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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you have had a lovely week. This week I have had visits to Enterprise Works and to Forest View to see our fabulous Post 16 students in action. Our Parent Governors have been into school to understand what the school’s priorities are in terms of provision and I have had the pleasure of meeting with a number of teachers as they have their performance management meetings. We are rapidly heading towards half term so beginning to finish off our currently learning topics in preparation for our new after half term.

PRIMARY

This is what our primary classes have been up to this week...

Kimberworth- We have had lots of fun making scarecrow paper plate pictures to tie in with our learning about Harvest Festival. In Maths we have been focusing on matching British coins and some children have been on Autumnal walks around the local area. We have also been working really hard on developing our communication skills with the communication team this week too.

Sparkles- We have been visited by the physios and OTs this week and pupils have worked super hard in their positioning equipment. We have also loved accessing rebound this week where we showed our friends all our amazing skills!

Rainbows- This week we have been working on our set 1 sounds in phonics. In English, we have read the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and learned about the characters. In STEM, we have explored plastics and made plastic bottle fish based on the story of The Odd Fish.

Sunbeams- We have been making a giant beanstalk for our story! We have also ordered and followed recipes ready for our tea party.

Purple Class – We have been learning about money and the different coins we use in our country. We have been looking for the clues on each coin to tell us how much they are worth. In PE we have been busy practicing our balancing skills. We had to concentrate really hard and make sure our body was balanced so that we didn't tumble. Everyone did a great job! We are also enjoying Lego Therapy sessions as we work hard to become an amazing team.

Green Class- We have been getting very messy, finding different British coins that were buried in a bucket of slime! We’ve also been

Dates for your diary Autumn 1:

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

Check out these dates!!!



looking at the story of 'The 3 Little Pigs' and have been playing vocabulary games related to this.

Blue Class

We have had sensory play in the garden and in the classroom along with choosing time for songs and doh disco. We also had lots of fun in STEM, exploring solids, liquids and gases and experimenting making fizzy bombs!

Orange Class - We have been doing coding in STEM. Some have used a power link and switches whereas others used a coding system on the interactive board. In 'The world around us', we have learned about the climate and animals in Pakistan.

Well done to all of our learners for another brilliant week, have a fabulous weekend!

SECONDARY

Holly class - This week as part of Expressive Arts, we explored clay and made some autumn leaves from the clay. Also, in the same lesson we used different musical instruments to make loud and quiet sounds. We have continued to work on Jack and the Beanstalk story and our Harvest topic in World Around Us. In STEM we have looked at one of our core topic text books Boxitects and explored lots of different materials that are in the story.

Key Stage 3 (Willow, Beech & Cherry)

WOW, another week of amazing work and achievements across the department! Classes have been busy in English looking at plural -s and -es to noun and also singular words. They have also enjoyed reading their class books, with students requesting to share books with their peers at the end of the day when the classes all read together. In Maths, students have been completing learning on money and looking at how to recognise coins and understanding their values, as well as creating wish lists of things they would like to buy, but then working out if they have enough money to do so. In PE, classes have been participating in Gymnastics sessions, where they have been performing and working on a variety of routines to show off their balance skills and techniques, some classes have also enjoyed their weekly coaching session with Coach Ben from Rotherham United. In PSD classes have been discussing consent and also how to be respectful of others' wishes. With regards to Expressive Arts, classes have been busy making pinch pots to make hollow ornaments, whilst some groups have been exploring with secondary colours and acrylic paints to make pieces of abstract artwork. Science has been exciting with student exploring reversible and irreversible reactions, with Cherry class even using the opportunity to bake a lovely cake! We have also had time to spend on working on individual targets and independence skills through doing simple things for ourselves, such as washing up and making a sandwich.

THE BRIDGE

This week the students in The Bridge have been really busy working on their PSD skills of routines with regards to personal hygiene and what they need to do daily to remain clean and healthy, with some students enjoying a foot spa with lots of lovely smells and bubbles. We have engaged in sensory story interaction and even managed to do some baking.... The cookies were lovely! Lots of our students have impressed the Physiotherapists with their amazing work and commitment whilst accessing their equipment of standing frames, wedges, acheeva beds and walking frames, whilst others have been to the local shop. We have



started our community visits and some students went to visit Sense on Monday – this will be a weekly trip and students will rotate to have their turn, but it's a lovely way to engage with other young people from within the community and give our learners new experiences. Speaking of new experiences, class have been enjoying the sensory element of our new class story 'Room on the Broom'.

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

FOREST VIEW

Forest View students have had a great week! FV1 have completed visits in the community, domestic life skills, catering, pumpkin carving and wreath making in forest schools. FV2: In literacy we have continued our reading and writing skills. In life skills we made pizza everyone really enjoyed this and they were able to recall all the dangers and how we can keep safe when in the kitchen. Forest school we made wreaths and pinecone people. In creative arts we are making different autumn pictures. FV3: We dressed up in masquerade masks and learnt about the ball in Romeo and Juliet and played lots of PE games. We practiced our weighing skills, weighing out ingredients for our delicious brownies. Lots of students had a go at painting staffs nails in Hair and Beauty. We had a good discussion on Internet safety. In the afternoon, some people carved pumpkins in Forest School, whilst others had a fabulous time singing and dancing at Socialise and on Friday, we practiced our painting skills in creative arts and painted a Halloween scene on canvas.

ENTERPRISE WORKS

At Enterprise works, the students have continued to demonstrate and work hard on their English and Maths skills. We will be looking to put them into groups based on the level they are working at after half term. In English they have been writing letters of complaint. It was great to hear about how assertive some of students can be when it comes to asking for things to change! Work related learning has involved a couple of new options this week. We are now offering retail, horticulture, media and enterprise along side our offsite options of working at the farm and construction skills at the Willows school. Thursday involved getting creative with Halloween themed arts and crafts and on Friday we continue working towards the Prince's Trust units and visiting the local community.

Hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

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