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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you have had a lovely week. In school we have settled now into our day-to-day routine and everyday is a busy one! This week, I have shared with Nexus Trust Leaders what our school improvement priorities are. These are:

- Curriculum – delivery of new curriculums for World Around Us, Expressive Arts and Preparation for Adulthood.
- Delivery of Phonics, Reading and Writing
- Maths – teaching and learning
- KS4 and KS5 accreditation – linked to Personal Development and Employability
- Quality Assurance – evaluating what is working and what needs to change.
- Attendance – promoting good school attendance
- Introducing 'Behaviour for Change' programme
- Re-vamping our House Teams using pupil voice
- Developing lunchtime clubs using pupil choices and talents#
- Supporting new leadership of Careers

Nexus School Improvement partners will be working with us to develop our Early Years provision and our Post 16 provision given the exciting changes that have happened at both ends of the school.

### PRIMARY

It has been another fab week in primary! Our learners are really enjoying getting stuck in to the new whole school topic, 'Changes', and these are some of the things that classes have been getting up to.

**Kimberworth** classes have been using salt dough to make beautiful trinket boxes ready for decorating. They have also had lots of fun singing songs and learning numbers and sounds during circle times.

**Sparkles** have been making tie-dye blankets and then using these to build forts to hide in! They have also had lots of fun reading Boxitects sensory stories.

**Rainbows** have enjoyed painting this week and creating art in the style of Henry Matisse. They have also made puppets for the story of the 3 Little Pigs.

**Sunbeams** have spent time exploring the properties of metals and have enjoyed experimenting with magnets. They have also created some wonderful pieces of art using tin foil.

**Orange** and **Purple** class have been learning new vocabulary relating to Jack and the Beanstalk. They have been planning and designing clay pinch pots and have also spend time discussing traditional British foods and saying which they like and dislike.

**Green** class have been completing sentences about Jack and the beanstalk and even built the giant's castle out of Megabloks. They have also had a great time experimenting with solids and liquids using chocolate, Yummy!

### Dates for your diary Autumn 1:

Name of Event	Date & time
School Closes for Summer	3.15pm Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> July
INSET - School closed to pupils	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
INSET - School closed to pupils	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
INSET - School closed to pupils	Wed 4 <sup>th</sup> September
School opens to all pupils	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
House Teams Launch	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
House Cross Country	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Hook into Learning Event	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Family Coffee Morning at Kelford	Wed 16 <sup>th</sup> September
Primary Topic Celebration - families invited to school	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October Times to be confirmed
Forest View Family Event	Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> October Times to be confirmed
Enterprise Works Family Event	Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> October Times to be confirmed
Secondary Topic Celebration - families invited to school	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October Times to be confirmed
School Closes for October half term	Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October

*Check out these dates!!!*



**Blue** class have been creating some awesome artwork using leaves, branches and clay. They have also spent time investigating different types of transport, both old and new.

## **SECONDARY**

**Holly class** - This week in Holly class we have continued our work on Autumn and Jack and the Beanstalk. In Expressive arts class explored clay and made autumn leaves. As part of our STEM lesson we made rocky road and buns as part of British food fortnight. Well done Holly class!

### **Key Stage 3 (Willow, Beech & Cherry)**

Students have been extremely busy this week engaging in their lessons, in English they have been working on their phonics, comprehension questions and sentence clauses and in Maths they have been working through ordering numbers and exploring counting. Students have enjoyed their PE sessions with Matt, where the focus has been on different dance styles and music – all students have been grooving away!

Some of students have enjoyed their swimming sessions linked to their ILP's, as well as some have participated well with Coach Ben in Football – even the sunshine came out to play 😊 During Expressive Arts classes have been looking at the work of Pablo Picasso and have created their own self-portraits using oil pastels. Classes have also been enjoying their class books and explored the story line using sensory objects, story boards and role play, we have a great range of books that our classes are sharing so please do look on the class dojo to find out what the books actually are 😊

## **THE BRIDGE**

Students have enjoyed a range of sensory stories with varying objects and stimuli and they have been communicating their likes and dislikes. The Bridge has been a very relaxing and calm environment as we have all participated and enjoyed sensory massage, but then we changed things up and did some baking as the focus in this week's assembly is about British Food Fortnight, so we have been baking and are going to share what we have created with other students in the secondary department and discuss the process we followed.

Well done to everyone for another superb week! Wishing you all a fab and restful weekend 😊

## **FOREST VIEW**

A busy week for our young people at Forest View. This has included playing cricket and using the gym (very popular!), looking at food safety and making pizza and preparing to make snacks next week, measuring items in and around the classroom, thinking about safety and strangers on public transport and making autumnal decorations and trying a selection of British food. Students have also enjoyed Forest Schools making mud balls, painting with berries and making bird feeders and looked at how to stay safe around a camp fire. Hopefully you have received the letter telling you about our McMillian coffee morning that we are hosting next Thursday at 10.30am. We look forward to seeing you there!

## **ENTERPRISE WORKS**

Students at Enterprise Works have settled into their timetable and are getting used to our new facilities. This has included planning for leisure activities and trying out some sports in the hall. Tuesday saw students try out different work-related learning activities such as Heeley city farm, The Willows and visiting our allotment. Students have made a start on their Prince's Trust units



and in PSD we were learning about how everyone is different. Some students have been travel training, taking advantage of our new location which is so close to the transport links. Hopefully you have seen the letter inviting you to our MacMillan coffee morning which we are hosting next Thursday at 1.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

### **ADDITIONAL INSET DAY**

We have added an additional INSET day to our school calendar. The day is Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024. This day is to enable all staff to receive Moving & Handling training delivered by Moving & Handling trainers from across Nexus Trust. The calendar has been updated and is available on our school website.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

*S. Mulhall*

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