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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you have had a lovely week! I can't believe that we are at the end of week 6, with 1 more week to go before half term! It has been a focussed learning week, with our 'World Around Us' topic of learning nearly drawing to a close. I have once again been into classrooms to see what learning has taken place and I am SUPER PROUD of what I have seen!

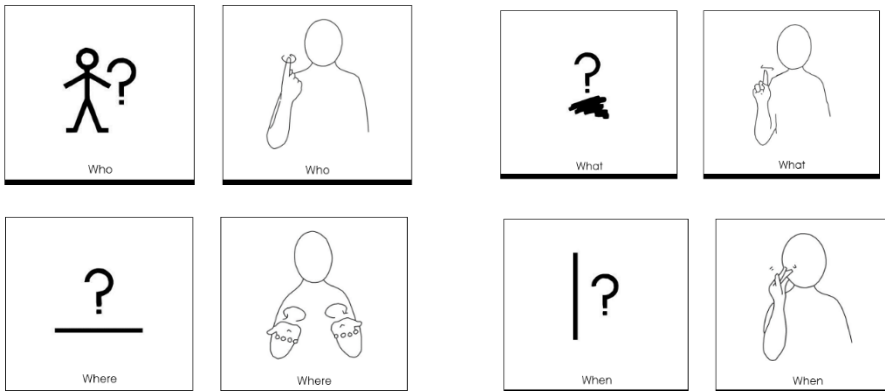
ATTENDANCE

Thank you to those families that have been contacting school to let us know that your child is unwell. We really appreciate this information as it enables us to accurately record absence. I am urging families to please ring school, select number 1 option, clearly state your child's name and the reason for their absence.



SAFEGUARDING

Here are the four Makaton signs for what, where, who and when?



<https://youtu.be/zftO6LJyTXI?si=kdmEPJESLQgIodjb>

We are using these question starters to help children to develop their recall skills. It is also an important aspect of safeguarding that children are able to answer questions about the things that worry them. We have included the Makaton sign and line drawing which shows how to sign so that you can use these at home. If you are interested in learning more or have any questions please do contact school.

PRIMARY

The pupils in primary have had another busy week. In Blue class, the focus has been to identify the physical features of the United Kingdom including mountains, rivers, caves and coastlines. They matched pictures and symbols after looking at aerial photographs and some pupils wrote about their learning.

Pupils in Sparkles have engaged through music this week and thoroughly enjoyed hearing harvest themed songs. They responded beautifully to the music by turning to sounds, making eye contact and even laughing at the supporting adults. They also made good use of switches to ask for more of their preferred interactions.

<i>Dates for your diary Autumn 1:</i>	
<i>Name of Event</i>	<i>Date & time</i>
School Opened	Tuesday 4 th September
House Team Launch	Friday 8 th September
Hook into Learning Day	Friday 8 th September
House Captain Voting	Friday 15 th September
Cross Country	Friday 22 nd September
TA Appreciation Day	Friday 29 th September
Kelford Mental Health Awareness Day	Friday 13 th October
Vaccinations Forest View	Friday 6 th October
Councillor Cusworth Visit to Forest View	Thursday 19 th October
School Closes	Friday 20 th October

Check out these dates!!!



In Rainbows, pupils have created their own portraits. They have used paint in their preferred way, creating some wonderful artwork which is now on display in the classroom. It has been a pleasure to see them show pride in their achievements.

SECONDARY

Another week has passed in secondary and it has been a pleasure to see pupils engaging in their learning across the department. One of the highlights this week has been seeing the smiles on the faces of pupils in 6th form who have been out on their community trips. They have visited Community Connect and Social Eyes where they are developing wider friendships and exploring potential transition options for life after school. The leisure group enjoyed a trip to Graves park where they were working on their community inclusion and independence skills. Elsewhere, pupils continue their hard work, learning all about themselves and their place in the world. In Holly class, pupils were taken on a sensory journey around the world to rainforests, the Antarctic, the beach and beyond. It was wonderful to see how engaged they were in their learning and the positive relationships they have built with staff. Well done everyone, have a fantastic weekend.

FOREST VIEW

Students at Forest View have been working on their ideas for our Pupil Parliament Meeting this week, really looking forward to seeing these come to fruition. There was another lovely moment at Forest View where Kelford and Hilltop students came together for a game of football, it was quite special to observe our young people forging new friendships with confidence and trust. We hope to build on this with lunchtime clubs next term. Planning has also begun for Christmas! We are in the process of making items to sell for our Christmas Enterprise projects. There are some brilliant items for sale so look out for these being advertised.

HOUSE TEAMS

There have been no House Team events this week. Next week we are gearing up for our House Halloween Mummies event! I am guessing it will be SPOOK-tacular!!



REMINDER

Our drop-in coffee morning to support families finding signing up to Class Dojo difficult is on Tuesday 17th October at 10.30am. Staff will be on hand to support with signing up! Families who are signed up are welcome too, it would be great to see as many of you as possible!

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

S. Mulhall

Sarah Mulhall – Executive Headteacher (Kelford & Pennine View)