



# Pear Tree School

*Achieving the Best We Can in Everything We Do*

## Newsletter

### Autumn 2 - 2023

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Here we are at the end of a very long Autumn term. It is always a tricky time for many of our children and whilst we always try and keep the whole school in its usual routine, certain aspects of our celebrations do interrupt normal proceedings. It is so important to many of our children that school life is predictable and routine however it is also part of preparation for life that we teach them how to manage change.

I hope all families who attended the lower school performance were as equally amazed as I was at the inspiring performances given by our wonderful children. They all demonstrated (whether on stage or screen) that they achieved the best they can in everything they do. I was immensely proud of them all.

I hope you all benefit from some time together over the Christmas period and it won't be long until we are all back together in January.

I thank you all for your continued support.

With the warmest of wishes

Kate



## HELLO/GOODBYE

We have welcomed a number of new staff to our team this half-term.

Bay Tree – Wendy (TA3)

Pine Tree – Kelly (TA2)

Elm Tree – Bobbie (TA1)

Sixth Form – Charlene (TA2)

Compass Centre – Stevie (TA2)

Tracy – Business Apprentice

Alison and Cheryl – Site Team

We have also said a fond farewell to five members of our staff team. Jasmin (Teacher), Kirsty (Bay Tree), Emma (Pine Tree) and David and Chloe (Compass Centre). We wish them all the best in their next venture.



## WORLD OF WORK WEEK

Every year our 14-19 department take part in a World of Work Week as part of our whole school Careers programme. This week encourages our learners to develop their skills and knowledge of the world of work and empowers them to make more informed decisions about their futures. For our pre-formal learners and some of our pupils who access the Compass Centre, bespoke learning is created linked to the World of Work, whether this be via a sensory story, a specific sensory session that meets regulation needs linked to jobs or even in the local community, we ensure that this week caters to each of our students' unique learning needs. For our semi-



In Elm Tree, our pupils begin to develop their understanding of different types of jobs and apply this in a range of in class activities linked to employment. Focussing upon developing an awareness of the world of work and starting to build a picture of what they like and don't like.



In Oak Tree our pupils begin to look beyond the classroom and take part in a range of activities held by local employers in school, as they develop their knowledge further. We have been fortunate enough this year to welcome in Kerry from Lowther Pavilion & Lower Creatives who has delivered a bespoke programme which involved practical acting and imagination workshops alongside discussions around jobs in theatres. We have also had a 3D Printing Workshop, where our pupils were able to channel their inner creativity. We have planted bulbs with Fylde Rangers as part of a horticulture taster, we were visited by the Department of Work and Pensions who delivered an Employability workshop alongside many more excellent in house opportunities that help to develop knowledge and awareness.



Finally, when our students get to the Sixth Form, the aim for World of Work Week is to encourage our pupils to have as much practical experience in the local community, as possible. For those students who it is appropriate for, we ask pupils to fill in application forms and take part in a range of work placements. We have been fortunate enough to have students taking placements at local hairdressers, Northern Rail, Grundy's Ironmonger's, Dawson's Art & Craft Emporium, Blackpool Community Trust, Kirkham Advertisers and Kirkham Library. This wide range of opportunities has enabled our learners to access a job that suits their unique pathway and has helped to develop their employability skills. This can be built upon throughout the year and their time in the Sixth Form and gives those students who it is possible for, the best opportunities for a successful work placement both in school and after they leave us.



A huge thank you to all the local businesses and parents who support us to achieve the best we can in everything we do during our annual World of Work Week. Without this support, we wouldn't have such successful opportunities for our inspirational students.

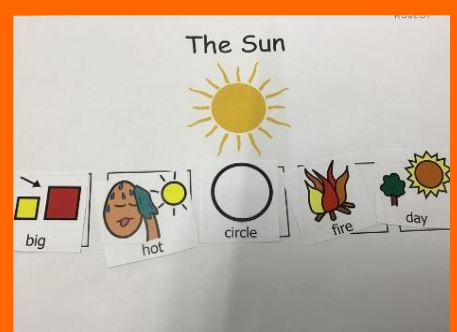


## CREATIVE CURRICULUM

The creative curriculum theme at Pear Tree School this half term was linked to STEM and was called Space. In the lead up to the Inspiration Day, pupils were taking part in lots of exciting science activities based around space. For the Inspiration Day, there were lots of experiments and crafts to explore in the hall.

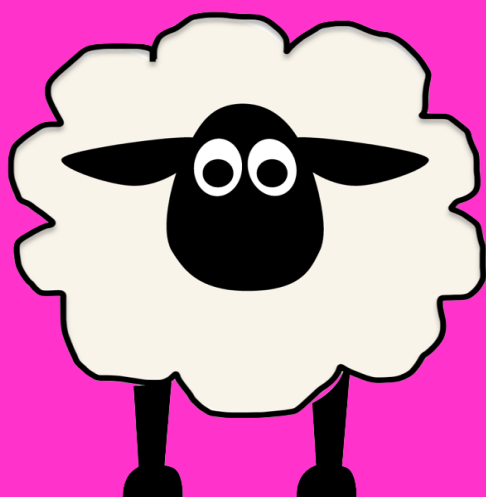
All the classes involved have been reading books linked to space from the Smeds and the Snoos to learning about Neil Armstrong and Jeane Wilson who was the women who sewed the suits for the space race.

For the Exciting End at the end of the term, the pupils watched Wall-E.





# NATIVITY PHOTOS



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## DATES FOR DIARIES

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January

School Opens

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 9.15am

Pine Tree Class Assembly

Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 1.30-2.15pm

Seedlings Class – Chill & Chat

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February

Young Voices

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February

School closes for half term break



