

Winter Newsletter 2023



High Park School
Learning for Life



In Acorn 1 we have practiced using a pen, over writing letters and numbers, counting and matching numbers. All pupils in class take part in a daily walk in a small group, wearing the fluorescent jackets and practicing road safety stopping and looking at the roads side.

We have enjoyed going on the bus to the local park and explore the different play equipment, we share space and take turns.



A C O R N

B A S E



In Acorn 2 we looked at making some bonfire night art. The children worked together to use their hands as tools to create fireworks in the sky.

The plumber drummer came to visit us and we had lots of fun using his instruments to make music.



We have been playing lots of new and different turn taking games such as taking turns and sharing resources such as the swing! We have had so much fun doing this!



ACORN BASE



In Acorn 3 we have been planting seeds using a trowel to scoop up soil to cover the seeds and watching how they have grown when we water them each week. We have practised making choices during snack time and food tech in the kitchen.

We have all enjoyed sharing our space during our parachute activity in the studio and taking part in the different physical activities in acorn middle, especially the bikes.





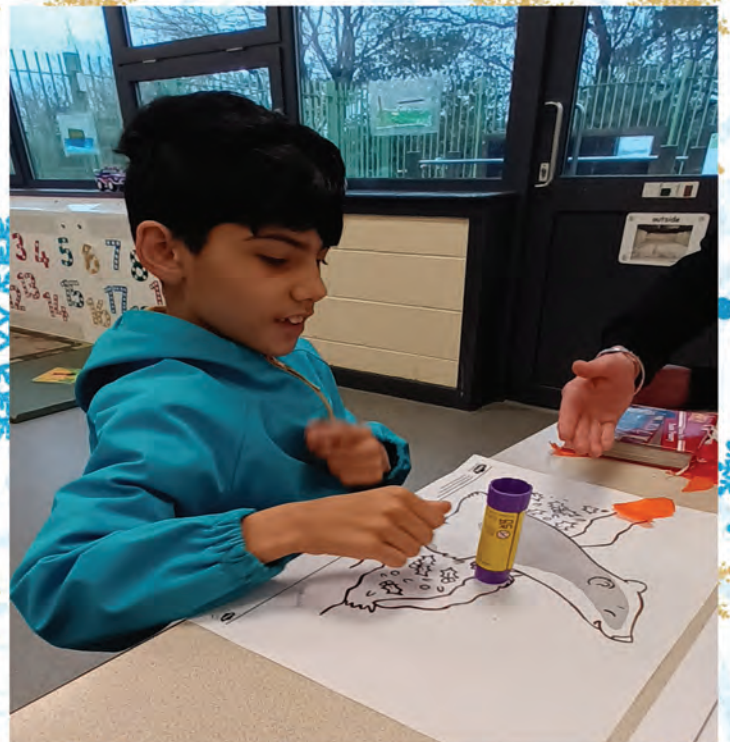
This Half term we have been making Tie Dye T-shirts and making biscuits for Children in Need. We have been focusing on Phonics in class, learning about Shapes and Measuring and we have been making Autumn pictures using leaves we found during our scavenger hunt. We have had a great time writing letters to Santa, and posting them in his magic post box.



BEECH BASE



This term Beech 2 have been looking at all of the exciting things that happen in Autumn and Winter. We have been working on our communication and interaction skills through work based on Halloween, Bonfire Night, Diwali and Christmas. The children have had fun creating artwork, helping bake and playing with sensory resources around these themes.





Beech 3 have had lots of fun this term! We have had visits from the Plummer Drummer and had music lessons using DJ equipment with Sean from All Star Entertainment.

During our walks around the local area, we have been using Core Vocabulary to help understand road safety e.g. Stop, Look, Listen.

We have been enjoying looking at and listening to stories, with more and more pupils seeking opportunities to listen to stories.





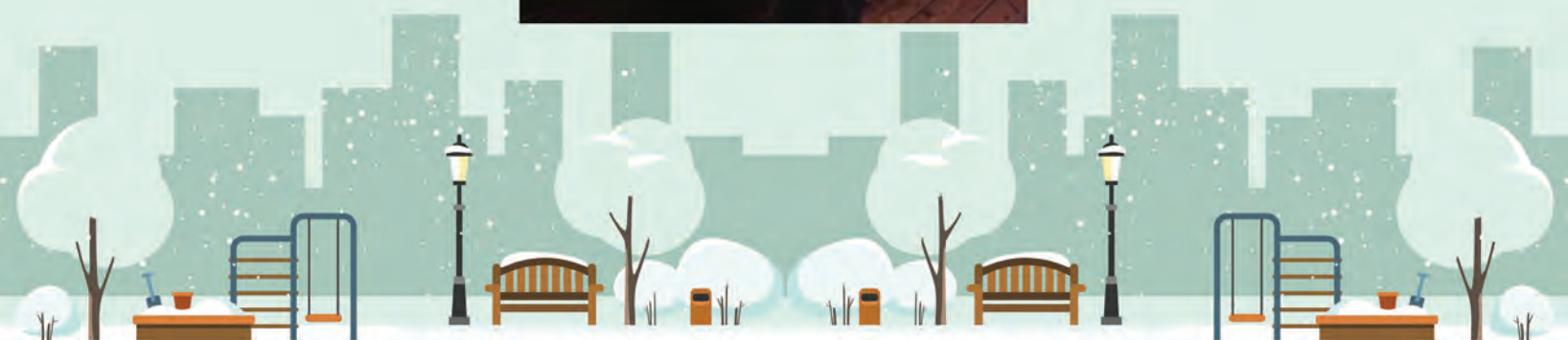
In Ash 1 we have accessed the local community and walked to the local park with their peers. We have enjoyed playing on the equipment and playing outside. We have started to visit Woodbank Garden Centre and enjoyed looking at the different animals and the old arcade machines.



ASH BASE

Ash 2 have been going out on trips into the community.

We studied a new place this half term! We took our Historians to Bolling Hall Museum, where we learnt about the history of Bradford. We explored the different rooms of the manor house and saw what people used to eat, dress and how they spent their time. We also did a ghost hunt and found the spooky hiding places.



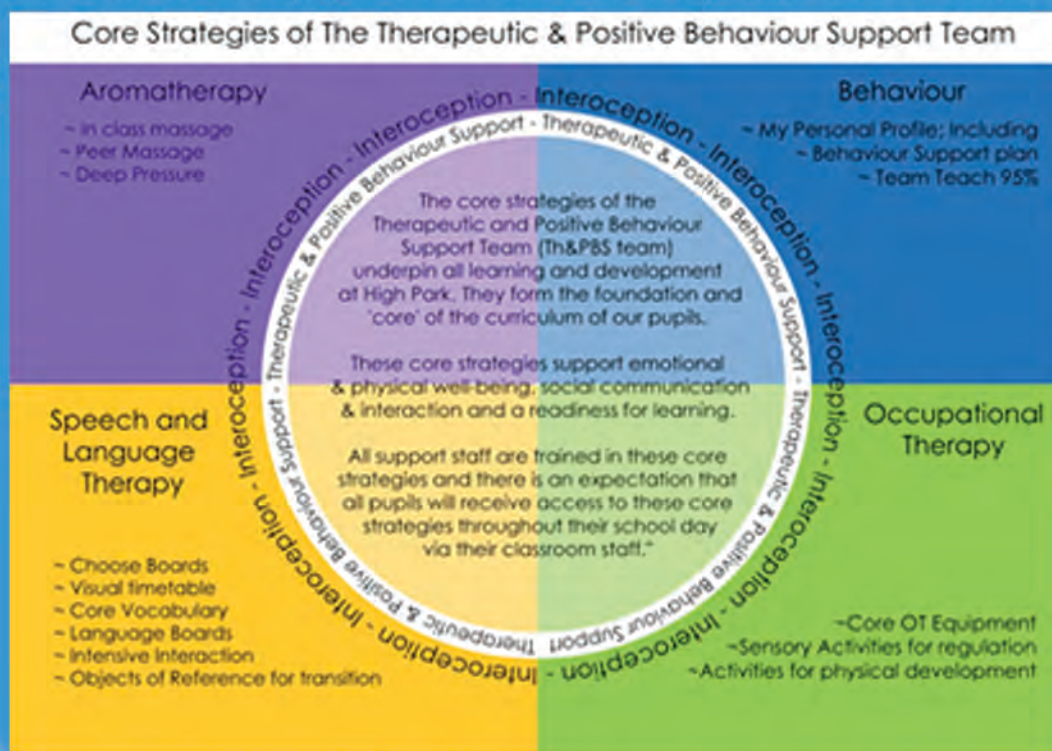


In Ash 3 we have been exploring pumpkins through sensory exploration activities, touching and smelling the pumpkin flesh and seeds. We have also been practicing our chopping skills during food tech to make a tasty pumpkin soup and a vegetable curry.

We have been going to the gym on a regular basis, learning how to use the fitness equipment to help maintain a healthy lifestyle.



At High Park School, each pupil has access to specialist therapeutic support threaded throughout their day as part of their personalized curriculum. The Therapeutic and Positive Behaviour Support Team work together to provide holistic support for each pupil across school.



Alex



Emma



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Fiona



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The types of individualised therapeutic support offered are; Aromatherapy, Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Positive Behaviour Support. More information about our Therapy Team is available on our website.



OAK BASE



In Oak 1 we have been exploring the wider community, going for local walks and learning how to cross roads, and interact with peers outside of school.



One of the pupils from Oak 1 was able to visit Beech base and give a talk to the pupils around firework safety, after he had sat through a presentation given by the local police community support officer.



OAK BASE

Oak 2 has been very busy since September! We have been exploring more of the local community with visits to Jamie's Ministry of Food, Yeadon Tarn and Tong Garden Center. We have been focusing on vital independence skills around personal hygiene. In class, phonics, reading and writing have been a huge focus and lots of progress has been made! We might have even had fun along the way!



OAK BASE



In Vocational 1 we have been concentrating on transitions. We have started to visit 4 new places and started to go on walks too.

We use 'Now and Next' boards ensuring that students can predict what is happening next, and feel reassured that they will be returning to school, helping them to make some positive memories. This helps our young people feel confident and associate change with positive memories.



Some students have been going to Meadows to access a new 'Creative Arts' course, facilitated by a company called All Star Entertainment. Here the students are engaging with music and a record scratching machine.

OAK BASE

Vocational 2 has had a very interesting start to this year. We have started to branch out in to the community with weekly visits to Golden Acre Park in Leeds where we have been feeding the local wildlife; it's has been great fun. We've also had a visit from the Community Police Officers and have learnt about safety out in the community. During our enterprise sessions we have been making cards.



First Day Back - Tues 2nd Jan
Dental Screening - Tues 23rd Jan
Toileting workshop - Weds 31st Jan
Finish for Half Term - Fri 9th Feb



The time seems to have flown by and it is hard to believe that I am almost at the end of my first term as Principal of High Park. It has been a super term and a privilege to have had time to get to know our wonderful pupils and fantastic staff.

It has certainly been a busy term and I have been amazed at the quality of work going on in school – there is an abundance of skill and talent across the bases and our pupils seem to have so much fun!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you our parents and carers for your continued support and I look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday 2nd January 2024.

Wishing you all a very happy and safe festive season.

Bridie Dunning