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Summer Newsletter

July 2021

Hello and welcome

... to our termly newsletter. Don't forget to visit our school [website](#) or our [YouTube channel](#) where you will find up to date information and some amazing videos.

Message from the Headteacher



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have reached the end of the school year and what a year it has been. I know we all felt that last year with the beginning of the Coronavirus Pandemic was hard. However, this year has been so much harder with pupils being in and then out of school. I have been so proud of our pupils and how well they have coped with these changes.

This time of year is always a time of mixed emotions. We are one day saying good bye to some of our pupils and then the next welcoming our new pupils. We haven't been able to have our usual prom events for our year 6 and year 11 pupils which is sad. However, there have been lots of events in school for the children to enjoy and celebrate all they have achieved.

All of our year 11 pupils are leaving and moving onto sixth forms in other schools. They have been with us at Lancasterian for a long time. However, they are so grown up now and are ready for the next stage in their education. I wish all the year 11 pupils good luck in their new schools.

We have tried so hard to welcome our new pupils for September these past few weeks. Their transition events have been very different but we will be ready in September, just like this year, to help them settle in.

We do have a new class joining us this September in the primary school. This will be called Daffodil and it is great to see our school family grow. We are welcoming 15 new pupils into primary school and 5 new pupils into the high school.

This new class has meant that we will be welcoming new staff to school for September. We are also saying goodbye to some of our staff who are moving onto new adventures. I would like to take this time to thank, Jackie Ervin, Caitlin Rigney, Fadowsa Ahmed and Ben Wallace, for all their hard work and dedication to the pupils and Lancasterian school. We wish them well with their new adventures. Two of our teachers are also leaving us temporarily to expand their own families; Becca Grant and Hazel Mendieta. We wish them all the best and can't wait to meet their new babies next year.

Finally, I would like to thank all the staff and the parents for your support during this difficult year. We have all worked together to ensure our pupils still receive the best education and school experience they can. As always the pupils have been amazing and have amazed me with their resilience. They have continued to inspire, grow and achieve greatness despite all the disruption.

Happy holidays and I look forward to seeing everyone again on Monday 6th September

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Lavender class



This term our topic has been **water**; we have explored the different uses of water, particularly enjoying tidying up our outside area with the jet wash!



We have looked at the different places you see water, enjoying our beach role play area.



We have explored lots of different textures looking at the different properties of materials and enjoyed doing beach art.

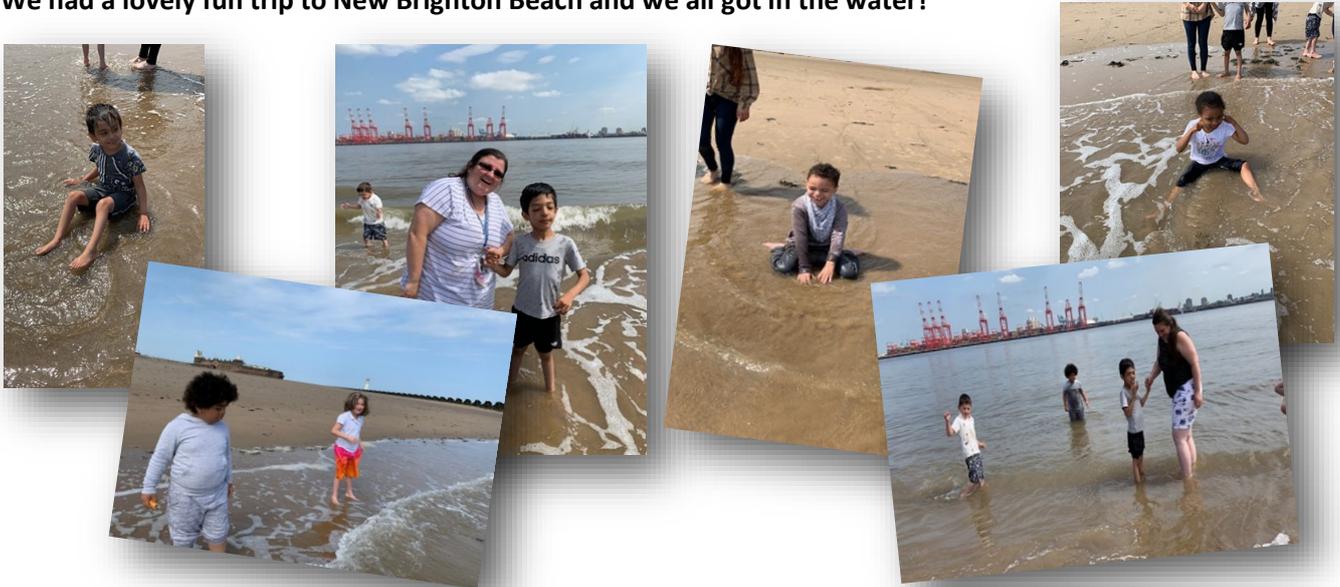


We have been strengthening our mark making skills; mark making in different textures.

Bluebell class

Bluebells have had an amazing year in school. For this last term we have been following the topic of water. We have had lots of fun exploring different types of water and going on trips relating to water.

We had a lovely fun trip to New Brighton Beach and we all got in the water!



We have been gardening in our Enrichment sessions and watering our plants to see how much they grow.



We have visited Chorlton Water Park each week. We fed the ducks, had lots of fun at the park and enjoyed Ice Creams!



Blossom class

In the summer term, we have enjoyed our P.E sessions with Manchester City coach, Sam.



We have learned about what needs water to grow and developed our fine motor skills by making flower art.



We have enjoyed accessing the community; we have been to Chorlton Water Park and Cavendish Park.



We have enjoyed sensory stories around our new topic water.



We have enjoyed accessing Wythenshawe Wheelers. We love all the different and inclusive bikes they have.



We have also made the most of this lovely weather and got the paddling pools out!



Our theme this term has been Water.

Sunflowers class

This term we have focusing on play-based learning and how using our bodies can make things happen.



We have used active, whole-body movement to experience bouncing, swinging, rocking and dancing.



We've been to the Blue Abyss in our sensory story, travelling deep into the ocean and being chased by sharks!



We have been able to control technology in different ways to make things happen.

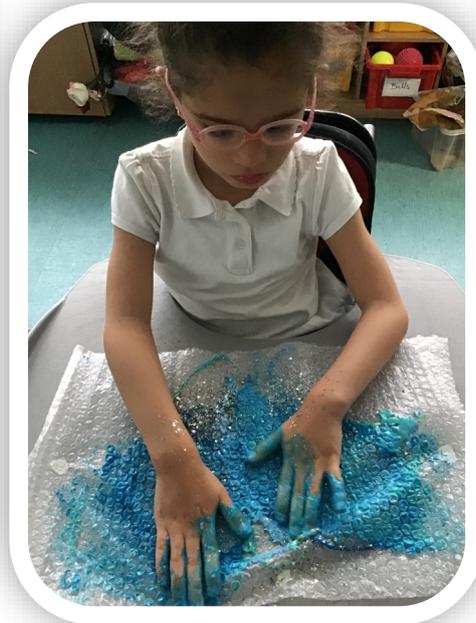
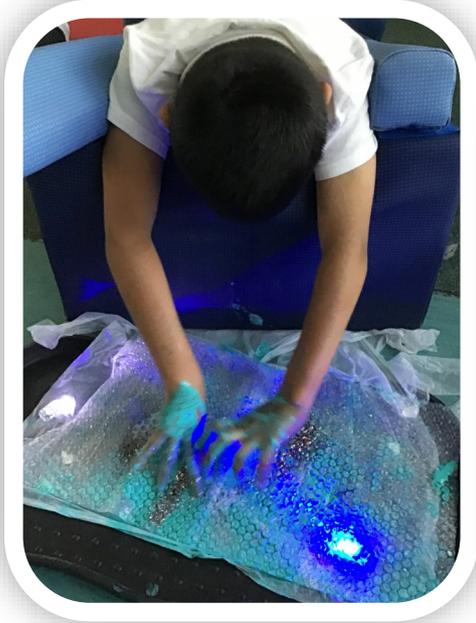


We've had lots of fun engaging with tactile exploration and feeling different water-based textures.

Rose class



This term, Rose class have been working on **Water** as a theme.



We have explored different sights, scents and textures such as coloured water, paint, bubble wrap and lights, to express ourselves and our creativity.

We have experienced some objects and textures from the beach like dry and wet sand and different seashells.



We have played with water to learn more about it. Then, we have looked at the water falling down a water mill toy or through colanders.

Jasmine class

We have had a fun term. In PE we have been practising our balancing and targeting skills.



In Maths we were looking at how you can make 3D shapes out of 2D shapes.



In Art we were exploring clay, and the patterns we can make.

And we always love cooking!



Even though we spent some time isolating, it didn't stop us celebrating important milestones like birthdays.



Happy Birthday

Acorns class

Another challenging year! Despite this Acorns have had a fantastic term and the children have been working incredibly hard to catch up on any learning lost. Engagement from the class both online on Zoom and since we have been back has been amazing and the Acorns staff team are incredibly proud of all of the children.

Despite the challenges we have still managed to achieve a lot. We have been able to get out into the community to Cavendish park, we had a class visit to Sale waterpark and had a fantastic day out. Also, we have been to Southport and had an amazing day playing and hiding in the sand dunes, paddling in the sea, playing games in the sand and finished off our day with an ice cream!

One of our highlights of the year was the fantastic work that the children have done with the school garden, in their enrichment lessons. The children have been weeding, cutting, planting, drilling and sawing and have learnt so many skills in the year.



Didn't we have a lovely time, the day we went to Southport



Elm class

This half term Elm class's topic has been water. Our reading books have focused on the journey of a boat and a washing day. We have also explored water in various different forms and colours such as different shapes of ice or mixing water with different food colorings. We have looked at how water moves by passing it through different objects like bottles or tubes.



Elm Class have really enjoyed visiting Wythenshawe wheelers this term. Everyone has enjoyed exploring all the different bikes that are available to ride and either ridden with an adult or a peer working towards developing their cycling skills.



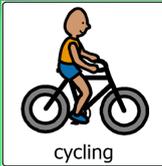
Continuing with our water theme Elm have been enjoying sensory foot spa's each week. Each child has enjoyed the feel of the warm bubbly water, they have chosen which bubble solution they wanted to have in their spa as well as different scented oils.



Pine class

Pine Class have had a great summer term. Our topic this term has been water and we have enjoyed listening to seaside stories and learning through water play.

The children have also enjoyed weekly trips to Wythenshawe Wheelers to use a range of specially adapted bikes, and had great fun racing their friends around the track.



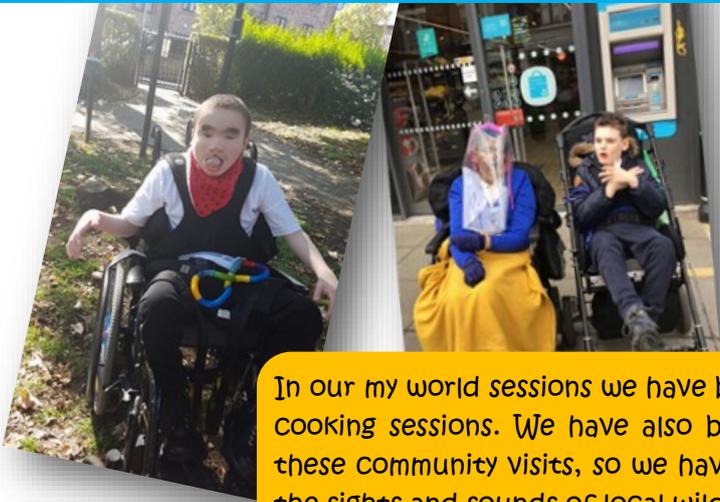
We had a fantastic end of term trip to Southport Beach! We visited a café next to the marina for fish and chips, went to a play park and had a great time on the beach exploring the sand and looking at the sea together. All of the children enjoyed the day and behaved very well. Well done Pine Class!



Willow class

This term we went to the Trafford Centre for our class trip. We were supposed to go to see a body of water in Chorlton Water park, but due to weather conditions we went here instead to experience the water fountains! But they were turned off! We did get to throw coins into the fountain though which was fun.

At the Trafford Centre we got to experience smelling and tasting some funky cheeses from the cheese shop! We went into the Lush soap and bath bomb shop where we got to wash our hands with a choice of 3 soaps as we entered the shop. We then explore some of the products in the shop.



In our my world sessions we have been out in the community to buy ingredients for our cooking sessions. We have also been lucky to have some lovely weather on some of these community visits, so we have also visited our local park to get fresh air, take in the sights and sounds of local wildlife and meet people in our local community.



We have continued to access our regular soft play sessions which are lots of fun and give us the opportunity to move around in a safe space.



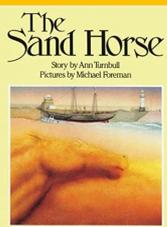
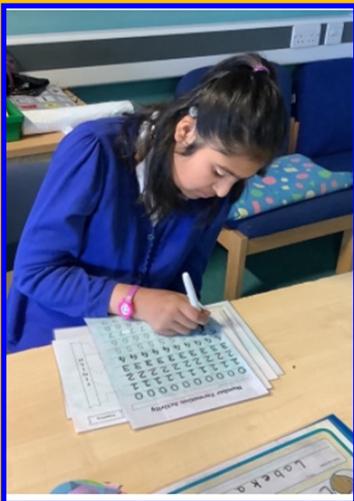
We have been exploring textures in our cognition sessions and listening to and playing musical instruments.

Birch class

The pupils have been working really hard this term and have enjoyed learning about sea creatures, as part of our **Water** topic.



In Maths they have been working on number counting and number formation. The pupils have also explored capacity and had some water fun with it.



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In English they have enjoyed reading 'The Sand Horse' and have made their own sand horses.



Maple class



In English we have been exploring poetry, where we learnt about rhyming words and how to create images through effective word choice. Then moving onto non-chronological reports where we have been writing our own reports about a chosen animal.

In maths we have been learning about fractions of shapes and amounts, the features of 2D and 3D shapes including symmetry, and measurement.

In Science we learnt how our bodies change as we grow during puberty, before moving onto exploring 'mixtures' of solid and liquids.

During this term we enjoyed our trip to Bent's garden centre to buy plants and gain inspiration for our gardening project. We were pleased to earn a Green Blue Peter badge for our efforts in Maple's new garden.



Beech class

In Beech Class, as well as studying all the different subjects, we have focused on developing our **friendships** and **relationships** this year. We have learned how to **cooperate** with our friend, how to **resolve problems** with our friends and how to play, win and lose together. As a result, the students have now got **strong friendships** with one another and often **help and support** each other, which is a joy to see.



Lily and Ben are playing together. Ben has to **trust** Lily not to cheat!



Paige and Bethany **worked together** to make a plastic bag 'terrarium' in science. Paige **helped** Bethany with the 'fiddly bits'.



Harvey and Haziq enjoy **sharing** stories together in English. Harvey often **encourages** Haziq to turn the page.



During the times when we couldn't all be together this year, we managed to stay in touch online. Jakey is showing his **friend** Bethany his experiment on google classroom.



In PE we have been developing our ball skills. Ethan and Brian have been learning to control the ball before they kick it. Future England team players?



In a year when **friendships** have been so important, Beech Class have become 'SuperFriends!'

Oak class

This term we have all been working incredibly hard towards our Entry Level qualifications in Maths and English. Year 9 and 10 have been revising while Year 11's have had their work submitted to the exam board. We are so proud of each and every one of our students and staff, and the hard work that they have doing.

We have been lucky enough to visit Knowsley Safari Park. We had a fabulous time! It was so wonderful to be able to get out and about with our friends after a challenging year. Visiting the baboon enclosure was the highlight of the visit. They jumped all over our school bus. It was by far the funniest experience of the year! Back at school, we wrote recounts and reports based on our trip.



Looking for tigers!



It was a long journey back!

We also attended the HomeGround outdoor theatre in Manchester City Centre to watch A Midsummer's Night's Dream. It was another great trip out of school. The event was attended by many other high school students. We were lucky to be given front row seats!





Skills for Life

Everything Starts With You



We have been working hard this year to develop the *Skills for Life* into our enrichment programme across school. The pupils have accessed a wide range of activities that incorporate the 5 core skills that will support the *Skills for Life* mission 'to ensure that children and young people have the right skills to be able to grow up happy, healthy, safe and successful.'





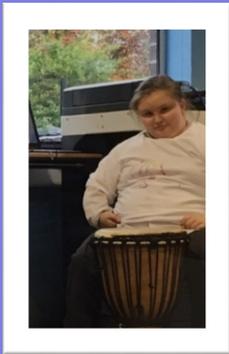
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We are extremely proud of our Year 11 students who are leaving us this year to embark on their next chapter at their chosen destinations.

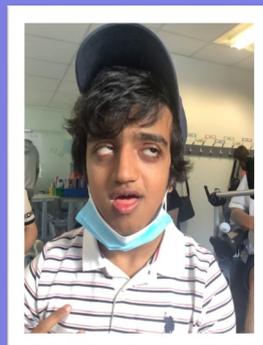
We wish them all a very bright future.



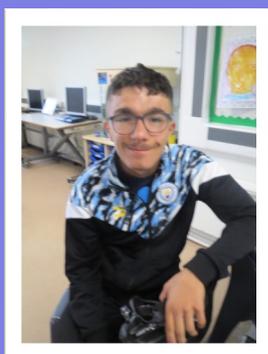
Scott, Honey & Morgan are going to Loreto Sixth Form College



Lily, April, Samira & Fadil are going to Piper Hill



Abaan, Zarah, Amaan & Anderson are going to Bridge College



Abdellah is going to Manchester College

Sam is going to Newbridge Sixth Form

GOOD LUCK!