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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and have enjoyed your week!

ATTENDANCE

The Government has launched a national campaign to work with schools, pupils and their families about the importance of school attendance. The campaign strapline is 'moments matter, attendance counts'. The campaign messages aim to reach those pupils and their parents and carers who are taking preventable odd days of absence or avoidable absence rather than children who face greater barriers to attendance. The campaign seeks to promote good attendance and the educational, physical and social benefits over time of attending school each day.



At Kelford we are working within government and local frameworks and initiatives but recognise the difficulties and barriers that our children, young people and their families face. We will be sending letters or getting in contact with families where attendance remains a concern to offer support and look at how we can continue to work together.

PRIMARY

What a week it has been across the school with some amazing things happening and lots of learning and fun being had by all. Classes have been busy with their creative flare in devising their House poetry entries for the competition on Friday, MPs attended a pupil parliament meeting, as well delving deep into our fabulous topic of Animal Kingdom where classes have had varying focuses. Below are more things that our wonderful classes have been up to this week:

KLE – have enjoyed lots of walks looking at natural and manmade objects and have been busy using different materials to design and make our own collages of animals ready for our Animal Kingdom display;

Sparkles – working hard with switches, baking buns, crafting and making elephant trunks and ears, lots of positioning;

Sunbeams – Looking and creating patterns in numeracy, phonics work linked to animal sounds, enjoying The Hare and Tortoise sensory story;

Rainbows – Crafting and looking at varying textiles and materials to design pictures linked to The Hare and Tortoise story. Practising scissor skills and learning about 1 and lots in numeracy through sorting coloured objects in jars;

Purple – Developing our independent skills by looking at animals and selecting our favourite ones, we have explored and made different textures to replicate the animals without using a paint brush. Looking at which animals live in the ocean and also looking at doubling and sharing into groups for our numeracy;

Blue – Exploring the different environments around school and enjoying many opportunities to meet new people along the way, we have enjoyed time in the white room, splashing around in the pool and organising our animals in varying categories. We had a special day to celebrate in class with a birthday, so we enjoyed a small party in class!

Dates for your diary Spring 1:

Name of Event	Date & time
School Opens to pupils	Monday 8th January 2024
Nexus Dance Festival Part 1	Friday 12 th January
Sensory Diets & Routines – link to be sent home in newsletter on 12 th January	Wednesday 17 th January
Whole School Holocaust Memorial Day	Friday 26 th January
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 6 th February
Nexus Dance Festival Part 2	Thursday 8 th February
School Closes	Thursday 8 th February
INSET Staff Training Day	Friday 9 th February

Check out these dates!!!



Orange – Looking at sea animals, as well as sorting birds and fish into categories, we have discussed the 'pants rule' in personal development and also prepared class notes to be shared in the pupil parliament meeting this week;

Green – Exploring and creating our own patterns in numeracy and exploring the many ocean animals for our Animal Kingdom topic;

SECONDARY

Holly – Have explored a range of sensory objects and materials and utilising these to help support our understanding of long and short in numeracy. They have created our poem for the House competition as well as enjoying looking at and playing instruments when we have been reading our sensory story The Hare and Tortoise;

Oak – Have been practising and making sculptures from using a variety of craft materials, we have enjoyed talks with a careers advisor and also had a great morning out to Meadowhall Willow – We have discussed the animals that we saw last week in the travelling zoo and have been busy sorting animals into categories. We have also looked at bird migration and completed some amazing art work to demonstrate this;

Cherry – Have been busy with our phonics every morning and looking at long and short in numeracy. We have been creative and made our own sculptures based around the work of local sculpture Barbara Hepworth, but the highlight of the week was making a cake and eating it – we all worked together as a team to make use the ingredients and follow the instructions;

Beech – Have been learning about bird migration – from and to varying countries and why birds do this. We have looked at and categorised animals into carnivores, herbivores and omnivores and we have been looking at Andy Goldsworthy art and created our own nature pictures.

SF1 – Have been working hard on life skills and have been busy in the kitchen making cheese toasties and chocolate cake for national chocolate cake week – they were both delicious! They have also been enjoying sensory stories around winter and valentine's day, as well as enjoying a few trips out in the community to The Base and Social Eyes;

SF2 – Have also been baking in aid of national chocolate cake week and they certainly enjoyed eating their goodies afterwards! We have made buns and chocolate bars as well as being busy in the kitchen preparing lunch for all our friends in 6th form. We have been writing our poems for the House competition on Friday and enjoyed a trip over to Forest View where some of us have continued in the kitchen making sausage rolls, cinnamon buns and some of us have done horticulture and made bird feeders to celebrate International Bird watch week;

SF3 – Have been using their crafting skills this week as they explored varying materials to construct our own snow globes. This has enabled us talk about and look at winter scenes and how they can be different. We have also enjoyed national chocolate week and made our version of a chocolate cake, obviously we all enjoyed the making the process but the eating part was the best! Have a wonderful weekend 😊

FOREST VIEW

The kitchen at Forest View smelt absolutely delicious this week as the catering students along with Kelford Sixth Form made some wonderful stuffing and sausage rolls along with apple and cinnamon rolls. They tasted amazing so well done to all those involved. Horticulture students continued with assembling the raised beds in preparation for Spring planting and Hair and Beauty students practised face painting techniques on each other. FV3 took part in some lively exercise sessions as part of their keeping healthy learning, this included yoga and dance, you could hear the laughter all the way down the corridor so I think it was a success! FV2 looked at organisational markers in English and identified when and why it is important to use them.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

S. Mulhall

Sarah Mulhall – Headteacher