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Friday Flyer – 11th February 2022

Dear Parent

We are almost towards the end of Spring term 1 and we look forward to Spring arriving more fully after the half term break. Despite many disruptions to staffing due to positive covid cases we have remained open in full with pupils isolating receiving remote learning from their class teachers. I am hopeful that as restrictions ease we can return to having whole school assemblies and begin the process of engaging more with you as a community; PTA, celebration events and more face to face activity. There are some things that we will continue online as they have brought benefits to us all.

Covid Update

Please click on the link below for the most up to date advice on self-isolation and LFD testing. We currently have low cases within school and the Covid rate in the community (Kelsall, Tarvin & Ashton Hayes and surrounding local areas) is currently 911 per 100,000; medium risk – a decrease of 103 from 1014 last week. Please do continue to be vigilant and follow the guidance;

[Self-isolation and treating coronavirus \(COVID-19\) symptoms - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

Before and After School Club

For working parents/carers, or those just needing some extra time in the day, Kelsall Club can help to ease the challenges. Fully qualified and trained staff care for the children in a safe and stimulating environment where children can socialise with their peers, engage in activities and have fun. Whether they wish to play games with their friends or just 'chill out' quietly after the school day, their needs will be catered for at the Club. Kelsall Club is open to all children from 3 – 11 years old.

Breakfast Club

- Operates Monday to Friday during term time
- Open from 7.30am – 8.40am
- Located in the school hall
- Children are offered a selection of healthy breakfast items
- **Cost £5.00 per session**

After School Club

- Operates Monday to Friday during term time
- Two sessions to provide flexibility to working families
- Children attending the early session are offered a selection of healthy snacks.
- Children attending the full session are offered a further healthy snack at 4.45pm.

Early Session – from 3.15pm – 4.45pm • **Cost £6.00 per session**

Full Session – from 3.15pm – 6pm • **Cost £12.00 per session**

Payments are made in advance via ParentPay as per our terms & conditions.

To book onto club please contact;

Club Manager: Donna Dunn on 07572264215 (Please leave a voice message if there is no reply.)

More information here: [Kelsall Primary School: Before and After School Club](#)

KELSALL Club



The Chill-Out Zone

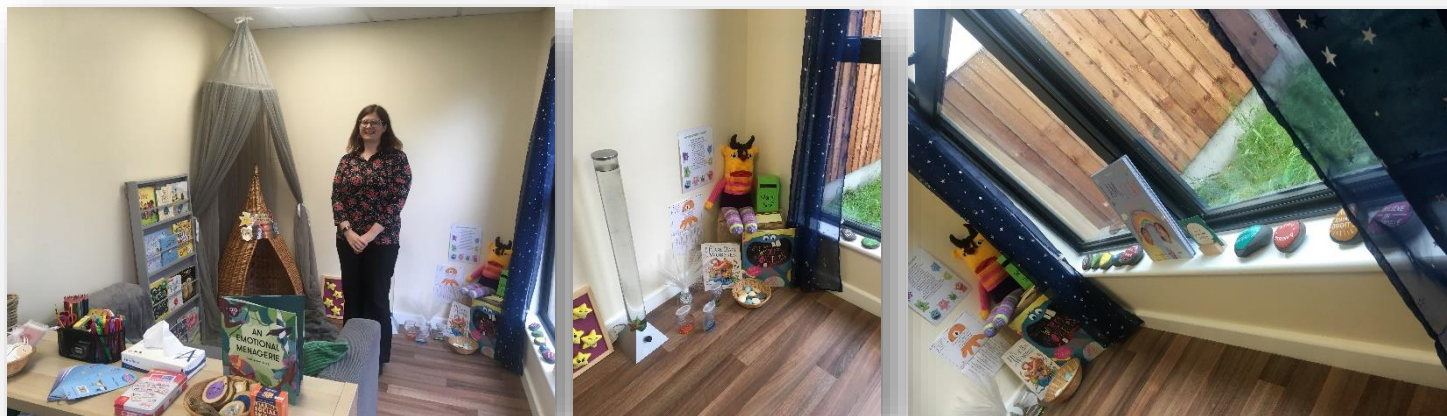
Nursery Outdoor area

We are delighted that our Saplings outdoor area is almost complete. We have some finishing touches to do and will be purchasing additional resources for this area really soon. We can start to use the area from **next Monday**. **All Nursery pupils should start to use the main Nursery entrance and not the side gate** as Miss Nixon and the team will be setting out activities for the children that cannot be disturbed.



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. In the near future we will be adding a sensory pathway to the Nest to support some of our pupils. 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.padlet.com)
I have also attached the latest edition of Digital Parenting that you can read online here; [Digital Parenting | Vodafone](https://www.vodafone.co.uk/digitalparenting)
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.

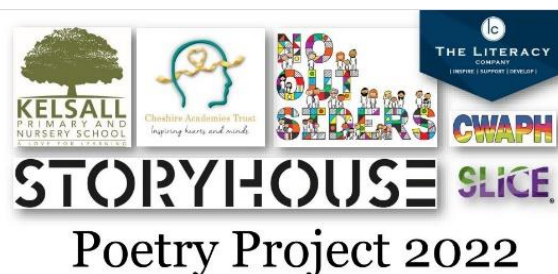
<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>



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. Internet Matters has a huge range of advice from social media settings to home filtering. I would start with this website: <https://www.internetmatters.org/>
Think you Know (Think U Know) is dedicated to educating young people and parents on the dangers of the internet: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>
The Safer Internet Centre is also a good place for information: <https://saferinternet.org.uk/>

Poetry Project 2022

I am delighted to be leading on a brand new Poetry Project linked to No Outsiders with a focus on Refugees. Over 50 schools across Cheshire West and Chester are involved and each Y5 class in those schools will be working on a Poetry unit from the Literacy Company; [Home - The Literacy Company](#) This will culminate in a Poetry Anthology and poems being presented on the [No-outsiders](#) website. The project will be rolled out nationally after the first pilot study.



Amazing

Thanks to Kelly and the team at [2021 Home - Amazing](#) for a fun-filled creative club this half term attended by 30 pupils.

The club continues after the half-term break on a **Wednesday 3:15 – 4:15pm** for pupils from Y2 to Y6.

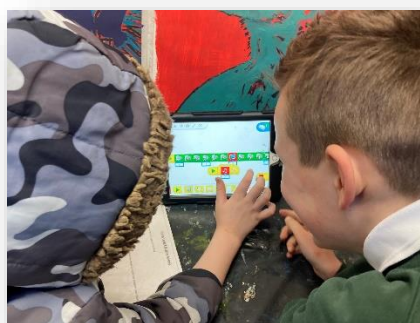
In addition, there are also these new clubs on a weekend

Saturday Creative Arts School - <https://amasing-arts.class4kids.co.uk/info/32>

AmaSing DANCE! - <https://amasing-arts.class4kids.co.uk/info/46>

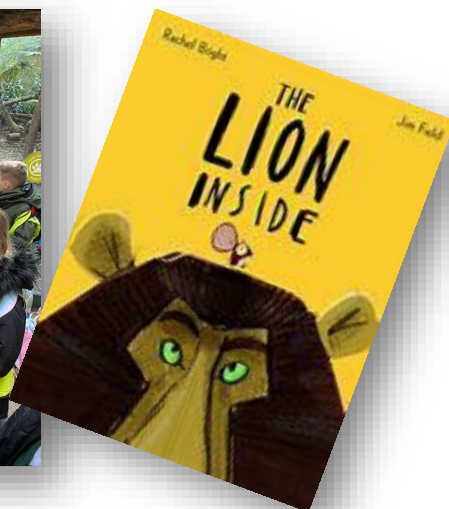
Digital Wizards

We also had an early morning [Welcome to Digital Wizards | Digital Wizards](#) running on a Thursday. The pupils loved the technology and we look forward to welcoming Paul back next year. Have a look at the website for links to holiday clubs and kid's parties.



Y1 Chester Zoo

Year 1 enjoyed a fantastic day at Chester Zoo last Friday linked to their [Pathways to Write](#) book – 'The Lion Inside'. Thanks to all the parent helpers who supported and to Mrs Dia for organising an exciting day out. I got many comments about how respectful and mature the pupils all were – well done Beech class.



Routines

Please can you ensure you all use the [pedestrian entrances](#) into school. To avoid and accidents, please avoid the main car park as some staff and visitors use at the start and end of the school day. Thanks you.

Spanish

It has been great to see and hear the children engaging in their Spanish lessons this term with Senora Smith. Having twice weekly focused lessons is really supporting progression in Spanish and Senora Smith ensures that lessons are always fun and engaging. Muchas Gracias!

Y4 Art

Year 4 have been working hard on some fabulous joint portraits based on the style of the artist Marc Chagall and linked to their **Connected Curriculum** book from last term – ‘Leon and the Place Between’

Have a look at their online gallery here; [Welcome to dwearing's space \(demptyspace.com\)](https://demptyspace.com)



Playground markings

All of our wetpour alterations are now complete with some new Geographical features to support curriculum work. We have plans to redesign the woodland area very soon and have fenced off to allow it to recover and to stop muddy uniforms!

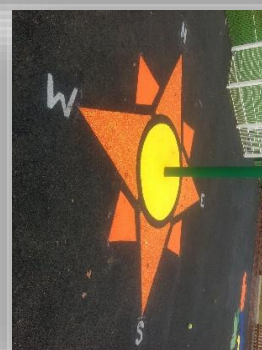
As the weather improves, we will be able to start using the wider grassed areas and football pitch.

Conscious Discipline Parent Workshop

Mrs White will be leading a Conscious Discipline Parent Workshop on Zoom on **Thursday 17th March at 5:00pm**. The session will be recorded if you cannot make it but it will be an opportunity to ask questions in the chat and find out more about our approach to supporting behaviour in school; some ideas that may be useful at home too.

More information about our approach here:

[Kelsall Primary School: Conscious Discipline](#)



Thanks for your continued support

Mr Wearing, Mrs Hook and the Kelsall T.E.A.M



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Has someone done something online that has made you or a child or young person you know, feel worried or unsafe? Click on the link to the left