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# PACE POST

## Spring Term

*"Don't give up! I believe in you all! A person's a person no matter how small!"*

Dr. Seuss

### Words from Our Teacher in Charge

Dear parents and carers, welcome to our Spring Newsletter! I hope you find it useful and informative.

I'd like to wish all our parents and carers a healthy, happy and prosperous 2023. Last term was a very eventful and successful one for the children at PACE. So much to mention regarding last term but in particular welcome to Miss Willis and Mr McKiernan who joined our staff team. Our McMillan coffee afternoon and Christmas jumper day raised funds for the charity, the children loved the trip to the panto, afterschool clubs were well attended, and Rowan class enjoyed a day in Chester being a Roman soldier!

This term watch out for a new addition to PACE! Small clue – it will be furry and cute.

Don't forget to follow us on twitter too! @STHELENSPACE.

### PACE are PROUD

#### Our Wonderful Writers

**Eva**

Cherry Class

**Michael**

Rowan Class

**Bella**

Oak Class

#### Our Marvellous Mathematicians

**Kaylan**

Cherry Class

**Karter**

Rowan Class

**Tyler**

Oak Class

#### Our Remarkable Readers

**George**

Cherry Class

**Riley**

Rowan Class

**Mason**

Oak Class





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**Cherry Class**

**Rowan Class**

**Oak Class**

**Wonderful World & Beyond**

The children will be learning about: The 7 Continents and 5 Oceans, Hot and Cold places, The Rainforests, Space and the Planets, Important Missions and Space Travel.

**Rainforests**

The children will discover where the rainforests are located, what they are like, who lives in rainforests and learn about the food resources in the rainforests. Research how rainforest creatures have adapted to life in their forest layer. Explore the life of tribal families, compare the way they live to their own family life and celebrate the life of tribal people by sharing a feast of food and drink from the rainforest.

**Comparing People and Places**

The children will discover the 3 Mexican fiestas and consider the mariachi music and costumes. Explore the geographical impact of deforestation in the Amazon Basin. Research the Peruvian Andes and design a tourism app. Taste food of the Mexican fiestas. Learn about the Alps and create their own model. Discover the vegetation and climate and compare with life in the foothills. Learn about the countries that border the Alps and study the lifestyle of those countries, including the effects of tourism.

**PACE'S PARENT PARTNERSHIP**

**Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 2022**

On Friday 30th September 2022, PACE staff and children made or donated cakes and invited their families to join them for a coffee, cake, stories and games. It was a lovely afternoon to be had by all.

We raised an amazing £103 for the Macmillan Charity. A huge thank you to everyone who attended and donated.



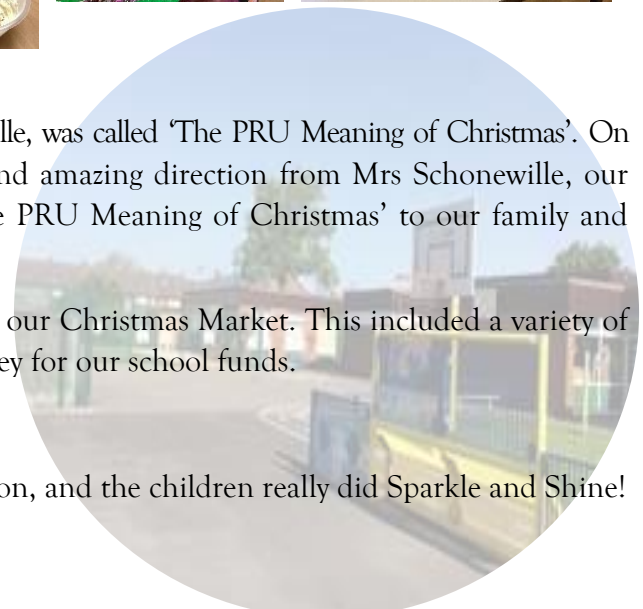
**The PRU Meaning of Christmas!**

This year's Christmas performance, written and directed by Mrs Schonewille, was called 'The PRU Meaning of Christmas'. On Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2022, after many rehearsals, lots of hard work and amazing direction from Mrs Schonewille, our children performed their wonderful Christmas performance of 'The PRU Meaning of Christmas' to our family and friends.

After the show, the children's family and friends were invited to visit our Christmas Market. This included a variety of handmade gifts, decorations, and treats. Items were sold to raise money for our school funds.

We raised a huge £135 this Christmas!

Thank you to everyone that attended this year, it was a great celebration, and the children really did Sparkle and Shine!





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### NURTURE NEWS

#### Roald Dahl Day 2022 – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2022

Throughout PACE the children explored a variety of stories written by Roald Dahl and completed a variety of activities for the whole day. Some children made cards for Roald Dahl to tell him which of his books is their favourite and others made their own version of 'George's Marvellous Medicine'. Our pupils looked at the history of Roald Dahl and discussed how he became such an inspirational children's author.



#### Halloween Fun – Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2022

As the children returned to PACE on Monday 31st October after the half term break, we thought it would be a great idea to have some Halloween fun in our classrooms.



#### INTO Film Festival

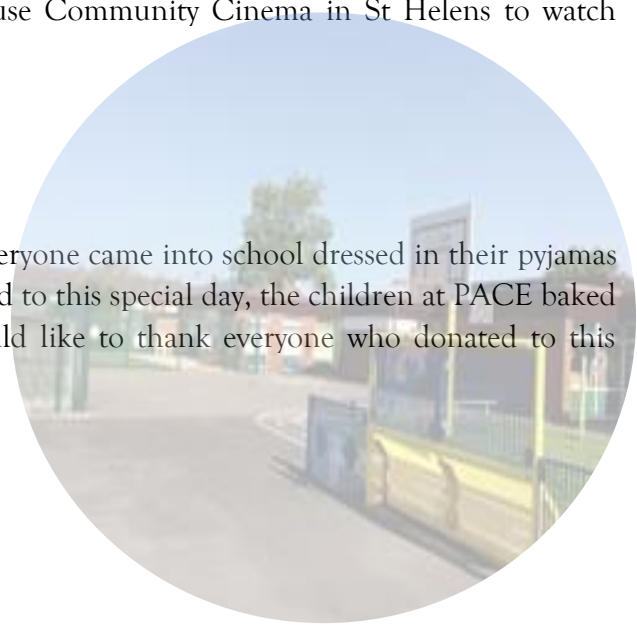
On Tuesday 8th November 2022, we were lucky to be provided with tickets to go to a preview, premier showing of 'Matilda the Musical' before the national release date at HOME Cinema in Manchester. On Thursday 10th November 2022, our children were given the chance to go to the Lucem House Community Cinema in St Helens to watch Clifford the Big Red Dog.



#### Children in Need 2022

On Friday 18th November 2022, we celebrated Children in Need. Everyone came into school dressed in their pyjamas or Children in Need merchandise for a donation to the charity. To add to this special day, the children at PACE baked cakes and biscuits to sell at their very own 'BAKE SALE'. We would like to thank everyone who donated to this amazing charity.

We raised an amazing **£60**.





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### Class Readers

#### **Cherry class are reading...**

The Great Race by Emily Hiles and The Runaway Wok by Ying Chang Compestine. The children will be looking at these fiction texts and comparing written oral and written versions of the same story. They will be using props to retell a traditional tale and creating their own story based on the tale.

This Is How We Do It by Matt Lamothe and On the Way home by Jill Murphy. These non-fiction texts will allow the children to look at diary writing and to create their own diary entries using time connectives.

#### **Rowan class will be reading...**

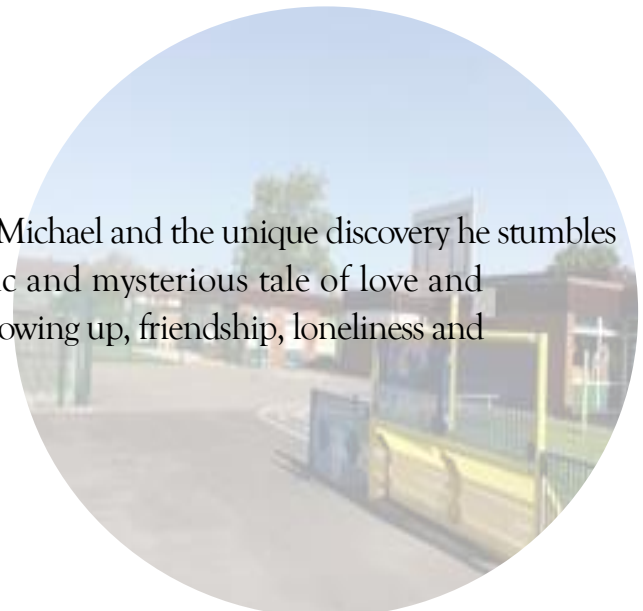
Krindlekrax by Phillip Ridley, an adventure story about a small boy who wants to be a hero. We will be exploring character qualities and personality traits and learning about the features of persuasive writing.

Varjak Paw by S.F Said, themed around friendship and loyalty. A story about a small kitten who learns about a secret way of martial arts for cats. We will be learning to write a short narrative using expanded noun phrases and fronted adverbials.

The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Sheppard, a story about Tomas, a boy who discovers dragons growing in his grandad's garden. We will be writing rhyming poetry, an information text about a plant that hatches a magical creature and write a diary entry.

#### **Oak class are reading...**

Skellig by David Almond, a story about a 10-year old boy named Michael and the unique discovery he stumbles upon after entering a forbidden garage in his garden. It is a poetic and mysterious tale of love and friendship. The children will be reading and discussing about growing up, friendship, loneliness and confidentiality.





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### Mini Activities

Use the pictures to help you complete the spring-themed crossword puzzle.

### Space

s	d	n	r	o	c	k	e	t
l	s	t	a	r	n	i	f	s
l	u	k	u	a	z	u	o	m
o	n	s	p	a	c	e	m	o
r	n	s	l	h	u	y	b	o
b	a	t	a	n	k	o	l	n
i	s	d	n	c	h	i	r	a
t	a	n	e	a	r	t	h	s
i	s	d	t	n	k	l	s	f

space  
planet  
star  
sun

earth  
rocket  
moon  
orbit

A different letter stands for each letter of the alphabet.  
Write the correct letter in the blank space to solve the coded message!

Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N
A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
M	L	K	J	I	H	G	F	E	D	C	B	A
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

D S B	W R W	G S V	N L M P V B	O R P V
G S V	Y Z M Z M Z ?			
Y V X Z F H V	R G	S Z W	Z - K V V O !	

