



# Park Community Academy



15 December 2017

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## Lower and Upper Primary Christmas Productions



Over the last few weeks, Lower and Upper Primary pupils have been working hard to prepare for their Christmas Productions - 'A

Miracle In Town' and 'Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits'. This week, all their hard work paid off when they performed beautifully for parents/carers, relatives and friends. All the staff are so proud of how confident and clear the children were in their performances. We hope you all enjoyed the show as much as the children enjoyed performing it!



**After School Clubs** - The last clubs will be held on Wednesday 20th December, and will resume on Wednesday 10th January 2018.

**Swimming** - There will be no swimming for KS2 pupils next week. Swimming will resume for classes 2N, 2C and 2G on Wednesday 10th January 2018 as normal.

**PCA Brass Band** enjoyed performing at the Mayor's Parlour last Saturday in front of a large and illustrious invited audience, made up of members of volunteer organisations from across Blackpool. It was a privilege to play in such a prestigious and historic building.



## International School Award

This term at PCA, we have been working hard to build international links through SchoolsOnline. We have collaborated on various projects, such as E-waste, families and culture. The projects have included linked learning with Pakistan, South Korea and many more.

Thanks to the hard work of pupils across all Key Stages, we have been accredited our 'Foundation Level of the British Council International School Award'.

Please feel free to browse our evidence file located in the PCA entrance, as well as the International School display board.



**Staying Safe Online** - The Lancashire Safeguarding Board have issued useful tips for parents and carers for 'Staying Safe Online over the Festive Season'. This can be accessed on the PCA website and at [www.lancshiresafeguarding.org.uk](http://www.lancshiresafeguarding.org.uk)

## KS1 & 2 Stars of the Week!

1R - Callum for improved confidence and making new friends.

1H - Logan R for his fantastic performance as Joseph in the Nativity 'A Miracle In Town'.

2B - Aaron L for brilliant singing and dancing in the play.

2HY - Darren for trying his best in the play and looking after his friends.

2H - All of 2H for their amazing efforts in the Christmas Production.

2N - Blerina for trying extremely hard to get it right every break and lunchtime this week, and being extremely helpful during breakfast every day.

2C - Jorja for being extremely brave and stepping up to perform as the Princess at the last minute.

2G - Nathan for his outstanding performance in the Christmas Production.

## The Best Class Attendance of the Week

**CONGRATULATIONS**

to 2HY, 2C, 3W, 3I and 3T who had 100% attendance this week

**Weekly Attendance** - Our whole school attendance target for 2017-18 is 95.5%. The average weekly attendance this week is **94.7%**



## PCA Choir and BASSO

Well done to members of both the Choir and BASSO who performed at the BMS Christmas Festival at the Tower Ballroom on Tuesday. They were all fantastic! For those who missed it, it was recorded by Radio Wave and will be played on the radio on Christmas Day - make sure you tune in!



## Key Stage 3&4

Key Stage 3 and 4 pupils had the opportunity to see a real wasps' nest this week - which was found in Mrs Bruce's loft!



They have learnt how the wasps make the intricate nest out of chewed up wood pulp and saliva.

## KS4/5 'Achiever of the Week'

- 4M - Francesca and Gabby for super dancing at the Blackpool Tower dance showcase on Monday evening.
- 4B - Louis for taking on new challenges and smashing them.
- 4T - Ryan for showing maturity and following instructions whilst enjoying the Upper Primary performance.
- 4BI - James for his commitment to the PCA Band, both at this busy time of year and throughout the rest of the year.
- 5S - Chloe for her contribution to the Christmas Production.
- 5J - Lucas for having a positive attitude towards difficult tasks in Literacy lessons.

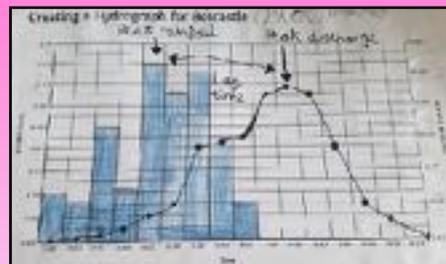
## Dates for your Diary

- Friday 15 & Saturday 16 December** - Tramshed proudly presents 'COLOUR MY WORLD' at Blackpool 6th Theatre
- Monday 18 December** - KS1 & 2 Christmas Party Day
- Tuesday 19 December** - Whole School Circus Trip
- Wednesday 20 December** - Whole School Christmas Dinner for children and staff
- Wednesday 20 December, 1.30pm** - KS3 & 4 Disco
- Thursday 21 December, 10am** - Christmas Carol Service (parents/ carers invited)
- Thursday 21 December, 2pm** - End of Autumn Term
- Tuesday 9 January** - Start of Spring Term 2018 (please note the school is closed to pupils on Monday 8 January)

## Key Stage 3

3J have been studying natural disasters. Due to the flooding in Lancashire recently, they have looked at the causes and effects of flooding. Pupils carefully produced a Flood Hydrograph for a severe flood, and were able to answer questions about the 'peak rainfall/discharge' and 'lag time'.

Here is Chloe's graph, which she took great care in producing.



## Key Stage 3 'Achiever of the Week'

- 3S - Ellie for showing great independence.
- 3W - Tyler Q for a much improved attitude to his writing and others.
- 3T - Corey for making a fantastic Christmas card in computing.
- 3I - Elisha for always trying hard and being kind to her friends.
- 3J - Joseph for being really sensible and respectful towards the younger children during the Upper Primary Production.
- 3H - Ridhwan for his independent work in Science.

## Parent/Carer Tips for Holidays and Celebrations

The following link has some useful ideas to help children manage the changes and challenges that often happen over the Christmas holidays: <https://www.understood.org/en/family/events-outings/holiday-celebrations>

## Key Stage 5 (WSFC)

Chloe and Courtney have done a great job this week helping out in the Christmas Production... they were well hidden as the camel.



Also, congratulations to Liam who has been awarded



'Palatine Detachment Most Improved Cadet 2017' this week, and passed his LFRS Fire Cadet Certificate of Induction.

A fantastic achievement Liam - well done, we are all really proud of you!

**Dinner Money** - please can we remind parents/ carers to pay dinner money if not done so already. Thank you.