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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you have had a lovely week. Today's newsletter is a bumper addition with lots to share with you all about what has been happening across our week and on all of our sites! Happy reading!

CURRICULUM

As the first half term draws to a close, we have all been reflecting on our learning. The topic this half term has been changes. Pupils began the half term with a visit from Science boffins with a focus on chemical changes and pupils across school have been learning about materials and changes of state. We have also been settling in to our new groups, getting to know new peers and adults and getting used to in school changes. Pupils have also learnt about the changes within themselves as they grow up, how their bodies, minds and needs change as they grow. We were delighted to welcome parents in to share our learning this week and look forward to more opportunities to do this throughout the school year. Next half term our topic is "power to the people" Where pupils will be learning about the everyday heroes in our society as well as learning about democracy and the rule of law, a core British value!

SPORTS LEADERS

We have 2 young leaders who went to the English Institute of Sport to help the Youth sports trust run an event for students from Rotherham. Our young leaders helped to deliver a fun and exciting Boccia session to 3 groups from different schools. The leader's confidence grew as the day went on and by the end of the day, we had some very confident and proud leaders. We also took a group of 8 students from Primary to take part in these sessions. They tried a range of sports including seated volley ball, boccia and archery. Our students did an amazing job and as a school we are incredibly proud of their efforts!

PRIMARY

What a great half term it has been! Firstly, a huge well done to all of our learners for settling into your class teams so well, I know that all of the adults are super proud of their classes. On a personal note, I have had a wonderful first half term at Kelford and would like to thank everyone for making me feel so welcome.

This week we have ended the half term on a high with pumpkin picking, sports trips, Halloween festivities and finally the beautiful celebrate afternoon where parents had the opportunity to meet with teachers, see their child's work and have a cuppa and a chat with other parents and carers.

Dates for your diary Autumn 2:

Name of Event	Date & time
School Closes for October half term	3.15pm Friday 25 th October
INSET - School closed to pupils	Monday 4 th November
INSET - School closed to pupils	Tuesday 5 th November
School Photographer	Thursday 7 th November
Anti-bullying Week	11-15 th November
M&M Productions - Snow White	Monday 11 th November
Children in Need Wear your Spots	Friday 15 th November
Pupil Parliament Elections	Friday 22 nd November
Sensory Christmas Show	Monday 25 th November
Primary Dept Visit to Santa's Grotto	Friday 29 th November
Primary - Santa's Visit to School	Friday 6 th December
Kelford's Christmas Market	Thursday 12 th December
Secondary & The Bridge - Christmas performance	Friday 13 th December Time to be confirmed
Primary Christmas performance	Tuesday 17 th December Time to be confirmed
Christmas Jumper Day	Friday 20 th December
School Closes for Festive Holiday period	Friday 20 th December

Check out these dates!!!



Here's what the classes have been up to...

Kimberworth

We've explored a pumpkin using all of our senses, printed mini pumpkins using halved apples and orange paint and had lots of sensory play this week.

Sparkles

We have had a wonderful week enjoying sensory and 'Jack and The Beanstalk' Sensory story. We have thrown a baby shower for Alex and had lots of fun. Our friend Christine, who retired in July, also came in to say hello.

Rainbows

In Rainbows Class we have enjoyed joining in with songs to learn our phonics and our maths. We have explored Autumn leaves as part of our Changes topic and looked at how they change in the Winter.

Sunbeams

We have loved exploring some Halloween themed phonics. We have enjoyed looking at pumpkins and doing pumpkin experiments.

Orange

We've done lots of Halloween themed activities like pumpkin printing, pumpkin sun catchers and ghost portraits. We've also done ice painting in Creative Arts and in English we've been reading each other's rewrites of Jack and The Beanstalk to see what stories our classmates wrote.

Purple

We have had lots of fun this week creating some autumn themed art work. We have been learning about a religion called Islam and what people who follow Islam believe. We have also been working on becoming more independent when changing for swimming.

Green

This week in Green class we have continued to work on our creating our own class book, continued work in Maths on number. We have had a successful primary trip to Eastfield Farm for pumpkin picking and we have also enjoyed lots of pumpkin/Halloween creative activities.

Blue

In Blue Class we have been busy making Halloween pictures and decorations and we used paint to make bubble paintings. We have also enjoyed dough disco, and sensory massage.

SECONDARY

Holly class -This week in Holly class we have finished our topic work on changes and Jack and the Beanstalk text. In World Around Us to finish our harvest topic we made our very own hay bales using shredded wheat, Rice Krispie squares and melted white chocolate, well done Holly class over the first half term, hope everyone enjoys the half term break.

Key Stage 3 (Willow, Beech & Cherry)

WOW, for the final week of Autumn term 1, we have seen lots of amazing work and achievements across the department! Classes have been showing off their knowledge and understanding in a variety of assessment areas in Phonics, English and Maths. With regards to English, we have been working on prefixes and practising our hand writing skills. In Maths we have looked at portioning numbers, as well as adding 2-digit numbers to 2-digit numbers.

In PE classes have performed our final routines in Gymnastics, where students have demonstrated their balance skills and techniques whilst using the balance beam, some classes have also enjoyed their final coaching session with Coach Ben from Rotherham United - Willow class will enjoy time with Coach Ben on a Monday afternoon after the half term break -



and some classes have even explored circuits and have started to think about what it means to be fit and healthy.

In PSD classes have been looking at the changes in Autumn and have dabbled in producing some wonderful artwork to reflect this. Science has been exciting with students exploring the varying states of matter and in Humanities classes have been continued their learning about Canada; with Beech class making and enjoying some Poutine, which is a traditional cuisine. We have also had time to spend on working on individual targets and getting creative with Halloween art and baking – Cherry class made some lovely biscuits.

THE BRIDGE (14-19 Kelford)

Our young people have demonstrated their resilience and tolerance for change by visiting SENSE and interacting with different learners and adults. Some have visited the shop and engaged in purchases, one of which was the first time they have been out of school for such a long time it was a delight to see. We have continued to engage in our sensory story, make play dough which we then used for dough disco to develop our hand strength and dexterity. Don't worry, it's edible for those who eat and we ensured no one ate who shouldn't! The Physio's have continued to put those who have positioning equipment, through their paces so some of the young people may have come home rather tired!

Well done to everyone for another superb week! Wishing you all a fab and restful weekend and a fun packed half term break 😊

FOREST VIEW

Well it's been a busy week for FV1 and FV2 getting ready to welcome parents in which was lovely to see and I thank everyone who supported our mini enterprise project by buying some tasty treats. We have enjoyed Forest Schools and on Friday we enjoyed our Halloween trick or treat and fancy dress day. We have enjoyed reading autumn and Halloween poems and sensory spa sessions.

FV3 have been very productive this week. On Monday we wrote a spooooooky poem in English, had many strikes at Bowling, baked some delicious Halloween short bread and explored Bonfire night safety. We end the fun-filled half term in style, all dressed up and ready to put a spell on you!

ENTERPRISE WORKS

Our Enterprise Works students have been busy this week with usual visits to The Willows, Heeley City Farm and Wentworth House and Gardens for work related learning. More items have been added to our Vinted account and our allotment group enjoyed hot chocolate made on an open fire. Everyone had the opportunity to try their hand at pumpkin carving – very messy but fun! We enjoyed hosting families and seeing them get stuck in to a fun activity. Wishing everyone a relaxing break and look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6 November.

HOUSE TEAMS NEWS

What an amazing half term of events we have had! A huge 'WELL DONE' to everyone across school, we are super proud of you all! We finished the half term with a spooky affair with our Mummy competition. There were some amazing entries, so the scores from this event today, plus the previous events means the scores so far this year are:



Student Events:

Event	Cross-Country	Mummies	Staff Dance Off	Staff Hungry Hippos	Totals	Position
Daley	138	150	100	240	628	3rd
Hawking	143	300	300	129	872	1st
Holmes	127	25	500	152	779	2nd
Mead	119	100	200	188	607	4th

The Winning House for Autumn Term 1 is..... **HAWKING!**

Well done to our winners – this morning they have enjoyed a film with popcorn and juice!
Up and coming events for after half term:

- Class Dojo Firework art competition – parents/carers are needed to support students in creating a piece of artwork based around fireworks and bonfire night. Just upload your entries to the school page so everyone can see your creative flare. House points will be awarded for every entry 😊
- Diwali art competition – classes will work together to design an abstract piece of art bases around Diwali
- Just Dance off – classes will issued with a classic song that they will then have to showcase to a panel of judges.....strictly style 😊
- There will also be more staff competitions ha ha ha ha!!!

It has been a great half term! I am truly proud of all achievements, pupils and staff, and can't wait to see what next half term has in store. Please stay safe over the holiday period and we look forward to welcoming pupils back to all of our sites on Wednesday 6th November.

Yours sincerely,

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