

Park Community Academy



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As I come to the end of my first term as Headteacher of PCA, I have been reflecting on what a busy and eventful term this has been. Little did I expect to be entering back into a full National Lockdown on my second day in post! However, as I look back over this term, it is with an immense sense of pride in the resilience, drive and commitment shown by the whole PCA community in ensuring that all of our children & young people are not only safe, but are also able to engage in a range of high quality learning experienced both face to face and online.

The support that our pupils & staff received from families, the Governing Body and the Trust has enabled us to ensure that the academic and emotional impact of this pandemic was limited. On Monday 8th March it was fantastic to be able to welcome all pupils back on site and it has been great to see how well they have all settled back into school life, learning, socialising and playing alongside their friends.

We are now looking forward to the Summer term where hopefully we can begin to gradually reintroduce other opportunities for our pupils, such as after school clubs, youth club and opportunities to undertake work experience and learning outside of the classroom. May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your ongoing support and to wish you and your families a very happy Easter.

Mrs Hughes

Lower Primary

This week 1C have been learning about water safety. The children have learnt to always hold an adult's hand when approaching water.



They also learnt a life saving skill to float on our backs in an emergency. In Maths they have enjoyed using a ruler to measure and have been learning to start from 0 on a ruler from one end of an object.

Covid Testing - If your child tests positive for Covid-19 during the Easter holidays, please send an email to admin@park.blackpool.sch.uk titled 'URGENT'.

Easter Fun

It's been a busy week at PCA, full of Easter celebrations. We've had an Easter egg hunt, an Easter Crown competition and even an Easter Bunny on the loose around school! Our Easter assembly comprised of an Easter Song, a reenactment of the Easter story and of course...lots of chocolate!

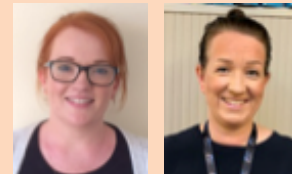
We would like to say a huge thank you to all the families, pupils & staff who have contributed towards our Easter raffle and bought raffle tickets. We have managed to raise over £400 for Friends of Park Community Academy. Your support as always is greatly appreciated!



Staffing Update

Today we said goodbye to Mrs Edwards, one of our Learning Mentors. Mrs Edwards is taking a role at CAMHS supporting children & young people across Blackpool. She will be greatly missed by staff & pupils and we want to say a very big thank you for all the fantastic work that she has done to support the mental health & wellbeing of our pupils.

We also say goodbye to Miss Morgan who is returning to her role as Deputy Headteacher at Tor View School. Miss Morgan has been a fantastic support to Mrs Hughes and the Senior Leadership Team throughout this term, and we would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to PCA.



Upper Primary

2M have taken their learning outside into the Forest School this week. They used rulers to measure different sticks they found. The pupils then had to tell us how many centimetres each stick was to compare which was shorter and which was longer. They all used great comparative language!



Key Stage 3

In Science, 3GR have been exploring the different areas of the tongue.



They have tried lemon, lime, vinegar, sour sweets, crisps, salted popcorn, prawn crackers and soy sauce. They pulled all sorts of faces!

Key Stage 3 'Achiever of the Week'

3G - Monty & Jacob for fabulous improved independent writing.

3T - Sarah for being very mature and managing change.

3W - Daniel W for trying new things and listening to instructions.

3S - Lucius for not being led by others & making the right choices.

3GR - Christina for her mature attitude this week.

3J - Cameron G for having a great attitude to his school work.

Key Stage 4

After learning about where and how beans are grown, the pupils

made healthy baked beans and were surprised to learn how much salt and sugar can be in tins bought from the shop in comparison to their own version.



Family Learning Easter Competition

Every day from 29 March - 9 April, a fun family activity will be posted on the Facebook page 'Competition Time!'. Show or tell what you did by posting a photo or sharing what you have done, and you will be entered into a prize draw to win one of the 10 fabulous 'Show and Tell' books by Rob Biddulph. Entries close on Sunday 11 April.



Date for your Diary

Monday 12 April - School opens for the Summer term

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

Keeping your child safe online

During the Easter break, your child/ren may be having more screen time. Please see this link for advice & guidance on how to keep your child safe online: - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

Lower & Upper Primary Stars of the Week!

1B - Shaniya for fantastic work with her communication boards.

1P - Telisha for taking fantastic care of insects found outside.

1C - Victoria for a great week showing great listening skills. We are very proud of you.

2B - Cameron for making improvements in all aspects of his learning.

2HD - Kenzie for following instructions the first time every time.

2M - All of 2M for being super brave in their first swimming lesson.

2HY - Bradley for moving up 11 levels in reading!

2H - Tegan for being courageous at swimming.

2C - Jacob for showing kindness and consideration for others.

Key Stage 5 (WSFC)

This week, the students in WSFC have been busy organising our school garden.



They have been putting in bedding plants to add some spring colour.

KS4/5 'Achiever of the Week'

4H - Victoria for producing very creative Art work.

4W - Casey for getting straight back to work and working hard at Entry Level.

4M - Mo for helping some younger children at lunchtime.

4I - Corey for being a fantastic friend to his classmates and helping them with their work.

5T - Jack P for being very kind to a younger pupil.

5C - Marco for a mature approach to class discussions.

5P - Josh H for learning how to email competently. Well done Josh for learning this new skill.

5B - Keira for her fantastic writing.

Sign of the Week

This week's sign is 'Easter' to make sure you all have a lovely holiday and a well earned rest.

