Year 8 pupils, and the DTP, Men & MMR vaccination for Year 9 & 10 pupils who were absent when the vaccinations took place.

Staffing Update

Today we are sad to be saying goodbye to 2 members of staff. Mrs Ainsworth has done a fantastic job working with pupils across KS1 & 2 in her 4 years at PCA. The pupils will certainly miss Mrs Ainsworth for her 'messy' play & her lovely storytelling. Mrs Daniels has worked as our Senior Welfare Assistant for 5 years and also leaves to take up a role at Rossall School. She has done an excellent job ensuring the smooth running of our lunchtimes. They will both be greatly missed by all the pupils & staff at PCA, and we wish them all the best for the future.



Upper Primary

2C have enjoyed learning about Autism Awareness Day and talking about what makes us unique. Louise is unique because she likes the Grand Tour and Aiden is unique because he plays golf.



The pupils talked about what kindness is and how we show kindness to others. They shared cubes, invented funny dances and shared secret handshakes - there have also been several 'random acts of kindness' this week.



Autism Awareness Day

Pupils and staff have enjoyed celebrating Autism Awareness Day. It has been fantastic to see everyone in blue and completing activities to develop their understanding of Autism. Some of our older pupils have engaged in reflective discussion about their own experiences of having Autism.

Thank you for all your support in raising awareness of Autism. Your donations have raised over **£170**.



Key Stage 5 (WSFC)

5T have been busy this week with their photography course. They even managed to get Daisy to pose for the camera. Well done!



Challenging Behaviour Foundation

This is a charity for people with severe learning disabilities whose behaviour challenges. They help by: - Providing information about challenging behaviour; peer support groups for family, carers & professionals; supporting families by phone or email; running workshops to reduce challenging behaviour; and speaking up for families nationally/campaigning. If you think they could support your family, you can call them on 0300 666 0126.

KS4/5 'Achiever of the Week'

- 4H - Blerina for being helpful and kind to others.
- 4W - Dylan S for working hard this week and showing creativity.
- 4M - Anthony for his perseverance in Maths.
- 4I - Alex for completing all of her Entry Level Art.
- 5T - Jack P for catching Daisy's best side during photography.
- 5C - Philip for his kind contributions to the gardening team.
- 5P - Francesca for a seamless return to academic life at WSFC, her effort during lessons and her positive attitude.
- 5B - Danielle for settling back into Sixth Form with her amazing smile.

KS4 Entry Level Art

4M put the finishing touches to their Entry Level Art work this week outdoors in the forest area. Pupils studied the carved wooden sculpture, and created their own observational drawings for their sketchbooks.



Date for your Diary

Please note school closes on **Thursday 29 April** for the Bank Holiday weekend. School re-opens on **Tuesday 4 May**

Tuesday 11 May, 10.30-11.30am - SENDIASS session for parents & carers

Friday 28 May - School closes for half term

Monday 7 June - School opens after half term

Lower & Upper Primary Stars of the Week!

- 1B - Logan T for fantastic independence this week.
- 1P - James for his creative play in our role play area.
- 1C - Daniel for a fantastic first week and for settling in well to the school routines.
- 2B - Sophie H for a fantastic phonics lesson.
- 2HD - Khaleesi for using full stops in her writing.
- 2M - Joseph for underwater activities in the pool.
- 2HY - Connor for returning to school with a positive attitude.
- 2H - Aaron L for being more engaged in his learning.
- 2C - William G for his amazing work on 3D shapes in Maths.

Key Stage 4

4H have been learning about the areas of the tongue in Science - sweet, sour, salt and bitter. They were less than impressed with some of the foods, which included bitter lemon and coffee granules. They wrote up their evaluations of each food item, described the functions of the tongue and learnt about how to take good care of their tongues.



Sign of the Week

This week's sign is '**Autism**' to celebrate Autism Awareness Day.

What makes you unique?

Key Stage 3 'Achiever of the Week'

- 3G - Louis for being settled this week and great work in Computing starting to learn about programming.
- 3T - Macaulay for excellent cycling.
- 3W - Ronan for trying really hard with his reading.
- 3S - Jordan for having the courage and confidence to begin to ride a bike.
- 3GR - James for his wonderful work in Art.
- 3J - Josh for the lovely, thoughtful letter he wrote to the Queen.

Key Stage 3

3S had smiles on their faces as they did some cycling at Stanley Park in the sunshine during their PE lesson this week.



The class demonstrated great confidence & determination throughout. Well done!