

Friday Flyer – 22nd October 2021

Dear Parent,

Firstly, a huge **thank you** to you all for your support through the first term back at school. It has been lovely to see everyone back and school operating more normally than in the past few years. We have, however, had to manage increased cases of Covid across school which I appreciate impacts on pupils, staff and families in different ways. Please keep following the guidance and take your child for a PCR test if they have any symptoms. I am hoping that half-term may act as a natural 'fire-break' but appreciate your vigilance as we move into the winter months.

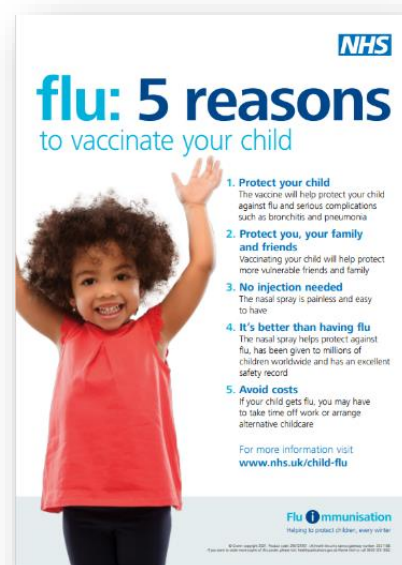
A reminder that we start back to school on Tuesday 2nd November as Monday is an INSET day.

Routines

After half-term the doors will continue to open at **8:40am** and the gates will close promptly at **8:55am**. Nursery starts at **9:00am**. Please make sure that you are on time. We will continue with the **3:10pm** pick up for Reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3 and **3:15pm** for Y4, Y5 & Y6. **It is important that children are supervised after school and should not use the play equipment.**

Flu Vaccinations

Our Flu Vaccinations will take place in school on **Thursday 11th November**. This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. With COVID-19 still in circulation it is more important than ever to reduce the number of those becoming ill with flu this winter to help protect them, the NHS and social care. Research also shows that if you get both flu and COVID-19 at the same time, you may be more seriously ill. I have attached the letters sent out alongside this flyer where you can find the link to the consent form (online). **Consent forms must be submitted at least 2 days before the session to be triaged by a nurse.**



School Tours

Myself and Mrs Hook are conducting tours of school for anyone who is looking to join Nursery or Reception in **2022**. Please call the school office to arrange a tour and pass this information on to any family or friends who may be interested.

RECEPTION & NURSERY 2022

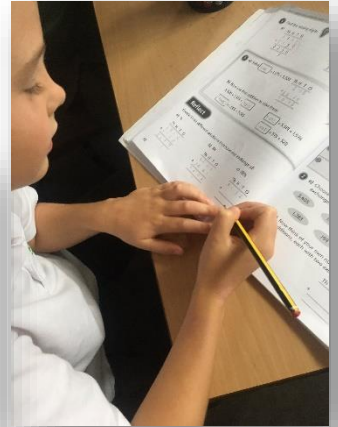
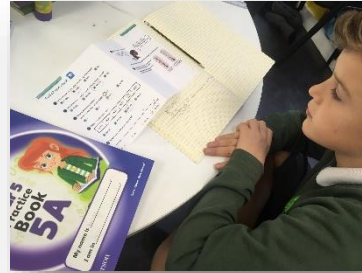
If your child is starting school or nursery in September 2022 and you would like a tour of our school, please call **01829 752811** to make an appointment with the Principal and Vice Principal.





Power Maths

This term we have introduced Power Maths text books. These books support pupils in their understanding and development of key mathematical concepts from Y1 to Y6. Children also use Maths jotters to extend and challenge their thinking.



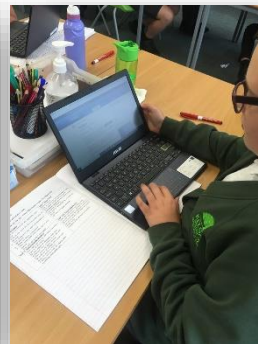
Parent's Evening

Thank you for supporting our Parent's Evening online this week. Due to the increased cases of Covid over the past few weeks I felt it was necessary to use our School Cloud Virtual system on this occasion. I appreciate that there will be mixed views of the remote sessions with some preferring face to face.

The next Parent's Evenings will be a hybrid of both to give parents choice. There will also be more opportunity to visit school to see the fantastic environment and the work pupils are completing in class.

Laptops

Y6 have loved getting their own personal laptops this week. The ASUS laptops will be used to support teaching and learning and to equip pupils with knowledge and skills to take into the future. The children will keep the same laptop for the duration of the year and will begin to develop a range of skills including the use of Microsoft TEAMS. Y5 will be the next class to receive their laptops once they have been set up by our fabulous IT technicians. All other classes will benefit from the Chrome books we have in school.



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MUGA & Wetpour

We are delighted with our new M.U.G.A – Multi Use Games Area. The children really like having a space to play football and the area can also be used for P.E when the weather is a little wet – as it seems to be at the moment! Our wetpour was due to be completed in the summer but due to



complications was set back – we hope to have this project completed once the weather allows.



CO2 Monitoring

We decided right at the start of the term that purchasing our own CO2 monitors to measure levels in classes would be a good idea. I am pleased to say that the readings are well within the recommended range and that ventilation is a key factor in limiting the virus being passed on. We will continue to balance comfort and warmth in classrooms with the need to ventilate effectively. Small class based heaters have been purchased for each class for use after half-term.

Macmillan Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone for your superb support of our Macmillan Cake Sale led by **Mrs White, Mrs Hook and the lovely Y5**. A grand total of **£1712.79!** was raised.



Meet the Governors

Each week we will be finding out a little about our governors who all play a vital and important role in supporting and challenging the school to become the best that it can be. This week is the turn of Martin Little, our Chair of Governors;

My name is Martin Little and I am the chair of Kelsall Governing Body. I have a long association with the school as both my children went to the school 25 years ago and my wife worked in the school up to 2018. I have always been a strong supporter of the ethos and values of the school.

The governing body is keen to build its links with parents. Whilst we have four parent governors who represent the views of parents we are also keen to listen to others. We are looking at the moment at how far the school's vision is understood by both parents and pupils. We are also interested in whether we should look to extend our nursery provision. Obviously this is a long term prospect but if we are to do this we need to look to earmark resources that will allow this to happen in the future.

You are welcome to contact me about this or any other issue through admin@kelsall.cheshire.sch.uk

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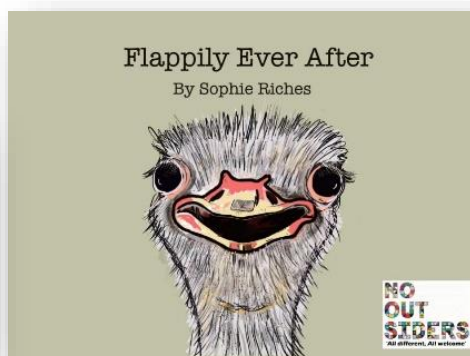
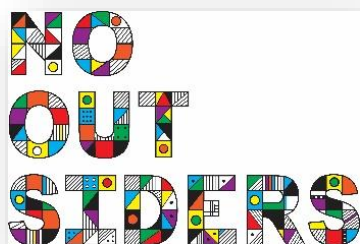
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Flappily Ever After

Many of you will know about our fab author in Y6; Sophie. Her book '**Flappily Ever After**' – the story of two Ostriches who want to have an egg of their own, which I had the pleasure of illustrating has sold over 150 copies to date! In addition, Sophie spent a day with Joe Lycett (Bake off) who read her book at Birmingham Wildlife Conservation Park. You can watch the film by clicking the link below. The film was shared at the **No Outsiders** Family Fun Day a few weeks ago.

[No Outsiders - Flappily Ever After - YouTube](#)



Sports

We've had a packed half term with children benefitting from **Cricket** and **Tennis** coaching. We have also entered some inter school competitions but had to pull out of these due to our rise in Covid cases. Hopefully, these will resume after half-term as they give pupils an opportunity to compete against peers from different schools. We also have a family season ticket for **Chester F.C** that Will (Y6) and his family have already made good use of. These links help to promote sports and activity and is something we continue to build. After Christmas we will start work with **Cheshire Dance** to improve and enhance this area of our curriculum. Thanks to **Miss Cadwallader** (our Sports Champion) for organising all of our sports activity!



Safety Central

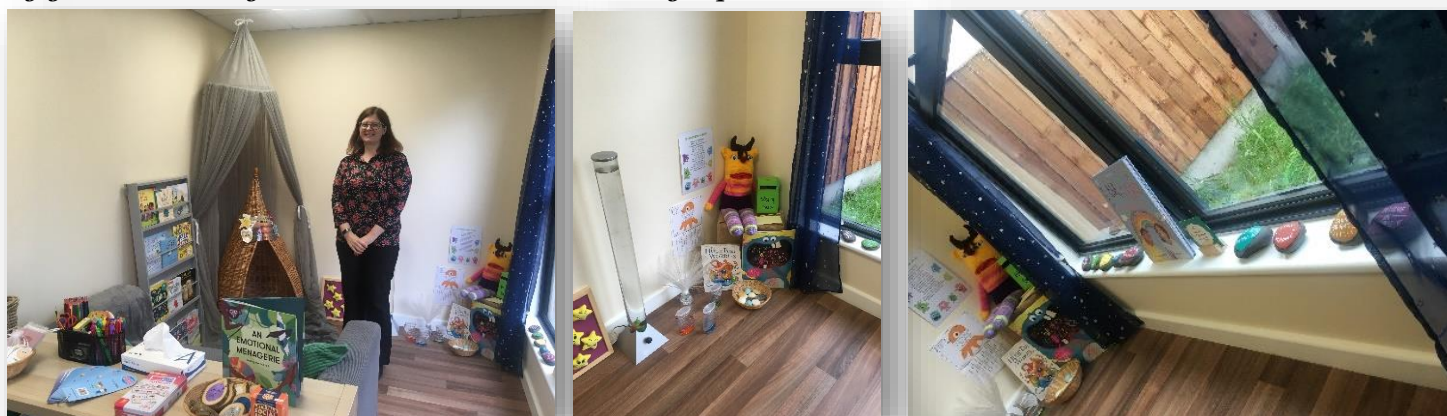
Last week, our Y6 visited Safety Central in Lymm – Cheshire's interactive lifeskills centre. The realistic £4.5m indoor village boasts world-class special effects and the latest technology to simulate a range of hazards and risks. Talented rangers led our pupils through four themed zones and set exciting challenges and activities that encouraged learning through hands-on experience.

The pupils explored safety on the roads, in the community and online as well as issues such as mental health, diversity and inclusion and citizenship.



The Nest

Our Nest is a superb sanctuary where pupils across school can be supported by our **ELSA** (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) trained **Learning Mentor** – Mrs **Whiteside**. The Nest has its own entrance and a wide range of resources to support pupils and teachers. Mental health and well-being is an important part of our ethos at Kelsall and **The Nest** brings together a range of resources and strategies to do that in a highly effective way. Mrs Whiteside has recently taken courses in **Drawing Therapy** and **Lego Therapy** to support her role. We will keep developing our **Nest Padlet** to share a range of online resources - [The Nest \(padlet.com\)](https://www.padlet.com) – if you have any good sites that you think would be worth adding – please let us know.



Internet Safety

Please visit our E-safety padlet for hints and helpful tips for navigating the vast array of apps that our children are using. Click here - -> [E-Safety \(padlet.com\)](https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/)
I have also attached the latest edition of Digital Parenting that you can read online here; [Digital Parenting | Vodafone](https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/)

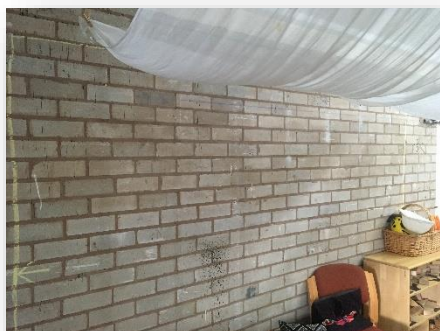
CEOPS is the Child Exploitation and Online Protection command agency. If you are worried about online sexual abuse or the way someone has been communicating with you online, you can make a report at the CEOP website.

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

There is also a wealth of information about keeping your child safe online. Our RSE curriculum ensures that children learn about e-safety at school and we ask that you follow this up by chatting to your child at home.

Nursery News

Coming soon! Over the half term holiday we will be installing doors from the Nursery out into their own outdoor area which is earmarked for development at the end of November. This will allow for more continuous outdoor provision and enhance the learning environment for our Saplings class. It's been great to see lots of smashing pumpkin themed activity as well as the dough and drawing disco too.



Arts

The Arts are an important and integral part of our connected curriculum here at Kelsall. Mr Clayton works from Y2 to Y6 linking in art opportunities and experiences to the classes core connected curriculum theme. We are one of the only primary schools in the UK to have a dedicated Arts Studio which will continue to be developed over the year. In addition, our creative practitioner Rhianne is resident in school every Thursday and this term has worked with Y1 to Y4. Rhianne will be helping us to our Christmas Celebrations.



Meet the teacher



Each week we will find out a little more about a member of staff.

This week is the turn of **Mrs Hook**.

Mrs Hook married in the summer and children quickly got used to the change in name from Miss Creek. Mrs Hook is our **Vice-Principal** and leads on English across school.

Favourite Animal: Dog

Favourite drink: White Wine (Gavi and Sauvignon Blanc)

Favourite city: Edinburgh or Queenstown

Favourite subject: Maths

Favourite shop: Oliver Bonas

Stay Safe.

Mr Wearing, Mrs Hook & the Kelsall Team.