

Kelsall Friday Flyer

5th October 2018

Dear Parent,

Although we have only been back at school for a short time, a great deal has changed to ensure that we remain a modern community Primary school offering the best quality learning resources, environment and experiences. The development of our EYFS/Y1 area has been an exciting project to oversee during this first half term. As many of you have commented; the space looks so much bigger and certainly more appealing to our younger children – sand pit and water play, den building area, role play area and the most favourite part (by Oak class unanimous vote) the climbing tower! The area was officially opened this Monday by Alistair Bryce Clegg and we await an aerial drone video from the team at Pentagon to share with you all soon!

You can see the transformation in the before and after shots below;



A huge thank you to Mr Reddy who kindly supported our successful application to MBNA to part fund the project and to the team at Pentagon who worked so hard to complete the project in a record two weeks! The children love the new area and there will be many years of good use to come I am sure.

One final thank you to Mr Elliott who has ensured that the area was cleared for the works to start, as well as re-imagining and recycling parts of the old play area to be used in the school grounds. His efforts in demolishing the old gazebo saved us a substantial amount of money that could be used to add more element to the overall finished design.

Routines

The doors open at **8:40am**. Please ensure that you are all on time. The first 15/20 minutes in the morning is spent practicing/refining handwriting, learning spellings and times tables. If your child is arriving at 9:00am everyday they have missed out 1hr 40minutes a week of learning which over a term really mounts up.

In addition could you please ensure close supervision of your child/ren at home time; please do not allow them to play in the wider school grounds.

Thank you.

Fabric Lenny – FL (aka Paul Slater)

It was great to welcome Fabric Lenny - <http://www.fabriclenny.info/> - to school for a week to work on our #ReadingRocks mural. There were so many children that wanted to help and offer their own designs and we are delighted with the finished mural; the backdrop to a quiet reading space for children at lunch and break-times.



Daniel Parkinson Orchestra

Thank you to Daniel Parkinson – an ex-pupil of Kelsall School who revisited last Friday with his AMAZING orchestra who treated us all to a wonderful afternoon – there was even opportunity for one lucky audience member to try their hand at conducting! (think he was a little better than Daniel!!) <https://www.danielparkinson.co.uk/>



Visits

We've had many visits out already linked to our curriculum and #STEAM theme. Y2 enjoyed a visit to Jodrell Bank and Y1 visited Manchester Airport. Our STEAM themed curriculum has certainly captured the children's imaginations and it is lovely to see that enthusiasm and **Love for Learning** in every lesson.



Chickens, Fire Breathing Gerbils & Boats!

Thanks to Mr Devine who has been working hard with Mr Elliott to develop our Chicken Coup. It is all set and our new additions to school arrive on Monday!

You will have noticed three boats now sunk into the soil in the wooded area. These will form an extra part of our role play and reading area. This week Y6 have been working with Ashley Fayth – an award winning composer <https://ashleyfayth.com/> to develop their own 'Reach for the Stars' themed song (including giant fire breathing gerbils from Venus!) We look forward to the final recording!!

Diary Dates	
New Starters 2019 parent tour of school	11th October 2.00pm Appointments can be made with the school office
Parents evening	16th & 18th October
END OF AUTUMN TERM 1	26th October
Teacher INSET	5th November
START OF AUTUMN TERM 2	6th November
New Starters 2019 parent tour of school	8th November 10.00am Appointments can be made with the school office
Kelsall community S.T.E.A.M fair event - Parents and families invited	23rd November from 1pm
PTA Christmas Fair	30th November from 3.15pm
New Starters 2019 parent tour of school	4th December 1.00pm Appointments can be made with the school office
Christmas Performances	18th December KS1 – 1.45pm KS2 - 5.30pm 19th December KS1 – 1.45pm KS2 - 5.30pm
END OF AUTUMN TERM 2	21st December
Teacher INSET	7th January
START OF SPRING TERM 1 2019	8th January
END OF SPRING TERM 1	15th February
START OF SPRING TERM 2	25th February
Parents evening	12th & 14th March
Conway Art Weekend	22nd March
END OF SPRING TERM 2	29th March
START OF SUMMER TERM 1	15th April
Good Friday	19th April
Easter Monday	22nd April
Children back in school	23rd April
END OF SUMMER TERM 1	24th May
START OF SUMMER TERM 2	3rd June
Sports Day	21st June
END OF SUMMER TERM 2	19th July

Praise Postcards

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended our Praise Postcard assembly.

Our first recipients of the new academic year receive their postcards for superb attitudes to school and learning – (you will notice our postcards now fit with our #STEAM theme and are all Women Scientists)

Beech (Year 1) – **Oliver, Freya & Rohan**

Ash (Year 2) – **Milla, Archie & Henry**

Maple (Year 3) – **Zoe, Isla & Toby**

Elm (Year 4) – **Jago, Karina & Jack**

Willow (Year 5) – **Sam, Ellie-Nicole & Charlie**

Cedar (Year 6) – **Sam, Henry & Mia**

Keep up your fabulous **CAN DO** attitudes and your **Love for Learning!**

Finally.....Please only use the pedestrian gates to enter school. **DO NOT** under any circumstances use the car park entrances – cars are moving around and reversing. Thanks to everyone who uses the correct entrance – please do help by sticking to this simple request. I appreciate that it can be a little quicker using the car park entrances but an accident could easily occur.

Have a great weekend

Mr Wearing & the Kelsall TEAM.



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