



# Park Community Academy



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## The Gazette Education Awards

We are delighted to have been shortlisted for 'Primary School of the Year' in The Gazette Education Awards. The awards presentation evening will take place on **Monday 26th November, arriving 6.15pm for a 7pm start, at the Blackpool Tower Ballroom.** We would love children and their parents/ carers to come and support Park Community Academy. There will be entertainment on the night and tickets are not required.

## Christmas Tree Festival

This annual event showcases dozens of uniquely decorated trees presented by local organisations, charities and businesses. The whole of PCA have helped make this magnificent tree, inspired by the BBC documentary 'Drowning in Plastic' - the pupils wanted to show how much plastic is being wasted. If you're in town this weekend, we would appreciate it if you call in to the Winter Gardens and vote for us for the 'Best Tree' prize. Santa will be there too!



The **Christmas Tree Festival is on until Sunday 25th November, 11-4pm daily at the Winter Gardens.** Admission is just £1.50pp for adults, children go free.

## Swimming Championships

Well done to the 6 pupils who competed in the National Panathlon Swimming Championships this week. They all had a fantastic time sightseeing around London before competing in the 2012 Olympic pool!!! We are very proud of them all!!



## Revoe Christmas Tree Lights Switch-On

**Monday 26th November from 5.30pm** outside Revoe Library. The big switch-on will take place around 6pm followed by the PCA Brass Band performing at 6.15pm in the Community Centre. Everyone welcome!

## Lower & Upper Primary Stars of the Week!

- 1R - Logan H for joining in with signing during Nativity rehearsals.
- 1H - James for his use of mathematical language.
- 1B - Joseph A for trying really hard in 'Move It Groove It'.
- 2B - Zahra for an excellent transition into her new classroom.
- 2HY - Monty for putting his hand up more in lessons.
- 2BR - Aaron P for trying to get it right all week.
- 2G - Sevannah for being a good helper, role model and friend.
- 2C - Stuart for his enthusiasm and participation during 'Move It Groove It' this week.
- 2H - Olivia for her enthusiasm in Literacy.



## Upper Primary

The KS2 Park Sharks were invited to the Sealife Centre last week to perform 'Baby Shark' in the tunnel with all the sharks above them.

This was filmed and shown on the Children In Need programme later that night. What a great experience for them all!! **A big thank you to the PCA community - we raised £865 for BBC Children In Need last week.**

## Lower Primary

Winter has arrived in 1R! This week the pupils have been learning about Winter and enjoyed exploring the Winter Wonderland area in their classroom. They learned key vocabulary such as ice, cold, snow, and looked at animals which live in snowy habitats. The children also worked hard to create pieces of work for a Winter display... look at their beautiful polar bears!



## The Best Class Attendance of the Week

### CONGRATULATIONS

to **2H, 3S and 3GR** who had **100%** attendance this week.  
**Weekly Attendance** - Our whole school attendance target for 2018-19 is 95.5%. The average weekly attendance this week is **95.9%**



### Key Stage 3

The KS3 Photography group have had a great time making and finding letters to make their names. They then took photographs and made a collage.



### Key Stage 3 'Achiever of the Week'

3T - Daniel for having an improved attitude to his reading.

3M - Jonathan for writing a super comic story.

3SL - Luca for being so sensible on the Road Safety Walk.

3GR - Jack and Ged for representing PCA at the Panathlon Swimming Competition in London.

3S - Tyler P for completing his reading homework consistently every week.

3B - Lewis for making the right choices both in class and at playtimes on the yard.

### Online Safety Workshop at PCA

**Wednesday 5th December, 3.20-4.20pm.**

We are hosting an online safety workshop with Awaken Child Sexual Exploitation Team and an O2 Guru providing information and advice on how to keep your children safe online. Do you need help with privacy settings? Then bring your device with you and the guru will help you set it up safely. Please contact Ms Jackson, Child and Family Support Manager if you require childcare.



### Key Stage 5 (WSFC)

Here is Mirabelle in 5S working at the Grange in Layton, planting strawberries in preparation for next year.

We hope they can stand the cold weather!

### Dates for your Diary

**Thursday 13 December, 1.30pm** - Lower Primary Christmas Nativity 'Have You Heard The News?'

**Friday 14 December, 1.30pm** - Upper Primary Christmas Play 'Children Of The World'

**Tuesday 18 December** - Primary Christmas Dinner

**Thursday 20 December** - Secondary Christmas Dinner

**Friday 21 December, 10am** - Christmas Carol Service (parents/carers invited)

**Friday 21 December, 2pm** - End of Autumn Term

**Tuesday 8 January** - Start of Spring Term 2019

### Key Stage 4

A group of KS4 students went to Blackpool Victoria Hospital on Tuesday to do some volunteering as Navigators. They helped to meet & greet members of the public and guide them to their



appointments across all sections of the hospital. They did an amazing job representing the school!

### KS4/5 'Achiever of the Week'

4H - Harvey for good consistent effort throughout the week.

4W - Jamie for being an outstanding member of the class.

4M - Kelsey for excellent addition of 3 digit numbers plus tens using concrete materials this week.

4I - Taylor for being an amazing new addition to 4I.

4T - Christian for trying really hard with his comprehension this week.

5S - Nathaniel for an excellent attitude all week.

5W - Sheena for helping to serve and organise the dinners at WSFC.

5J - Kieran for motivating others whilst volunteering.

### Coco's Corner

I had an exciting week learning about Road Safety and have shown different classes how to cross the road safely. I even had my own special high visibility bandana on display.



This weekend will be my final Therapy Training

session and fingers crossed I will be fully qualified by Monday, I think I'm doing a great job already though!

I paid a special visit last week to class 2BR who wrote me a letter inviting me to visit, and class 3SL sent me a beautiful card after Road Safety too - thank you everyone, I've had a wonderful week!

### Junior History Event - Prehistory to Iron Age

- 1st December, 10.30-11.30am - Palatine Library
- 8th December, 10.30-11.30am - Layton Library
- 8th December, 2.30-3.30pm - Moor Park

Free event. Booking essential - 01253 478050.