

Park Community Academy



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Today marks the end of an era as we say goodbye to Mr Berry who is retiring as Headteacher of PCA after 23 years. Mr Berry has been a truly inspirational Headteacher and has successfully led PCA through 4 'Outstanding' Ofsted Inspections. His drive, commitment & enthusiasm is truly infectious and he will be greatly missed by pupils, families, staff and Governors. Mr Berry has been in the teaching profession for 44 years and in that time he has positively influenced the lives of hundreds of children with special educational needs and disabilities. He is also highly regarded not only across Blackpool, but nationally, and he was recognised last year when the Secretary of State for Education, Gavin Williamson, presented him with his gold 'Lifetime Achievement' Pearson Teaching Award. We have been extremely fortunate to have had Mr Berry as our Headteacher at PCA and I'm sure you will join us in wishing him a very long, happy and well-earned retirement. We know, however, that he won't be a stranger to PCA and we look forward to inviting him back to open our next Autumn Fayre!!

Lower Primary

Lower Primary staff and children all enjoyed their morning of celebrating Mr Berry's time at PCA on Monday.



The children in Lower Primary all decided that a Build a Berry Bear would be the perfect way for Mr Berry to remember the youngest pupils at PCA. From all of us in Lower Primary, we want to thank Mr Berry for everything he has done for the children and staff at PCA. We will miss you Mr Berry and we hope that Build a Berry Bear will remind you of the wonderful times you spent here.

Key Stage 3

Mr Berry went on a 'Golden Rules to Retirement' journey with KS3 this week! Highlights included a rather large alarm clock set to 9am, relaxation techniques including a face mask, a dance to a golden oldie tune and our very own PCA version of the Twelve Days of Christmas listing all the wonderful things Mr Berry has given to pupils at PCA in the last 23 years.



Key Stage 4

KS4 held a comedy morning on ITV for Mr Berry. He had to take part in Family Fortunes about him and was also a really good sport when he

appeared on the Generation Game and had challenges such as wrapping a space hopper in 2 minutes, dressing in a costume & doing the floss and acting out animals for his teammates to guess. He also enjoyed the comical adverts and news reports. Overall, the pupils had wanted to have fun and a laugh with Mr Berry before he leaves and I think this was achieved!!



Upper Primary

Upper Primary pupils thought carefully of activities that Mr Berry might enjoy when he retires. They then created a farewell event where they provided Mr Berry with a quick

experience of each activity! Ranging from Berry Bingo, I'm a Headteacher Get Me Out Of Here and Hawaiian dancing to different sports, Family Fortunes and PCA's very own version of the YMCA. The pupils and staff thoroughly enjoyed creating some last memories with Mr Berry to top off many more fond memories. The whole of Upper Primary would like to wish Mr Berry many congratulations on his retirement and thank him for all he has done for PCA over the years.

Key Stage 5 (WSFC)

KS5 had the honour of presenting Mr Berry with his own version of "This is Your Life". Lots of memories were shared from pupils, colleagues, friends and family who couldn't be with us to celebrate today.



Staffing Update

This week we are saying goodbye to Miss Harrison who has secured her first teaching role at Highfurlong, Mr Smith who is taking up a HLTA position at Gateway Primary, and Mrs Clayton & Miss Bancroft who have completed their Apprentice Teaching Assistant courses.

We would like to say a massive thank you to them all and wish them good luck in their new ventures.



Key Stage 3 'Achiever of the Week'

3G - Monty for his enthusiasm during Christmas week.

3T - Everyone for a great start to KS3.

3W - Callum for welcoming a new class member to 3W and being a good friend.

3S - Jake for showing patience and understanding.

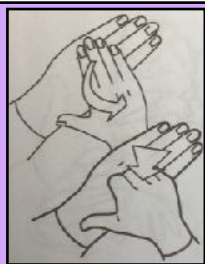
3GR - Brendan for his mature attitude in class and outside this week.

3J - Crystal as she has made wonderful progress with her communication skills.

Sign of the Week

The sign this week is 'Christmas'.

We hope everyone has a well earned rest over the holidays and a very merry Christmas!



KS4/5 'Achiever of the Week'

4H - Kamron for good decision making.

4W - Phoebe & Katrece for lovely manners, a fantastic attitude and a huge amount of Christmas spirit.

4M - Jack for a super attitude this week and being really helpful in class.

4I - Olivia for fantastic efforts making Christmas crafts and enjoying her week.

5T - All of 5T for coping so well with all the changes this term with humour and maturity.

5C - Braden for having a positive attitude all week.

5P - Everyone in 5P for having an outstanding week and being a great team.

5B - Nat for making us smile with his great dance moves.

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 5 January - Start of Spring Term

Friday 12 February - School closes for half term

Monday 22 February - School re-opens

Baby News

CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Watson and her partner Jamie on the birth of their beautiful baby girl, Mabel Grace.



Christmas Week at PCA

Pupils have had a fun filled week of Christmas activities, including watching the virtual pantomime 'Lost in Limboland' and the KS1 & 2 Christmas Play. A big thank you to the kitchen and welfare staff who prepared a scrumptious Christmas dinner on Wednesday. The pupils then enjoyed our Winter Wonderland on Thursday, where they were visited by reindeers!

This morning Santa and his elves landed on the roof of PCA as the children arrived. We then finished the week with our virtual Carol Service led by the students from Westbury Sixth Form Centre.

From all the pupils and staff at PCA, we wish you all a very happy & healthy Christmas and New Year.



Lower & Upper Primary Stars of the Week!

1B - Everyone in 1B for ALL being superstars this term.

1P - Aliylah for fantastic talking and interacting with grown ups and her friends.

1C - Hayden for giving Mr Berry a lovely send off and remembering his lines in the assembly for Mr Berry.

2B - Jason for improved attendance and a fantastic attitude towards his work.

2HD - Archie for being a kind friend.

2M - Everyone for having an amazing first term and being resilient with the changes.

2HY - Jake T for a fantastic half term.

2H - All of 2H for working well as a team all term.

2C - Rhys for eating the vegetables on his Christmas dinner.



The Best Class Attendance of the Week



CONGRATULATIONS

to classes 1B & 3J who had 100% attendance this week.

Weekly Attendance - The average weekly attendance this week is **94.3%**

The monthly attendance for December is **94.4%**