



Kelford School

Where Every Child is Special

Sixth Form Autumn 1 Newsletter 2017/18

Community Studies

Its been a busy first half term in sixth form, with pupils busy learning in the community and school. This newsletter will look at what are sixth formers have been up to.

The community studies group have been very busy during autumn term 1. Pupils have visited parks and farms looking for signs of autumn. The group have enjoyed squirrel spotting and visiting a pumpkin farm to pick up a pumpkin for sixth form.

SF1 staff and pupils then enjoyed carving the pumpkin.

The photos show Janick at Farmer Copley's and Tyla at Botanical Gardens.



Sensory Stories

The sensory stories focus has been on a weather story. Everyone in the group has explored and shown good awareness of the different stimuli. The picture below shows Tyla exploring her favourite stimuli the fake snow.



EXPRESSIVE ARTS:

Sixth form pupils are currently involved in lots of expressive art projects. Below is a quick over view of the work that is currently happening.

Clifton Park Museum commissioned Kelford School to make a short film for their website. The film is being made to support 'Takeover Days' at the museum. Children are invited to run aspects of the museum. Our film is trying to show the exhibitions and artefacts that fire young people's imaginations to explore times gone by. This should go on-line in November 2017.

We will soon be getting started on a new project for the school – a secondary department Christmas performance. This year we will be creating our own version of 'A Christmas Carol'. As it is our first year it will be an intimate studio-style production involving as many secondary and 6th Form students who want to be involved. Be prepared for a mean, old Scrooge, Christmas parties, original music and of course, ghostly visits. Performance dates to be confirmed.

The Media Group that meet on a Thursday as a work-related learning option are just about to put the finishing touches to their first podcast for the Kelford School website. This is a trial and will go on-line after the half term break. Headlines and interviews along with music and jingles mixed in - with our young people taking on the roles of presenters, interviewers, engineers and producers. The next full episode will be a 'Kelford at Christmas' special.

VOCATIONAL LEARNING:

Over this half term we have been visiting a number of Further Education colleges to look at possible transition routes for our Sixth Form students.

During these visits, Kelford students have been able to see some of the facilities and courses on offer to them after Kelford. They have also spent time having lunch in the various canteens where they have been able to put their functional skills learning to good use.

At Sheffield College all students were treated to a free manicure within the Hair and Beauty Department, they were then given the opportunity to speak to some of the students currently studying there about their experiences.

We have been working on personal presentation with our students and have been looking at things like skincare, haircare, personal hygiene, and creating their own identity when it comes to fashion and clothing. This has proven to be very popular especially the facials and skincare routines. It was messy but thoroughly enjoyable session when we made and applied our own face masks using natural ingredients including banana and honey!

In Hair and Beauty, the students have been working on the theme of the Venetian Carnival. They have looked at the artistry involved in the masks that are worn at the festival. They have practised basic face painting techniques to create their own carnival masks, and have produced a beautiful display on a stunning backdrop of Venice. We are now working on nail art and hand care and are on the lookout for some models, please come along and experience a relaxing hand massage from our wonderful young therapists.

OUTDOOR LEARNING:

HORTICULTURE

Students have been working exceptionally hard in the school gardens. They have been learning about which vegetables to plant in which seasons. Nearly all of our raised beds have been prepared ready for Autumn planting. In the last month pupils have harvested some sweetcorn, apples, potatoes and marrows which have all been passed to the school kitchen. Finally we are making plans deciding which items we are going to sell at our Christmas Fair.

MULTI SPORTS SESSIONS

Students have taken part in a wide range of sports throughout this half term. These include football, basketball, cricket, volleyball, hockey and dodge-ball. Whilst taking part this has improved pupils' mobility, fitness, communication and co-ordination. Ultimately the sessions are fun and aim to improve individual student self esteem whilst learning how to participate with team mates. The photo shows Safia shooting a basketball in leisure time.



AD—PRO

A small group of pupils have started doing some work and life skill tasks at AD-PRO in Maltby, the group have worked well and will continue to further their work skills during the next half term.

NEXT EDITION:

Our next edition will be out just before the Christmas holidays, we will have lots of updates on the exciting events that have been going on in sixth form during the festive period.