

KEA NEWS 21 July 2020

A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN AND MAKE FRIENDS

Message from Mrs Hunkin

Well this wasn't the year we expected...

In the last few months I have been overwhelmed by our staff and how they have adapted to continually changing government directives, establishing a whole new way of delivering education by providing home learning and continually reviewing their practice. It has been lovely to welcome some of the children back in the past six weeks they've all seemed really happy and settled and have been working really hard. It had been really strange without all the other year groups in school though, and we can't wait to have them back.

Apologies that we were unable to provide live online sessions with pupils before the end of term. We have a new system and will receive staff training before children return in September. In the event of further lock down, or localised lock downs, staff will be ready to deliver live sessions. In the meantime, each teacher has posted a video message for their class – on the home learning page of the website.

Huge thanks to all the Year 6 pupils for their contributions to Kea School over their years here. They have been a tremendous group of children and it has been amazing to watch them grow, mature and flourish. We held a lovely leavers' assembly on the field last Friday – with a large tent for the stage area (borrowed from Kea Church) and a magnificent back drop of fields and hills. The children shared some of their memories and performed a piece of music and a dance - watched by their parents who were sitting on picnic blankets, socially distanced from each other. It wasn't quite the end of term we'd imagined, but a lovely, warm celebration nevertheless. We wish all the Y6 pupils much success and happiness as they transfer to their secondary schools and in the future.

We're looking forward to see everyone back at school in September and hopefully returning to a bit more normality. Thanks for everything you have done to support your children and the school this year. I hope you have a good summer.

Bubble 2



In Bubble two we made Save the Ocean t-shirts and Concertina fish puppets this week. As it's the final week I've also attached photos of some of our lovely Bubble Two ocean themed art.











Bubble 3

In Bubble 3 we've started to learn how to tell the time! We have learnt that there is a minute hand and an hour hand on a clock. When the minute hand is on the 12, we say o'clock and when the minute hand is on the 6, we say half past! Keep practising telling the time at home!

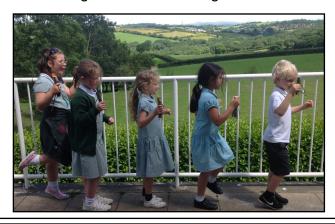






Bubble 4

Look at the fun we had in Bubble 4 making our own Stick Man figures. Mr Cotterill made the Stick Man bodies and we had to find the perfect sized twigs to fit the holes. We learned about length, width and diameter as well as perseverance! When the twigs did not always fit or fell out, we persevered until our Stick Men were complete! We used our Stick Man story maps and speech bubbles to retell some of the story. We made it into a mini iMovie using our real Stick Man figures!





Bubble 5 and 6



This week in Bubbles 5 and 6, we have been designing and making bird boxes for our Year 6 art project. They drew scaled drawings, fixed the sections together and are decorating them ready for the birds to nest in. The boxes will be mounted on trees in the orchard as a reminder of our wonderful Year 6 of 2019-2020.

We are all hugely grateful to Mr Cotterill for the huge amount of hard work in preparing the sections of timber for the children to use.





Key Worker Bubble



We thought about how we can improve the environment, recycling, re-using and avoiding single use plastic. We looked at the impact on the oceans and wanted to design t-shirts to send a message out to the world. We had a great time doing this and they look super!

Here are some photos our fantastic designs Well done Key Worker Bubble





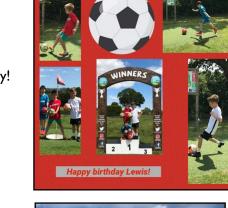
Home Learning

Below are a few photos of some of the fun things you have been getting up to.



Picasso inspired art by Rafe Y3!

Lewis Y3 had a fun birthday!



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A lovely under the sea diary entry by Rocco Y4!

A super piece of writing about Jelly Fish by Lily Y5!

Bryher Y2 had a fun day digging at Gylly Beach!



Mia Y2 has been gardening!





Holly Y5 interpretation of George Gershwin's Rhapsody in Blue!



Farewell Year 6

We wish Year 6 pupils every success in their futures and hope they come to visit us and tell us of their adventures. It was lovely to see families of the children at the leavers assembly, which took place this year on the school field.

Thank you to Influence Planning (Mr & Mrs Bateman) for buying the children scientific calculators and stationery. Also another big thank you to Kea School Friends for their school leavers' hoodies.



Here you can see the Year 6 children looking smart and superb in their new Leaver Hoodies!

It is very sad to say goodbye to such a wonderful, talented and enthusiastic group of children, in a year we certainly won't forget, we had a class we certainly will never forget! - from Mr Miles



