



This week at Keresley Newland20.09.24

Can you use the
**WORD OF THE
MONTH:**
CATASTROPHIC

This week at Keresley

Dear Families,


Welcome back to a new school year! We have started well and the children all seem happy and settled.

This week our news is from Poet’s Corner, Pride Rock and Neptune Bay.


Firstly, **Poets’ Corner** started their year with a self-portrait. Exploring sketching, collage and pop art, they created a four part portrait that connected to a quarter of a photo of themselves. They worked super hard and, as you can see, the results were amazing!



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Language, Learning, Lives!

- R RESPONSIBLE
- E EMPATHETIC
- S SUCCESSFUL
- P PROBLEM SOLVERS
- E ENTERPRISING
- C COLLABORATIVE
- T TOGETHER



Super concentration!

Other Events this term include:

Halloween Stay and Play for 2-4 year olds. Please let your friends and family know! Thursday 24th October at 3.30



There is also a Halloween Disco being arranged for children, details to follow.

PTA CHRISTMAS FAYRE— advanced notice.....



We are starting to think ahead to our Christmas Fayre, which will be on Tuesday 3rd December from 3.30pm—5.00pm.

We will be holding a series of non-uniform days for donations please help us to make this a spectacular family event. We are planning lots of stalls, such as the ever-popular Tombola, secret gift, Santa's Grotto, Games to Play, Food and Drinks!

- * 4th October - Please donate a teddy.
- * 18th October - Please donate a book, for adults or for children.
- * 25th October - Please donate a toy or jigsaw puzzle of up to 100 pieces.
- * 15th November - Please donate a gift for the tombola.
- * 29th November - Please donate a bottle.
- * 3rd December - **CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY—Please bring a cake.**

If you would like to run a stall of your own, please contact Lucie in the school office for more information.



There will be a **BIG PRIZE RAFFLE - LOOK OUT FOR TICKET SALES FOR THIS.**
FIRST PRIZE IS A BRAND NEW BIKE!

Key Priorities 2024 - 2025

Continued Development

Key NEW Priorities

What we are working on this year at

Keresley Newland!



To ensure behaviour remains positive and the needs of challenging children are met.

To ensure all children attend school regularly, following the new guidance.

To continue to prioritise Early Reading, and reading fluency (phonics)

To improve writing across the school, with a focus on **Talk for Writing**.

To continue curriculum development, based on Language, Learning, Lives.

To ensure all children are fluent in number facts and times tables.

To secure ArtsMark re-accreditation for Silver/Gold.

For oracy to be embedded across the school day, and for the children to be confident and articulate.

Neptune Bay have really enjoyed learning about living things. This week they have been identifying things that are living, things that were living (and are now dead) and things that have never been living. They found objects to fit their own categories on the playground. Some things they thought about were tricky to sort!

LQ: Can I recognize the difference between things that are alive, have never been alive and were once alive?
Wednesday 18th September 2024

Date: 18.9.24 Name:

LO: To classify objects into groups.

Classifying objects

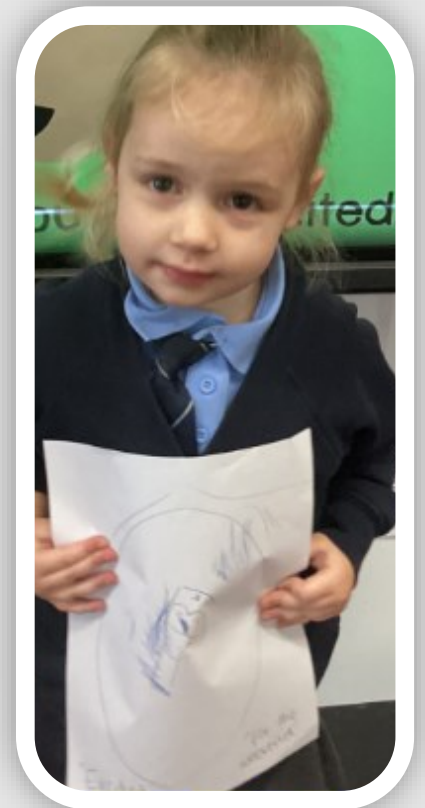
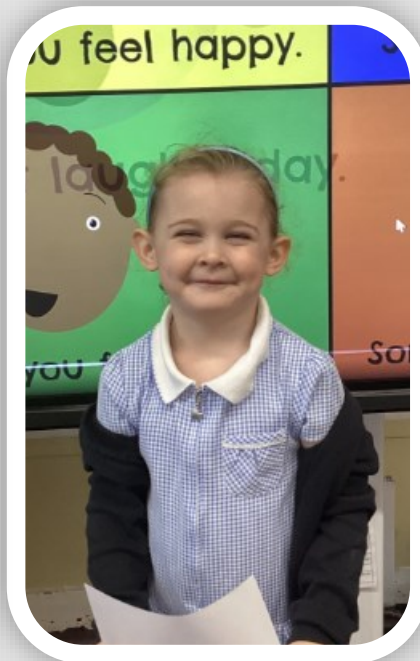
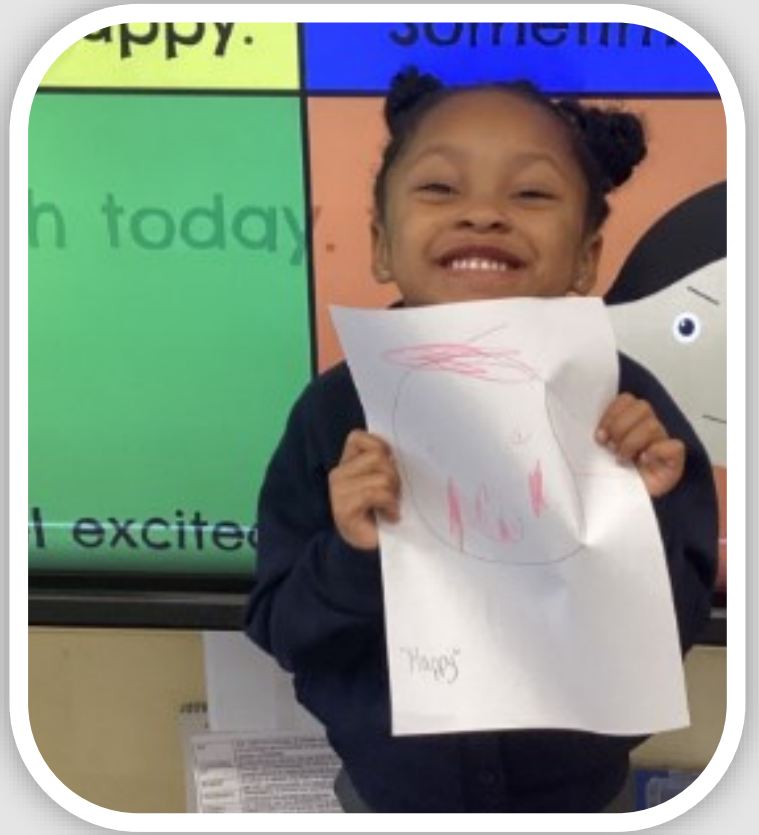
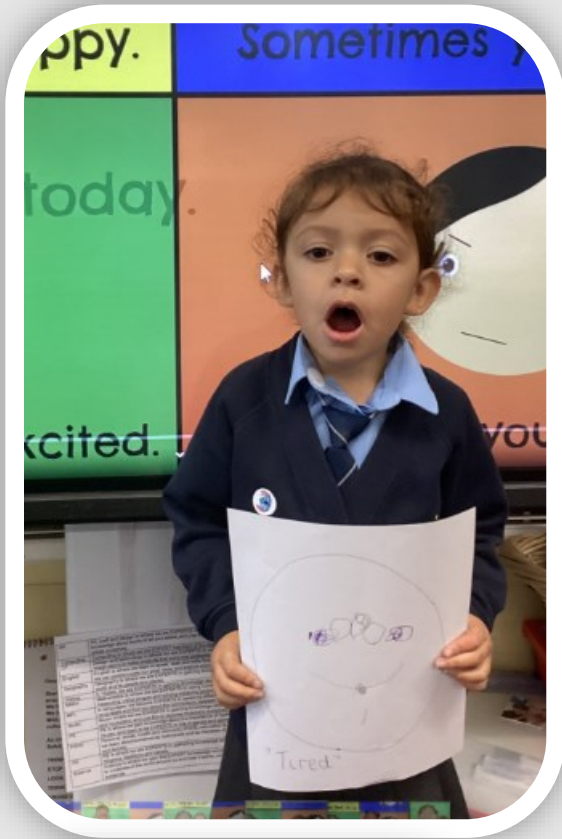
Alive			Used to be alive (dead)			Never been alive		
earthworm	seaweed	daisies	chicken drumstick	raisins	leaf	jar	doll	cow
bramble	sloth	bald eagle		pine cone	battered fish	fire	splashed snowman	brick
moss	turtle		fly	carrot		trophy	building bricks	



What objects can you think of to fit these categories?



Children in **Pride Rock** this week have been exploring their emotions and feelings! They discussed feelings that they experience and why. The children used their creative skills to draw how they feel. Well done Pride Rock nursery!



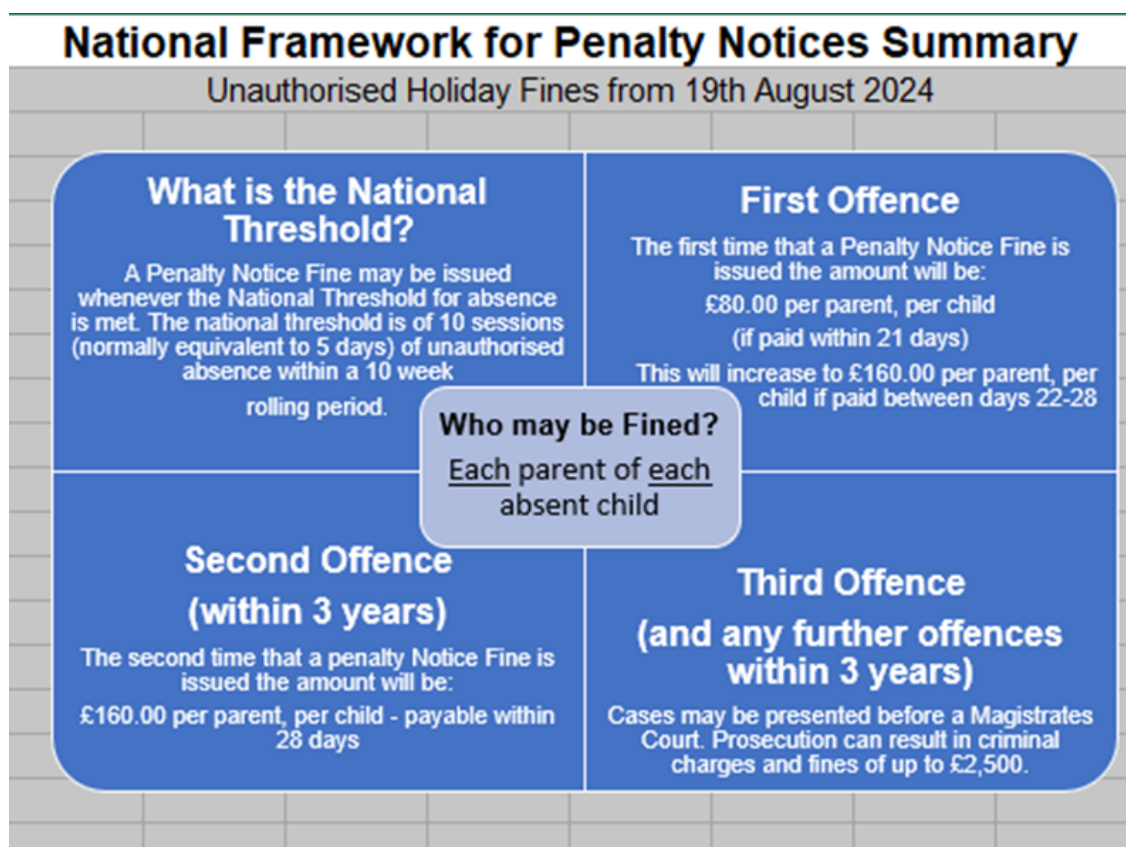
REMINDER—updated Attendance Policy

This is available on our school website. We have updated this in line with updated Statutory Guidance from Warwickshire County Council reflecting a new **National Framework for Penalty Notices (Unauthorised Holiday Fines)** effective from 19th August 2024.

This is the biggest change to school attendance regulations since 2007 and we are all required to follow it. Working together to improve school attendance is becoming law.

The main changes that you should be aware of are as follows:

- A new National Threshold for when a Penalty Notice must be considered which is **10 sessions (normally 5 days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 - week school period**
- Increased penalty-notice fine from £120.00 to £160.00 (reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days)
- Second Offence – where a penalty-notice fine is issued within 3 years this will be £160.00 payable within 28 days
- Third Offence (including any further offences within 3 years) may be presented before a Magistrates Court. Prosecution can result in criminal charges and fines of up to £2,500



Other important things that we do ask for your cooperation with are:

- All absence should be reported to the office via Studybugs or telephone **by 9.30am**. Please do not report to class teachers.
- Parents/carers are asked to call on each day of any absence unless in the case of a longer absence you can confirm an expected return date.
- Any absence not reported, or where the school has reason to doubt the explanation given will be recorded as Unauthorised Absence. *This may contribute to triggering a Penalty Notice if the National Threshold is met (10 sessions/5 days of unauthorised absence within a 10-week period).*
- Any child with overall attendance of less than 90% will be required to provide medical evidence for absence of more than 2 consecutive days (this can be a doctor's appointment or proof of prescription medication). If this is not provided absence after day 2 will be recorded as Unauthorised.
- If a child arrives at school after 9.30am then lateness will be recorded as Unauthorised absence for the morning session in school.
- If your child is going to be absent from school for Religious Observation outside of weekends or holiday periods please let us know in advance.
- If you should wish to apply for permission to take your child on holiday during term time please collect an Application for Leave of Absence in Term Time Form from the school office. This must be submitted in advance of the absence to allow the Head Teacher sufficient time to consider an application and any exceptional circumstances and to respond. Leave of Absence cannot be authorised if it is not applied for in advance. The school may request further information and supporting documentation if applicable. Generally, absence for a holiday or for the purpose of leisure or recreation would not constitute an exceptional circumstance. Where Leave of Absence is refused and the child does not attend school during that period the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Dates for the Diary—Keresley Newland:

Date	Event	Year Group
Wednesday 11th September	M&M Theatre Production - Oliver Twist	Year 1 - Year 6
30th September - 2nd October	PGL Residential Trip	Year 6
October (TBC)	Halloween Disco	All school
Friday 4th October	Non Uniform - Soft Toy Donation for Christmas Fayre	All school
Friday 18th October	Non Uniform - Book Donation for Christmas Fayre	All school
Friday 25th October	Non Uniform - Toy/Jigsaw Donation for Christmas Fayre	All school
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November	October Half Term	All school
5th November	Hardy's Individual School Photographs	All school
Friday 15th November	Non Uniform - Tombola Gift Donation for Christmas Fayre	All school
Friday 29th November	Non Uniform - Bottle Donation for Christmas Fayre	All school
Tuesday 3rd December	Christmas Jumper Day - Donate a Cake for Christmas Fayre	All school

Personal Data:

It is your responsibility to keep your contact details up to date with the school office. Please note you can opt in or out of photo permissions at any time by contacting the school office or through studybugs.

Parking:

Our children's safety is our main priority and this includes their journey to and from school. No parking is permitted in the staff carpark. Please park around the school respectfully and not over private driveways. We would encourage walking to school where possible. It is not only great exercise, but also good for the environment.

Mobile Phones and Photographs whilst on the school site:

Keep mobile phones out of sight of children. You are not permitted to use mobile phones during the working day or to take photographs of children on personal devices. You must refrain from posting photos or recordings on social media, websites or any public forum.

Thank you for reading our news for the week, and we look forward to our next exciting week in school.

Mrs Penlington and all at Keresley Newland.