

Kelsall Friday Flyer

4th December 2018

Dear Parent,

It's been a busy and fun-filled few weeks of learning here at Kelsall. The children and staff have been working so hard and it was lovely to see them sharing their amazing #STEAM work with you all last Friday. Our #STEAM Community Day was a great opportunity for you all to further understand our curriculum and the various workshops, assemblies and demonstrations created a real community buzz! We are very proud of our emerging curriculum model and we know that the core skills of numeracy and literacy are connected perfectly to the wider broad and balanced areas of learning of science, art, design and technology, music and computing to name a few. It also enables the children to develop these 6 key learning competencies; **creativity, critical thinking, communication, character, citizenship and collaboration** – all key skills; ***'to foster deep learning so that all learners contribute to the common good, address global challenges and flourish in a complex world'***.



The connected #STEAM curriculum will continue next term with the overarching topic of ; **'To the Bottom of the Ocean'**. This will focus upon life in the sea and pick up on environmental issues affecting us all.

Lego Masters

**Do you or does someone in your house eat, sleep and breathe the little plastic bricks?
Is the LEGO MASTERS build room with over 1 million bricks your idea of heaven?**

The producers of the popular Channel 4 series **LEGO MASTERS** are looking for a new bunch of imaginative building pairs to take part in a third series of the bold brick-building competition.

If you think you, a family member or a friend have the creativity, skill and imagination to be crowned Britain's best amateur building team then please email build@tuesdayschild.tv

Applicants must be aged 9+ by 03/02/2019 in order to take part.



Co-op Fundraising.

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Did you know that you can help our fabulous PTA to raise more funds for school by becoming a member and linking your account to benefit school; <https://tinyurl.com/y8c3cg7y>

Easyfundraising

You can also support when shopping online – it's easy to set up and we have 50 supporters who have raised £500 simply by clicking through the website when shopping online;

<https://tinyurl.com/y84rp6qr>



Staffing Update

Following interviews held last week in school I am delighted to inform you that we will be welcoming Mr Ward to the Kelsall team after the Christmas break. Mr Ward will be working in Y5 alongside Mrs Robinson who is returning to school following her maternity leave. In addition Mr Kelly White will increasing her hours to offer more support as a teaching assistant across the school. Mrs Buckley will be leaving us at Christmas to take up a post managing a new initiative called Farm Tots. We wish her well in her new project. We will also say farewell to Mrs Oakley at the end of this term. Her impact on school has been amazing and I know that her new school are very lucky to be getting a professional and skilled teacher to their team. Mrs Dutton also leaves at the end of the term after a short sabbatical. Again, her impact supporting many children across the school is something that we are all extremely grateful for.

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.

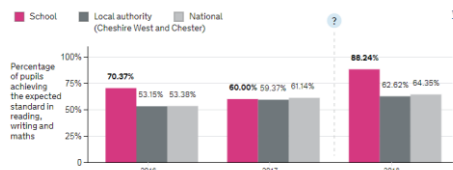
School Performance

Around about this time of year there will be the publication of league tables in the local newspaper and online. This is based upon the result of last year's Y6 children. As you can see from the graphs below our results are significantly higher than National and other local authority schools for 2018 with a trend of improvement year on year. This is as a direct result of the detailed analysis that we undertake each year and the improvements that are made to teaching and learning.

Reading, writing and maths combined

Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard or higher

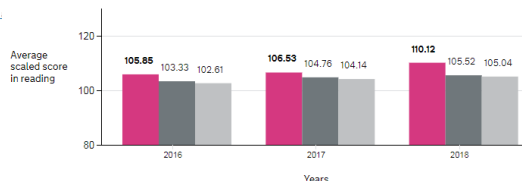
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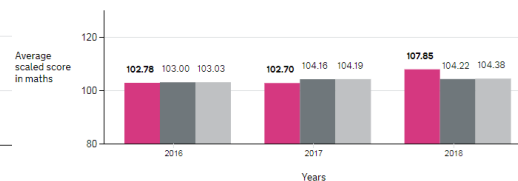
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However, it is important to note that this data is only one measure of our school and we continually judge ourselves on our vision for each child to have **'A love for learning'**. This is evident through our ongoing development of the curriculum and the response from children and parents. Our recent STEAM Community Day was an excellent example of our curriculum in action will many comments from parents;

*'I just wanted to thank you for organising the STEAM event on Friday. It was great to learn some more about it & see it all in action. **The children were obviously all engaged & happy & there was a relaxed atmosphere throughout the school.***

*'Your steam day with the children was very inspiring! **It gave us so much to think about and the belief that anything is possible!** He was great to listen to and made so much sense. It was such a great idea and it would be good if all schools did steam days and projects like this.'*

*'The event on Friday afternoon was amazing and I felt very proud as a parent, governor and teacher to see such enthusiasm and excitement for the creative subjects. **I strongly believe that your vision for providing 'a love for learning' was very evident through this project.** I thought that Nick was very inspirational and I could tell that the children and parents were listening to his important message which is so fundamental to everything you do at Kelsall.'*

*'Wow! To say I was blown away by what I saw today is an understatement! It was a fantastic afternoon and I was bowled over by what my three kids produced! I even had a lump in my throat when I was greeted by my most hard to please child with a massive smile, a grab of the hand and "come on, mummy, I've got lots to show you!". I saw Nick in June and enjoyed the steam afternoon then, but today was amazing, with the displays and the things the children made! Thank you so much for inspiring them so much. **When Nick said that this was one of the best schools he'd experienced in the whole of the country, I was not surprised!***

I believe that our connected curriculum really engages the children in learning that promotes excellent literacy and numeracy skills whilst also ensuring the fundamental right to a broad and balanced curriculum that encompasses a range of subject disciplines. Emily (Y6) sums up our approach perfectly;

'In this school the teacher won't give you the answer, they give you the skills to find out' Emily Y6



A huge thank you to Nick and Neil who made the #STEAM Day so brilliant. Also thanks to everyone who came along and engaged in our curriculum. More to come in 2019!

Diary Dates	
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

Car Parks

You will have noticed that Mr Elliott has been busy erecting a fence around the small car park. Please do keep to the designated pathway which is clearly marked by the fence line and do not under any circumstances walk across the car park – this has been an ongoing issue and this was the most logical solution to avoid any accident or injury.

Christmas Cards

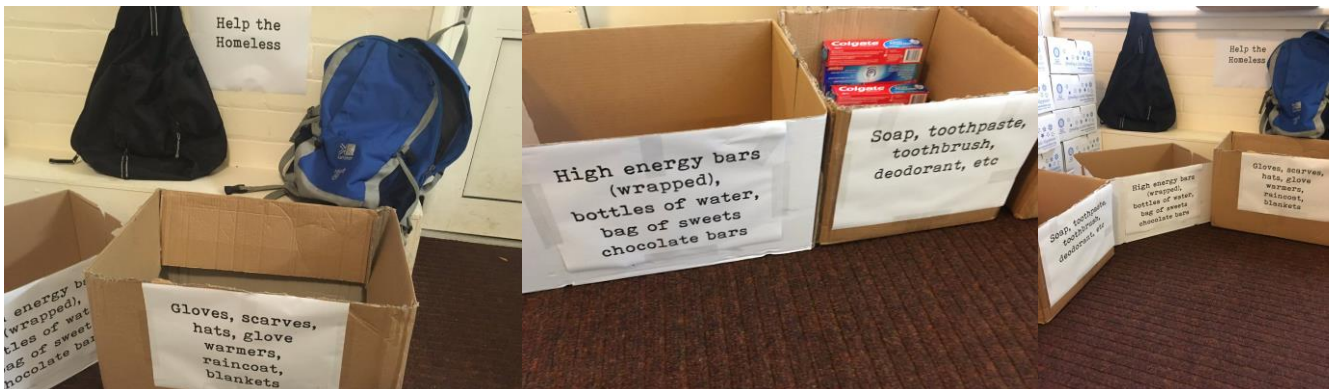
It is that time of year when your children may want to send Christmas cards to their friends. Please make sure you put the NAME (First and Second) and YEAR group on the envelopes and post in the box outside my office. The Y6 Elves will then deliver them over the next few weeks.

PTA Christmas Fair

A huge than you to all of the members of our PTA who worked so hard behind the scenes and on the evening to make our Christmas Fair an enjoyable occasion. We await the final total of funds raised on the evening as we work towards a MUGA for the outdoor area.

Help for Homeless

Thanks to everyone that has already brought in toothpaste, water, sweets, gloves etc. to help the homeless. I will be dropping of full rucksacks at the Shreshop in Chester. Please bring in your items into Reception and put into the boxes.



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