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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you have had a lovely week. We have had a busy one with lots of amazing learning taking place in classrooms, pupils out playing football matches with other schools in the Trust and to end the week we have THANKED and appreciated our fabulous Teaching Assistants as part of our Friday assembly celebration. Our TA's are a talented, dedicated and passionate set of individuals who are truly the backbone of our school. THANK YOU for being AMAZING and doing what you do to ensure that our FABULOUS pupils can be the best that they can be!

**PRIMARY**

In primary, we have had a lovely week with lots of smiling faces. Here is what our classes have been up to...

**Kimberworth Little Explorers** have been getting creative and messy this week, making clouds for the top of our giant beans stalk and painting our salt dough pots. We have been recognising and matching shapes in maths and have been learning new songs in phonics.

**Sparkles** have enjoyed taking part in our rebound session this week and showing our amazing core strength on the trampoline. We have enjoyed getting messy and making headbands for TA appreciation day (thank you for all your hard work).

**Sunbeams** have explored shapes and have looked at different shapes and made shape pictures. We have also had fun exploring plastic and its properties.

**Green Class** we have been using puppets from Jack and Beanstalk to recreate the story. In Maths we have been using coins to exchange them in our shop in a role play scenario. In topic we have been designing and making our pinch pots out of clay.

**Purple Class** we have had a fab time in the swimming pool splashing about. We have been focusing on turn taking and sharing whilst playing games. In English lessons we have been sequencing stories in preparation for becoming authors next week!

**Orange Class** have been exploring Man Made and Natural Materials in their STEM lessons. We have built a Timeline of Transport, looking at old and new ways to travel and we have also made our clay pots in Creative Arts

In **Blue Class** we have been working really hard in phonics to learn our letters and sounds. We have also enjoyed playing outside in the different outdoor areas and visiting the sensory garden.

*Dates for your  
diary Autumn 1:*

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

*Check out these dates!!!*



## SECONDARY

**Holly class** - we have taken part in lots of sensory exploration. In Expressive Arts we used different spices to paint an autumn leaf. As part of STEM we looked at water and ice and took part in sensory play and vision work. As part of Literacy and Numeracy we have looked at our key core text Jack and the Beanstalk

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

Students have been very busy again this week with lots of time spent working towards their specific targets in varying areas of the curriculum. Within English, students across the department have been looking at sequencing stories using pictures, symbols and words. In Maths, students have focused on 2D shapes and their sides and faces, as well as working on vertical lines of symmetry.

With relation to the topic of 'Changes' classes have been exploring varying types of materials and how these can be used to create clothing and some classes have been studying the work of the well-known fashion designer Vivienne Westwood and even created their own show stoppers based on her ideas.

Some students in the department competed in a Football tournament against other schools from within the trust, they went to Abbey School and represented Kelford extremely well. Although we didn't win when it comes to scoring goals, we came out on top with our enthusiasm and team spirit. Students who remained in school have been busy creating some headdresses for our wonderful Teaching Assistants as a 'Thank you' as we celebrate them all and their hard work on National Teaching Assistant Day today.

## THE BRIDGE

Students have enjoyed a range of sensory stories with varying objects that allowed them to identify adjectives related to specific pages of the story. Students have done lots of work on communication; in particular their feelings and also, we have focused on personal hygiene with the focus on washing our hands. Some of our students who require positioning in their equipment have been amazing and worked extremely hard, whether that be in their standing frames or walkers, whilst others have enjoyed a walk to the local shop to support their increasing independence skills and targets.

And a special 'Thank You' to all the Teaching Assistants at Kelford, who without your support, enthusiasm, kindness and love we would truly be lost. You are all amazing and do such a wonderful job daily and we are very lucky that you chose to work here at Kelford School. Thanks for all you do!

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

## FOREST VIEW

A busy week as usual for our young people at Forest View. This week has included persuasive writing and writing a letter to the Headteacher and continuing measuring different items in the classroom in maths. Work related learning as involved preparing for the Halloween stall and kitchen safety and also eating some delicious treats that we had made. On Thursday we held our Macmillan coffee morning. Thanks so much to all who came and enjoyed the fabulous cakes that were made by our students. It was lovely to see families spending time with their young people in Forest View. In forest school we used different tools, to chop food make our names in nails with string and made acorn necklaces and ghosts. We have also made cards to celebrate the amazing TA's that help us in college for National TA appreciation day.



## ENTERPRISE WORKS

Students have worked hard this week at Enterprise works. We continue to assess maths and English skills and we are so proud of how the students are determined to show us everything they can do. Our work-related learning involved a visit to our new allotment space. We are really looking forward to getting started working their next week. The retail group visited Meadowhall to have a look at the differences between the different types of retail shops. In PSD we looked at the different communities we belong to. On Thursday we hosted a Macmillan coffee morning (in the afternoon!). Our students served on the stall and it was great to see some families join us for a coffee, cake and a chat.

A special thanks must go to Jacob Slowe who is an ex-student who has moved on to Rotherham College. He is a very talented baker and he kindly provided many of the cakes and buns that we sold at the coffee mornings.

## HOUSE NEWS:

This week it has been the turn of our staff to engage in some fun and frolics and earn those points! We started our new 'staff challenges' with a bang and had a 'Dance off' to a classic (Those of you old enough might remember the boy band Five and their hit 'If ya gettin' down') and they did not disappoint! It was joy to witness our staff engaging and trying to secure those points for their Houses – the scores and winners were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Place - Holmes – 500 points**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Hawking – 300 points**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mead – 200 points**

**4<sup>th</sup> Place – Daley – 100 points**

Well done all involved and I can't wait to update you in a few weeks with the next 'staff challenge'

Hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

*S. Mulhall*

Sarah Mulhall – Headteacher