

Weekly Newsletter: **Friday 4th September**
Current Topic: **'Hello'** Current Value: **Resilience**



An update from Mrs Anstee

Welcome back to a new school year! It has been a joy to see all our familiar faces, as well as lots of new pupils, families and staff around school this week.



We are delighted to welcome Mrs Diamond, Miss Krzywiec and Mr Banks to our staff team – we are very pleased to have you with us!

This week, we have been thinking about what it means to be a 'curious learner'. As a school, we want our pupils to wonder, ask questions, think deeply, challenge ideas, solve problems and be brave enough to have a go, even when they are not sure of the answer.

In our first assembly, we shared The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds – a lovely story about a child who is afraid to get started, but discovers what she can achieve when she simply has a go. It is a great reminder that curiosity, creativity and confidence often begin with one small step.

You can read The Dot online here: [The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds](#)

We wish all our pupils a fantastic year ahead, full of curiosity, discovery, challenge and wonderful learning!

An update from Mrs Gardner

Welcome back!

As we start the new school year, a reminder that we have lots of pastoral support available for our children and families.



Mrs Summers – Family Support Worker works alongside families to help things run smoothly at home and school. She can also signpost families to additional support and is particularly knowledgeable about support available to our military families.

Kelly – Ready to Learn Lead supports children across the school with their emotions, friendships and wellbeing, helping them to feel settled, regulated and ready to get back into class and learn.

Please speak to us if you feel your child or family would benefit from some extra support – we are always happy to help.

An update from Mrs Summers

What a pleasure it has been to welcome so many new families this week. A huge thank you to the children who have been a Buddy or a support to anyone that joined their class.

We have more families joining us over the coming weeks and I am aware that some already have friends in the school which is a great way to start somewhere new.



Please do. Not hesitate to get in contact with me if you need anything or have any questions regarding your transition to Gateway.

EYFS

Wow! What a busy few days we have had. We welcomed our new chicks and ducklings on Wednesday morning and they have already settled in well. We have been busy learning routines and making new friends. We have listened to stories about Chicks and Ducks and have been busy with scissors and glitter creating our own display in the classroom.



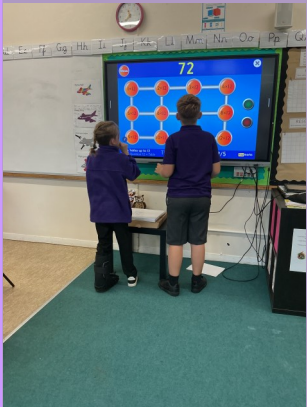
Year 1 and 2

What a wonderful first week in Key Stage 1! We've loved exploring our new classrooms, making new friends and starting our first topic, Hello. We have read our story, The Colour Monster and made our own 'feelings jar.' We then wrote labels and captions to explain our feelings about coming back to school. In Maths, Year 1 has been practising counting forwards and backwards across 20 and ensuring we form our numbers correctly. Year 2 has been learning all about the number words. We have found the tricky parts in the words and practised writing these. We have also played games like matching the words and numerals, and ordering these. During Time to Talk, we have explored the value of resilience and what it means. We talked about times that we have been resilient, and drew these on shields. In Art, we have learnt about the work of Andy Goldsworthy and have been inspired by him to make our own self portraits using natural resources and loose parts. We are so proud of our fabulous new Year 1s and 2s! Keep up the good work!



Year 3 and 4

We have had a great first week in Year 3 and 4. The children have really enjoyed exploring the detailed illustrations in our new book 'Voices in the Park.' They have made inferences asked thoughtful questions about the pictures. We have played some timetables games and learnt how to add 3 numbers using doubles and near doubles in maths, we thought carefully about how to set our books out. Furthermore we have created some beautiful class birds, explored a range of portraits and started to write a class rap.



We are really proud of how well the children have settled in, showing lots of positivity and resilience.

Have a lovely weekend.

Year 5 and 6

A fantastic start back into the school year for 5 and 6. It has been wonderful to welcome all children back into their classes this year. The year 6 children look especially smart and proud in their new black jumpers. During the last three days children have had chance to create their own what they 'didn't do this summer' poem, letting their imaginations run wild with silly creative ideas as well as exploring the structure of poems. In art, children have created their own self portrait as well as beginning to look at portraits in the expressionism style. They will build on this next week when they think about creating a portrait of someone else in the class.



Dates For The Diary

Wednesday 16th September — Mingle In The Mess 8:30am

Monday 21st September — Year 3/4 Trip—Coleshill

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Monday 28th September — Friday 2nd October — Year 6 Yenworthy

Wednesday 14th October — Mingle In The Mess 8:30am

Friday 16th October — Parent Book Look 8:30 — 9:00am

Wednesday 21st October — EYFS Open Day

Friday 23rd October — Inset Day—School Closed

Monday 26th — Friday 30th October — October Half Term

Monday 2nd November — Start of Term 2

Wednesday 11th November — Parents Evening

Monday 16th November — Year 5/6 Space Museum

Wednesday 18th November — Parents Evening

Thursday 3rd December — EYFS Nativity to CHICKS Parents

Friday 4th December — EYFS Nativity to DUCKLINGS Parents

Friday 18th December — End of Term 2 — 1:30pm Finish

Monday 4th January — Inset Day

Tuesday 5th January — Start of Term 3



Masking Awareness

FREE



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Free online talk for parents
24 September 7pm - 8pm

Book online
facefamilyadvice.co.uk
Parent - Live Talks page





September Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom. 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm



Every Saturday morning
at 9am

Kilkenny Lane Country parkrun Volunteering



SENSE OF PURPOSE

A weekly routine where everyone thanks you



BE PART OF A COMMUNITY

Make new friends and socialise



FRESH AIR AND VITAMIN D

Being outside is great for your health



DEVELOP SKILLS & BUILD CONFIDENCE

In a safe and welcoming environment



OPEN AND ACCESSIBLE TO ALL

No experience necessary

We'd love to see you!

Email to register your interest in
volunteering with us.

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