



Summer 2022 Newsletter



**Bleasdale
School**

Learning Together / Achieving Together

Here are some of the highlights of this term!

Primary 1

We have spent time this term with our friends from Yealand School and Silverdale Primary. They have been joining us for inclusion sessions on a Thursday afternoon. Our friends from Silverdale have come to our school to join in with team games and supporting us with throwing and batting activities. Our other group have gone to Yealand to join in with group games. We have all really enjoyed it!



Primary 2

A highlight of the term was to finally welcome back pupils from Silverdale Primary School to our PSHE lessons. Each week, different pupils from Silverdale Primary School visited our class to learn about the importance of friendship. The pupils experienced a sensory version of the story 'Barry the



Fish with Fingers' then played fun friendship games. All the pupils in Primary 2 enjoyed making new friends.

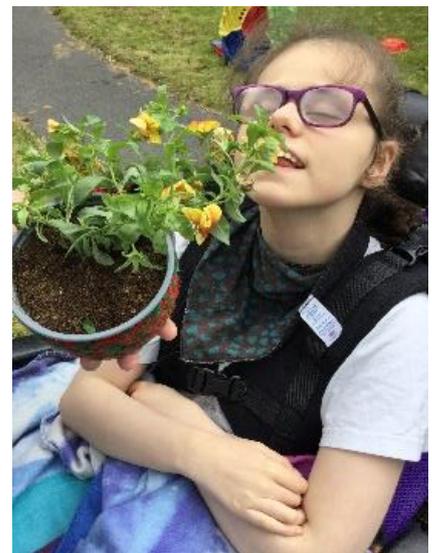
Secondary

During Art & Design this term, we have been looking at different types of landscape art. We have explored and taken inspiration from famous paintings such as Van Gogh's 'Starry Night', to create our own versions of the paintings. We have enjoyed using our bodies to paint on large canvases on the classroom floor. During our sessions, we have been joined in class by a live cellist. We have all loved being able to paint while the cellist has played. We found it very calming and really helped us to engage.



14-16 Department

In DT, we have looked at Hanging baskets. We used the conservatory and planted up our own hanging basket using bedding plants. We explored the soil dry, and wet, and chose the colours of flowers we wanted. We have been looking at how to care for the hanging baskets and have been watering them regularly.



FE Department



16 - 19 have attended Bendrigg to take part in adventurous activities. We really enjoyed climbing, abseiling, using the zip wire and big swing. Everyone was very brave to take part in the new challenges. The smiles and facial expressions demonstrated we all had an awesome time. You can see lots more photos on our School's Facebook page.



We wish Leon, Hannah, Alfie, Emily, Jack and Sarah all the best as they leave Bleasdale school to start the next chapter in their life. Keep in touch.

Residential

This term our residential pupils have carried on with making their own evening meals, which has proved to be extremely popular as they experiment by trying foods that are not usually on the school menu. Our visits to "Bay Beats" have continued this term and all the pupils have thoroughly enjoyed this session and have made some great friends there. Towards the end of this term, we have been working on making some games ready for the end of term party.



Musician in school

This term we have been lucky enough to have a professional cellist – Maya Bugge – in school every Friday. She goes into each class in turn and plays during lessons. The pupils have found the experience very calming and it has really helped them to engage with their learning. You can find more information about Maya on her website mayabugge.com. Next term we hope to repeat the experience with a harpist.

Jubilee Garden Party

One of the highlights of the term was the garden party we held to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. It was the first time we had been able to invite parents and friends into school since the start of the pandemic. Each class decorated their classroom and took part in a variety of activities. Our visitors then enjoyed tea and scones together.



Staff News

This term we have been joined by the following new staff: Thom Teasdale who is our new Assistant Head and the Class Teacher in Primary 1; Jude Cruickshank, who is the Teacher in 14-16 and Gail Sheldrick, who is working with us in FE as a supply TA. We also have Anna Szuminska in school once a month to lead our music lessons. The following staff have moved on this term: Annamaria Madera (Class Teacher); Emma Hall, Lizzie Squirrell and Ellie Bennett (TAs).

Retirements

Several members of staff are retiring this term: Kairen Dexter (Head Teacher); Kevin Horner (Acting Care Manager); Janette Hodkinson (TA); Phil Sharples and David Mason (Site Supervisors). We estimate that between them they have clocked up 131 years' service for Lancashire County Council! We wish them all a long and happy retirement.

Wedding Bells



Two of the Teaching Assistants in Primary 1 have got married this term. Nicola and her fiancé Jamie were married in Kendal just after Easter, while Anna and her fiancé Lee got married in Spain over May half term. We wish the new Mr and Mrs French and the new Mr and Mrs Hodkinson long and happy lives together.

Term Dates

Staff Training Days: Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd September, 2022

Pupils return to school at 9.00 am on Monday 5th September, 2022

Half Term: Monday 24th to Friday 28th October, 2022

Pupils return to school at 9.00 am on Monday 31st October, 2022

School closes for Christmas Holiday at 1.00 pm on Friday 16th December, 2022

Ofsted have a section for parents called Parent View. Parents can access this at any time to tell Ofsted what they think of their child's school. Please go to the Ofsted website to register.





We have our own school Facebook page which is updated on a weekly basis. Here you will find lots of photos and details of what the pupils have been doing in class together with useful information for parents and ideas for activities which can be done at home. Please take a look if you have the chance.



The pupils, staff and Governors hope you enjoy the Summer holidays and look forward to seeing everyone again in September

