

Park Community Academy



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I am absolutely delighted and extremely proud to be taking over as Headteacher at PCA. Mr Berry will indeed be hard shoes to fill and has left an outstanding legacy behind him. However, I want to reassure you all that PCA will continue to deliver the very best education to your children & young people as we further develop our curriculum and extra curricular offer to ensure that we fully prepare our children & young people for adult life and enable them to achieve their very best.



As always a close working relationship between school and families is hugely important. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if there is ever anything you would like to discuss with me.

Welcome to our new pupils



We are thrilled to welcome 4 new pupils to PCA this week; Adam, Joanna, James and Dylan.

Staffing Update

This week we welcome a number of new staff to the PCA team. Miss Morgan has joined us as our acting Deputy Headteacher from Tor View Specialist School in Rossendale where she was Deputy Headteacher.



Mr Miller has also joined us as our Design Technology Teacher. He comes with a high level of knowledge and expertise having held the position of Head of Faculty in his previous school.

We also welcome 4 new Apprentice Teaching Assistants; Miss McGurty, Miss Swalwell and Mr Manford have joined the Primary department, and Mr Pritchard the Secondary department.

We hope that they will be very happy at PCA and know that you will all make them very welcome.



Mobile Data - The Government are currently offering support with mobile data increase for those parents/ carers of pupils who are currently not attending school due to school closure, self isolation or for pupils who are classed as clinically vulnerable. This is only for families who DO NOT have fixed broadband at home and access the internet through other means. You also have to be on one of the following networks: - Three, Smarty, Virgin, EE, Tesco Mobile and Sky Mobile.

If you would like more information regarding this, with a view to support the remote learning of your child whilst at home, please contact school for more information.

Lower Primary

Lower Primary have really enjoyed getting stuck back into learning this week. In school the children have been very busy in their new classroom bubble groups. Some groups have been learning about Goldilocks and even followed instructions to make her some porridge! Whilst our older children explored their feelings by looking at the characters from Inside Out.



There's been lots of fantastic learning at home through Google classroom, which has also been great to see.

Baby News

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs Birks and her husband Steve on the birth of their beautiful baby boy, John-James, a brother for Phoebe.



Making Changes Programme

A FREE 6 week online programme for families with children aged 4-11 years, looking at healthy lifestyle changes including nutrition advice and physical activity. It is starting the week of 11th January. Email making.changes@blackpool.gov.uk to book a place.

Upper Primary

Some of our Upper Primary pupils enjoyed looking at Eric Joyner's robot art this week.



They discussed what the robots were doing and where they were. The pupils produced some very imaginative interpretations!



They then designed and drew their own robot art, by adding colour with watercolour paints.

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.



Key Stage 3

KS3 pupils have been working hard to improve their learning in many areas of the curriculum.

Here you can see Year 9 children working on their map reading and debating skills.



Key Stage 4

KS4 have been very busy this week. Our home learners have been getting into their new routine and have already submitted lots of work on Google classroom, which their teachers are adding feedback to for them. Our KS4 pupils in school have been getting used to their new bubbles and have been completing some fun

activities, ranging from studying Edward Lear's 'The Quangle Wangle's Hat' poem in English, PE sessions led by Joe Wicks and developing measuring skills in Maths to make playdough.

We look forward to celebrating the great learning which we are sure will take place this half term both in and out of school.



Sign of the Week

This week's sign is 'new'.

For a new year, the new staff in school and a fantastic new Headteacher!



Key Stage 5

We are extremely proud of each and everyone of you as you have adapted into new routines at home and in school this week.



Home Learning is in full swing and it was lovely to receive photos of Katie busy in the kitchen baking scones, as she embeds those important life skills!

Please log in to your Google classroom for daily work updates and feedback.



Dates for your Diary

Thursday 14th January - PCA's 60th Birthday

Friday 12 February - School closes for half term

Monday 22 February - School re-opens

Friday 26 March - School closes for Easter

Monday 12 April - School opens for the Summer term

School Lunch Menu - Please see our lunch menu on the PCA website: - www.park.blackpool.sch.uk/students/lunchtime-menu. Next week is **week 3**.