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Dear Families,

I hope you are all well and you have had a lovely week! This week I have had the opportunity to spend some time in classes looking at what our fabulous pupils are learning. I have seen some great pupil work and pupil engagement has been fabulous!

**CLASS DOJO COFFEE MORNING**

We are organising a coffee morning to support families who are finding signing up to Class Dojo difficult. Families are invited to school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 10.30 for cake and a cuppa with staff on hand to support with signing up. Families who are signed up are welcome too, it would be great to see as many of as possible!

**NEWSLETTER CALENDAR**

Thank you to families that have brought to our attention that you are finding my newsletter calendar confusing in terms of what things are Kelford events / information and which are for Forest View. Moving forward events highlighted in **Green** are specifically for Forest View students and their families.

**ATTENDANCE**

This is an area of the school's work which is under review at present and as a result enclosed is separate letter which outlines some of the areas which you will need to be aware of as a parent/carer of a child/young person at Kelford School. As always, if you have any worries or concerns relating to attendance please do not hesitate to get in touch with Catherine Bentley or another member of the Leadership team. Most of you will also know Colette Gillott and the work that she does to support families. Her contact details are also on the attached letter.

**PRIMARY**

We have had another amazing week! It has been wonderful to see the resilience and determination of the young people in Sparkles class. They have been using their supportive equipment to move around the classroom and have also shown interest in the learning on offer by moving intentionally towards an activity. They particularly enjoyed sharing the 'who we are' book, looking at and tracking their own reflection in a mirror and reaching towards preferred resources, well done!

In other classes, we have continued to share traditional stories. The pupils in Orange class linked this to their baking session too and enjoyed smells and textures as they made their very own gingerbread men. At Kimberworth, pupils have started to share the story of 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears', whilst learning the signs from the story and joining in with the repetitive language.

In Blue class, the pupils have been researching the weather in different countries and have matched the clothing needed when visiting different climates. This work has linked beautifully to developing independence as the pupils were asked to reflect on their skills when dressing for the weather each day. That said, the weather this weekend looks to be unseasonably warm so they may not need their coats at all, enjoy!

*Dates for your diary Autumn 1:*

<i>Name of Event</i>	<i>Date &amp; time</i>
<i>School Opened</i>	<i>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>House Team Launch</i>	<i>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Hook into Learning Day</i>	<i>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>House Captain Voting</i>	<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Cross Country</i>	<i>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September</i>
<i>TA Appreciation Day</i>	<i>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</i>
<i>Kelford Mental Health Awareness Day</i>	<i>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</i>
<i>Vaccinations Forest View</i>	<i>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October</i>
<i>Councillor Cusworth Visit to Forest View</i>	<i>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October</i>
<i>School Closes</i>	<i>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</i>

*Check out these dates!!!*



## SECONDARY

It's been another fantastic week! Walking around the department you can see pupils in every class engaging in purposeful learning either linked to their topic or their accreditations. Learners in Key Stage 3 have been learning how to keep themselves safe online and how to live healthily with a balance of diet and exercise. Key Stage 4 have been exploring technologies and Key Stage 5 took a lead in our rocket design competition with SF1 designing the winning rocket for Hawking house as well as working hard, continuing to build on their functional and independence skills. Today Secondary have been celebrating national smile day, completing acts of kindness for others across school!

## FOREST VIEW

FV3 were out and about this week doing their baseline assessments for travel training, the weather was kind and enabled the students to visit various community locations. Enterprise activity has stepped up across all three classes, students have researched, chosen and are now in the process of making items for the Christmas period, these will be available in the Enterprise shop very soon. In catering, students designed and made sugar crafts from marzipan in readiness for decorating the cakes they will be making, they looked absolutely amazing and very professional. In horticulture, students began their first groundworks maintenance of the campus site, they helped to clear leaves, rubbish and left the front area looking beautiful, a big thank you to them for all their hard work!

## HOUSE TEAMS

Last Friday our amazing students and staff participated in the first official House event of Cross-Country. The effort everyone put into completing their race was wonderful to see and there was a definite buzz around school afterwards, along with a few tired members of staff.

On Wednesday our school community gathered on the 6<sup>th</sup> form yard for the Rocket launch competition. For the last few days classes have been busy planning and constructing their House rockets in the hope that they would launch today and they didn't disappoint! There was an influx of vinegar, Coca-Cola, Mentos mints and bicarbonate soda and some amazing designs, but we only had one rocket that actually managed a successful launch..... well done Hawking House!



David secured extra points for his outfit, who a lot of people had a double take at as they thought it was Einstein himself!

Following the cross-country event and the Rocket launch, House points are as follows:

	Cross Country	Rocket Launch	Halloween Mummies	Total	Position
Daley	50	100	18 <sup>th</sup> October	150	3rd
Hawking	56	250		306	1st
Holmes	47	150		197	2nd
Mead	42	50		92	4th

The next House event is on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October and will see individual classes create their own MUMMIES for a cat walk competition as we start to get into the Halloween spirit!



## REMINDER

We have very few families that are ringing school to let us know why their child is absent from school. It is essential that families ring and provide a reason otherwise your child's absence will be unauthorised. Please ring so that we have accurate attendance data for your child.

Have a lovely weekend!

Yours sincerely,

*S. Mulhall*

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