

Park Community Academy



27 November 2020

Twitter: @PCABlackpool

This morning, Park Community Academy staff have taken part in a Covid Lateral Flow Test pilot on behalf of Public Health England and the NHS. Lateral flow tests are rapid result tests for Covid-19 with results generated in up to 30 minutes. These tests are being piloted across the country in a range of different environments and are highly reliable. The purpose of the trial is to pick up those people with the virus that have no symptoms (asymptomatic) and are spreading the virus without knowing, to the community.

Park agreed to take part in the pilot to ensure that PCA is as safe for our children & staff as it possibly can be especially in the run up to Christmas.

77% of staff volunteered to take part in the pilot and we are delighted to say there was a 100% negative return.

School Uniform - can we please remind all our families that it is important that our children & young people wear correct uniform to school at all times. Healthy feet are very important, therefore all children should wear sensible black shoes at PCA. Fashion shoes OR TRAINERS are not suitable. Thank you. *Mr Berry*

Upper Primary

In Art, 2HY have been designing and creating their own roller coasters for a Blackpool postcard. They have used their learning from Design & Technology to create 'moving' postcards by incorporating different mechanisms, such as sliders, levers and wheels.

The moving parts of the postcards really help to bring them to life.

Well done 2HY!



Big Switch Off

The Big Switch Off was a huge success last Friday. We smashed our target of '40% reduction' over the 1 hour period of switch off, reaching 42%. During the first 30 minutes we managed a reduction of 47%! The most



positive outcome was that PCA once again demonstrated that we are consistently and continuously reducing energy use on a day to day basis, which is our main aim! It was great to see all pupils & staff across the school involved.



Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 11th December

We are having 'Save the Children' Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 11th December. Please send in donations to wear Christmas Jumpers if the children want to.

Lower Primary

In English, 1P have enjoyed listening to the book 'The Old Woman who Swallowed a Fly'. They loved acting out the sequence of events and even changed the words to the story to make up their own funny versions.



Lower & Upper Primary Stars of the Week!

1B - Logan T for fantastic work in Maths this week. Logan has used the new vocabulary of 'sharing' and 'halving' in his play.

1P - Lucas for trying new foods and tasting new flavours.

1C - Victoria for settling into her new class very well and showing lots of confidence in our hair salon role play area.

2B - Callum for working really hard in Maths and using his 'big voice' to solve number problems.

2HD - Logan A for his excellent writing.

2M - Joe for doing beautiful number formation & Maths work.

2HY - Jaiden for his independent writing in English.

2H - Aaron L for trying hard to complete his work.

2C - Aiden for his enthusiasm for reading.

The Best Class Attendance of the Week

CONGRATULATIONS

to classes 1P & 2H who had 100% attendance this week.

Weekly Attendance - The average weekly attendance this week is 95.1%

Face Masks - can we please request that all pedestrians entering and leaving the site, at the beginning and end of the day, wear face masks. Please remember to social distance when dropping off & collecting your child from your designated door. Thank you. *Mr Berry*

Key Stage 4

At PCA, we encourage teamwork, collaboration & communication at every given opportunity.



This happened between two pupils in 4H this week whilst making paper chains in preparation for Christmas. Aaron and Jamie encouraged & helped each other, working collaboratively to create this colourful, decorative artwork. They discussed the colours and the pattern they were making and listened to each other's suggestions about what would make the most effective colour order. It was great to see such fantastic teamwork but also such super paper chains too!

KS4/5 'Achiever of the Week'

4H - Aaron for much improved behaviour this week.

4W - Connor S for excelling in his Phonics lesson.

4M - Finley for showing great resilience this week and also for creating an excellent full size head mask at home.

4I - Kaiyl for his fantastic imaginative ideas during comprehension this week.

5T - Jake F for creating a lovely card for BFC's loneliness campaign. He put a lot of thought into it and it will make whoever receives it very happy!

5C - Princess for always smiling and being a lovely friend.

5P - Jade for being particularly compassionate and helping her fellow classmates.

5B - Danielle for using beautiful manners all week.

Free Online Parenting Course

This course is led by parents, for parents of children aged 18 months to 11 years, starting on 20/01/21.

They share tips and experiences around communication, behaviour, including strategies & boundaries, listening skills and coping with stress.

For more information contact Sarah Greene - 07387 250094 or email sarah.greene@blackpool.gov.uk

Dates for your Diary

Friday 18 December, 2pm - End of Autumn Term

Tuesday 5 January - Start of Spring Term

Friday 12 February - School closes for half term

Monday 22 February - School re-opens

Key Stage 3

This week 3S have been focusing on money in Maths. The pupils have identified the coins and notes that we use in our currency. Different money problems were put on the board and they used real coins to work out the answers.



The pupils now feel confident about using money to solve everyday problems and also understand the importance of saving money so that they can afford things. They are looking forward to creating a class shop next week.

Key Stage 3 'Achiever of the Week'

3G - Louis for super independent work creating an animation in ICT.

3T - Liam for improved recall at News Time.

3W - Lilly May for trying really hard with her cutting in Technology.

3S - Faith for showing great basketball skills in PE.

3GR - Brendan for working hard all week and his good sense of humour.

3J - Sean for his very good home learning.

Key Stage 5 (WSFC)

Pupils in 5B have been making pizza from scratch this week. They used coins they have collected as part of the class reward system to buy pizza ingredients from our Italian pop up shop. They were then able to prepare and bake their own individual pizza.

An amazing way to embed those all important Maths skills into everyday life.



Sign of the Week

The sign this week is 'cold'.

Now the weather is getting colder, make sure you wear a warm coat.