

CELEBRATING Coventry schools

KERESLEY NEWLAND



Pupils are working towards the Artsmark Award

Expect the best at Keresley Newland



New leadership, Mrs Nicola Penlington

THESE are exciting times at Keresley Newland Primary Academy.

The academy joined The Futures Trust just before Christmas last year and is already enjoying the benefits of belonging to a successful, local multi academy trust that prides itself on building brighter futures for its pupils, staff and local communities. The trust places its pupils first and focuses on improving learning and pupils' academic attainment.

Since December, the trust has wasted no time investing in the brighter future that the pupils of Keresley deserve. The school is led by Mrs Nicola Penlington who brings with her a track record of success at Keresley Grange Primary School. Mrs Penlington has received a very warm welcome from the pupils, parents and carers and school staff. She is working closely with Mr Peter Thomas, executive



head teacher of Keresley Newland Primary Academy and CEO, The Futures Trust.

The school now enjoys additional high quality teachers, including a primary phase literacy and numeracy specialist. Pupils in Key Stage 2 have benefited from extra early morning booster classes to improve their reading comprehension and maths skills along with additional SATS preparation. Parents and carers of Reception children have attended new phonics sessions at the school, so that they are better able to support their children's pro-

gress at home. Keresley Newland's teachers work collaboratively with other education professionals employed by the trust, sharing best practice and learning resources.

Following the refurbishment of the school's library, in excess of half-a-million pounds is now being invested in upgrading the school building and new, state-of-the-art, interactive computer screens have been installed in each classroom.

Introduced by The Futures Trust, the school has received a sizeable donation of engineering and science books from local security technology corporate, Northrop Grumman.

Pupils attending Keresley Newland Primary Academy enjoy a calm, caring learning environment, along

with numerous additional educational opportunities. These include an after school computer coding club, nature detectives, cheerleading, yoga, gymnastics and dodgeball. Year 3 pupils especially enjoy gardening with

Mr Bromfield in the school's community garden and this week, the school is hosting a "Father's Day Picnic" in its garden. Year 5 visited Compton Verney Art Gallery and Park last week and Year 1 travelled to Ash End Farm in March. Year 2 are all learning to play the ukulele and Reception and Year 1 pupils are working towards their "Artsmark Award" with artist, Rachel Scanlon. Now that their SATS tests have finished, Year 6 are looking forward to performing their leavers' play, "School Days."

The school has recently extended its popular nursery provision to offer 30 hours of high quality learning per week for three and four year-olds, ensuring that their pupils get the best possible start to their education.



Pupils love to read in their newly refurbished library



Extra early morning maths lessons

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