

Park Community Academy



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As we come to the end of week 4 of the Autumn Term, I wanted to thank all our parents/ carers for their continued patience and support in what is a difficult and challenging time for us all.

We have had an amazing 59% return (178 responses) to our Covid-19 parent/ carer survey. Whilst we received a lot of very positive feedback from many of you, the most important learning has been around the worries and concerns you have raised in relation to both your children and others. Several parents have already been contacted directly to discuss the individual issues they have raised.

Next week we will send out a summary of the main findings and share with you what is going well and where we have sought to adjust our practice based on your comments.

In school we continue to promote good hand hygiene throughout the day with Site Staff regularly sanitising cloakroom and surfaces across the school.

The children are to be commended for how they have adjusted to their Class Bubbles for lessons and their Phase Bubbles when socialising at break times. We are in regular contact with Public Health Blackpool who provide excellent advice and keep us fully up to date on the local pandemic profile.

Please be assured we are doing everything within our control to keep PCA as safe as possible for the whole of our school community.

Thanks again for your support.

Mr Berry

Upper Primary

2M have been reading Captain Underpants and got to a chapter that was a comic strip. They explored all the features and how they are different to books.

The pupils then learnt all about onomatopoeia and became superheroes to find different sounds around school, to match their word!

The children will end up writing their own comic strip, featuring their very own character that they designed last week!



Lower Primary

This week, 1C have been working very hard on their Maths skills. The children have been learning to recognise and name numbers on a number line and some of the pupils have been able to identify what

number comes next. They even played a game called 'pass the number'. Well done 1C!



Lower & Upper Primary Stars of the Week!

1B - Shaniya for concentrating really well in Maths to sort the items by colour.

1P - Dante for being a really great friend to everyone all week.

1C - Tommy for reading with lots of expression.

2B - Callum for being more independent at school, well done.

2HD - Karina for bravery and confidence at her first swimming lesson.

2M - Chloe for fantastic contributions in English when learning about onomatopoeia.

2HY - Jake T for excellent Topic work.

2H - Ollie for completing practical learning activities.

2C - Ellis for being a good friend on the pirate ship.

★ **The Best Class Attendance of the Week** ★

CONGRATULATIONS

to class 3GR who had 100% attendance this week.

Weekly Attendance - The average weekly attendance this week is **92.1%**

Key Stage 3

On Tuesday, 3G celebrated the first day of Autumn with a treasure hunt around the school grounds, searching for signs of the new season.

They had great fun, and found all different colours of leaves as well as a variety of berries. They finished off the afternoon singing a song about Autumn leaves.



KS4/5 'Achiever of the Week'

- 4H - Kamron for good consistent effort all week.
- 4W - Katie for being a great friend.
- 4M - Kerrie-Louise for her excellent effort across the curriculum and being an excellent Head Girl role model for others.
- 4I - Kieran for helping his classmates during their cycling session.
- 5T - Jake F for excellent work all week and a great attitude towards new experiences.
- 5C - Kowen for his fabulous art work this week.
- 5P - Gabby for being so organised.
- 5B - Nickayla for independent working and always trying her best.

CAMHS Drop-in Service - Blackpool Primary Care Mental Health workers are running a drop-in service for any children that have struggled through Covid and for those who are finding the transition back to school a challenging one. For the next education term, weekly drop-ins are being held on **Mondays, 3-5pm at Youtherapy, Talbot & Brunswick Children's Centre.** For more information, contact 01253 955858.

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 20 October, 4-7pm - Parents Evening
- Friday 23 October - School closes for pupils for half term
- Monday 2 November - School re-opens after half term
- Friday 18 December, 2pm - End of Autumn Term
- Tuesday 5 January - Start of Spring Term

Key Stage 4

Whilst learning about how we can look after the environment during our PSD lessons this week, Jamie helped tidy-up the outdoor area of the school using the litter pickers. Obviously, because we are so super tidy at PCA anyway there was very little for him to do!



Key Stage 3 'Achiever of the Week'

- 3G - Patrick for being much more independent this week, joining in class discussions and playing with his new friends in 3G.
- 3T - Emire for excellent work in English.
- 3W - Ellie H for having a great attitude towards school.
- 3S - Jess for being a kind friend and always helping others.
- 3GR - Stann for his fantastic contribution to his English lesson.
- 3J - Angel for her mature attitude to the changes in the class.

Key Stage 5 (WSFC)

As part of 5C's internal College course, the students have been exploring the forest this week, identifying leaves from trees and plants.



Then in groups they had a go at den building.



PCA Twitter Feeds & Class Blogs

To keep up to date about what is happening with your child at PCA, why not follow us - @PCABlackpool, @PCAprimary, @PCAsecondary and @PCAWSFC.

You can also view your child's class blog on the PCA website: - www.park.blackpool.sch.uk under the 'Life at PCA' tab.