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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed your week! It was fabulous to see our pupils return on Monday with their big smiles! Spring 2 half term is busy with pupil progress meetings, National Careers week, further topic learning within Animal Kingdom and then ending with Easter activities.

PRIMARY

We have had a fabulous first week back. This week all pupils have enjoyed a range of different learning activities linked to the Animal Kingdoms topic.

Green class spent time in the sensory garden during an expressive art lesson this week, carefully balancing on the beams, spinning in the spinning top and exploring different textures and surfaces. All pupils were encouraged to actively participate in movement activities joining in at the right time and taking turns.

In Sunbeams pupils thoroughly enjoyed working on big paper to make meaningful marks related to their learning. They used chalk, pens and pencils and showed great pride in their work. They also planned how to make an aquarium to hold their sea creatures. They made sea turtles and sea horses with a variety of different art materials and put them into plastic wallets so that they could watch them swim!

SECONDARY & SIXTH FORM

This week we welcomed back our students in secondary and sixth form after the half term break and it has been lovely to see everyone. Classes have been extra busy catching up on the different adventures that people participated in during last week and they have also completed some amazing work in lessons:

Holly class - Have looked at tactile non-fiction book 'All about Animals' which Holly class is writing themselves using their artistic skills and they will continue to add to each week. They have focussed on the attributes of Zebras and Monkeys. Pupils have enjoyed whole class parachute games in PE, which was fantastic fun! We saw lots of smiles, heard laughter and witnessed anticipation with raised arms or eye gaze.

Cherry class – Have developed their independence by walking to the shop with a shopping list to buy ingredients for our cooking lessons. They have also enjoyed learning about the animal kingdom in STEM lessons. Pupils have loved being back at school engaging really well with a range of sensory activities.

Oak class - Have been learning about measuring in Maths, doing Functional Skills and Read Write Inc Phonics in English, animals in

Dates for your diary Spring 2:

Name of Event	Date & time
School Opens	Monday 19 th February
House Team Event Target Practice	Friday 23 rd February
Nexus Football Festival	Tuesday 27 th February
National Careers	4 th – 8 th March
Pupil Parliament Meeting	Thursday 7 th March
Boccia Tournament	Tuesday 12 th March
Egg Rolling Whole School	Monday 25 th March
Easter Bake Off	Thursday 28 th March
School Closes for Easter Holiday	3.15pm Thursday 28 th March

Check out these dates!!!



Science, strangers in PSHE and have also practiced making hot drinks and washing pots.

Willow class - Busy first week in Willow class we have been learning about Charles Darwin and how he discovered evolution. They have been learning about binary and linear searching in STEM and have been multiplying and doubling in maths.

Beech class – Have been busy exploring and decorating a variety of animals for Expressive Arts, timetables in numeracy and also looking at how glossaries work and can be used in books.

SF1 – Have started Spring and Easter sensory sessions by looking at creating our own Daffodil artwork. Students have also focused on helping in the home skills and jobs in life skills and have made pancakes – what a treat it's been this week!

SF2 - Have started their new topic on recycling and how we can look after the environment in work related learning. Students have started reading our new text in literacy which is Alice in Wonderland. We have explored a wide variety of music within the classroom to see what students like and dislike surprisingly classical was one of the favourites!

SF3 - Have made ladybugs for valentines in creative arts, and also done pancake making and tasting in enrichment.

A massive well done to everyone and now to have a wonderful weekend of rest and recuperation.

FOREST VIEW

Students at Forest View have been working hard to create their Enterprise items for Careers week and have planned a Spring Fair for Friday 8th March at 10.00 am to sell gifts for Mothers Day and Easter. Please come along and support if you can.

Retail students set up their brand new Vinted account and have been photographing the charity shop items ready to sell. They will use their Maths skills to itemise stock, record incomings and outgoing and identify any profit and loss.

Luckily, the weather hasn't stopped Forest School lessons happening this week, students love the activities they undertake in these sessions including fire lighting and wood carving. Sitting around the campfire with hot chocolate really hits the spot on a cold day.

KELFORD POLLING STATION

On the 2nd May 2024, Kelford School will be an elected Polling Station for the Local Elections that are due to take place. After careful consideration of how best to safeguard pupils and minimise disruption, the school will be closed to pupils in Sparkles, Sunbeams, Rainbows, Green, Purple, Orange and Blue classes for the day. Teachers will provide home learning for pupils listed in the classes above. All other pupils are expected to attend school.

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Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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