



**Bleasdale
School**

Learning Together / Achieving Together

Spring 2024 Newsletter

Here are some of the highlights of this term!

Acorns

Acorns have been busy this term, we have welcomed 3 new pupils into our class. We have enjoyed a weekly visit library where we choose a different book to bring back to school and share in class. It is great fun to choose our own book and we pass them to the librarian to scan out. In class, we have been working with Maja, our visiting cellist, on a SoundArt project. We have used our hands and feet to respond to different styles of music. Our artwork is amazing but a bit messy!

Nicola





Seedlings

Seedling Class have done lots of exciting things this term. Our favourite things have been sensory exploration and outdoor learning!

Amanda

Middle Phase

Middle Phase enjoyed a trip to Leighton Moss. This term they have been working on locating different items in the outdoors to make different sounds. So, we spent the morning exploring and listening to different sounds at the RSPB centre.

During food preparation lessons we have prepared food in lots of different ways e.g. chopping, grating, peeling, mashing, blending and cooking to discover it is still the same food.



Most of the class enjoy sampling the food, and now with the use of Biozoom our nil by mouth students can safely also explore the taste. The Biozoom creates safe bubbles of the food which can then be placed on your lips and they safely dissolve. Not everyone in middle phase is keen of trying new tastes.

Rebecca

Upper Phase

Upper Phase have had a busy Spring term. We have all enjoyed engaging with the new curriculum and spending time in the local community. My Independence lessons have been particularly popular, as has Food Tech. Some of us got to show of our cooking skills to our parents and class governor as we shared our independence skills making sandwiches and baking a cake. Some of our pupils have also has the opportunity to take part in accessible music sessions this term and enjoyed a live performance from the Bamboozle Theatre company.



Our pop-up cafe, Bleasdale

Brews continues to run every Wednesday from 10-11:30 in term time and we've welcomed some new workers this term. All pupils are working really hard, developing valuable skills for life through their customer interaction and fulfilling the different orders.

Amelia

Nurture Hub

Nurture class have had an absolutely fantastic Spring term! The learners have been exposed to a variety of Total Communication techniques which has led to lots of spontaneous expressive communication across the timetable and contexts, whether it has been verbally, using an AAC device, using Makaton sign or communication and



choice boards. Learners have been following simple instructions to create amazing artwork, simple food dishes and to complete sensory circuits. We have all thoroughly

enjoyed our travel training around Happy Mount Park and Silverdale developing independence when walking outside of school. We have actively participated in whole school celebrations and events including the panto, Red Nose Day and Easter. If you haven't already please do sign up to the Evidence for Learning family app to enable you to see the progress we are making! We wish you all a restful Easter break and are very much looking forward to the Summer term.

Lois

Rebound

This term in rebound we've been busy working hard to re assess all the pupils and work closely with physios. All pupils have been working really hard on communication, physical development and turn taking. It's been such a joy seeing the pupils develop in so many areas within rebound and we've started sharing our achievements by 'Rebounder off the week'. The Alexa



and light system have been recently installed and this will enhance the pupils learning, sensory feel and so much more!! If you would like any information about rebound or would like to come and see it, please feel free to ask us.

Anna and Ellie

Staff News

We have had a few new staff members since Christmas; Joshua Lilley has joined us as Business Support Officer and Karen Hodgson has joined as HLTA. We have also had five new TA2B's join our staff; Mara Stoian (Middle Phase), Caleb Stewart (Nurture), Caitlin Harrison (Acorns), Rachel Owen (Upper Phase) and Alison Butler (Upper Phase). Finally, we look forward to welcoming Rebecca Murphy (Teacher), who will be joining our team after Easter.

Whole School Events



Bamboozle Theatre Group

Bamboozle theatre group was outstanding. Their performance allowed everyone to engage, develop and practice their interactions with unfamiliar people.

The responses from the children were amazing as they took an active role in the performance, we can't wait till they visit school again.

World Book Day

The whole school, celebrated World Book day, by dressing up as a character from their class book then shared it with the whole school. Our friends from Silverdale Primary came to watch us act out our books, they said "we all worked very hard".

The World Around Us Week

We celebrated science week by focusing on our new curriculum the World around us. We all explored the topic of recycling for the week. Nurture class did an excellent job of sorting rubbish, while other classes made models using items they recycled.

Middle phase ventured out in the village to complete a litter pick to discover Silverdale is a very tidy place.

Silverdale Horticultural Society Spring Show

Every class at
Bleasdale School
entered the
Silverdale



Horticultural Society Spring Show on Saturday 23 March. Acorns, Seedlings and Maples entered their SoundArt work completed alongside our visiting cellist. Middle Phase and Upper Phase displayed their work from Recycling Week and Nurture created a Spring picture to share. Acorns were awarded First Place in the class and received a small certificate and trophy. It was great to be able to take part in this community event.

Term Dates

Summer Term 2024

Pupils return to school on Monday 15th April 2024

Friday 3rd May 2024 (Staff Development Day)

Monday 6th May 2024 (May Day Bank Holiday)

Mid Term Closure Monday 27th to Friday 31st May 2024

School closes for pupils on Friday 19th July 2024

Monday 22nd July 2024 (Staff Development Day)

Autumn Term 2024

Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September 2024 (Staff Development)

Pupils return on Wednesday 4th September 2024

Mid Term Closure Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October 2024

Friday 22nd November 2024 (Staff Development)

Closure at 1.30 pm Friday 20th December 2024

Spring Term 2025

Pupils return on Monday 6th January 2025

Mid Term Closure Monday 17th to Friday 21st February 2025

Monday 24th February 2025 (Staff Development)

Closure after school Friday 4th April 2025

Summer Term 2025

Pupils return on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

Friday 2nd May 2025 (Staff Development)

May Day Closure Monday 5th May 2025

Mid Term Closure Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May 2025

Pupils return on Monday 2nd June 2025

Closure after school Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Headteacher

Dear Bleasdale Special School Community,

As we welcome the vibrant colours and blossoming flowers of spring, we're excited to share the latest happenings and upcoming events at Bleasdale Special School. Here's what's been hopping at our school:

Easter Celebrations

We kicked off the Easter season with joyous celebrations, including Easter bonnet parades, and special classroom activities centred around the holiday's themes of renewal and growth.

Student Spotlights

We're incredibly proud of our students' achievements! This month, we're highlighting the accomplishments of pupils through our EfL, who have shown exceptional dedication and growth in their personal endeavours. Please log in to see what we've been up too.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

From looking at joining Trusts to moving the curriculum on, from class learning days to a bonnet parade, we have shared a range of excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress, set goals for the remainder of the school year, and collaborate with teachers and staff.

Community Outreach

As part of our commitment to giving back, our pupils have taken part in Silverdale Art Trail, Bleasdale Chinese New Year, Valentines discos, World book day with Silverdale Primary, Bleasdale World Around me Week and Red Nose Day. Stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved!

Training

Staff have been working hard across the board on safety compliance to new educational initiatives including Attention Autism, Moving and Handling, Team Teach, Forest schools, first aid and much, much more...

We're looking forward to a season filled with growth, learning, and plenty of springtime fun. Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Wishing you and your family a joyful Easter and a wonderful spring season!

Warm regards

**Sefton Booth
Head Teacher, Bleasdale School**

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 have a happy and healthy Easter break and look forward to seeing you all again in April!