



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

Welcome back to Spring Term 1. I hope you all had a good break.

Thank you to all families who have returned their updated information forms. We are working hard to ensure that all details regarding your child are up to date and correct. Can I remind ALL families that Knockhall is a NUT FREE environment. We have several children with nut allergies which can result in anaphylaxis which causes the airways to swell, and this restricts breathing if they encounter nuts. As you can imagine, families who have children with allergies live in constant fear of this happening. Working as a whole school community to ensure that all our children stay safe is paramount. Please support us!

We had a wonderful visit from Jim Dickson MP for Dartford. We discussed Knockhall's improvement journey so far and I was able to share our plans for the future. As usual, our children were an absolute pleasure showing lovely manners as they encountered him around the school.

Thank you to PrepWorld and Marnie Wyatt for the generous donation of Fruit Boxes for all of our children. This was a lovely gesture, and we are incredibly grateful. Marnie hopes to work with us and develop a partnership to improve our school facilities, so watch this space for some exciting news!

PC Murray visited us today and went into some of our classes. He said hello to several children and enjoyed his visit. Thank you for coming PC Murray!

We are really looking forward to welcoming you all in to take part in our shared reading session for World Book Day on Thursday at 2.45.

Have a Lovely weekend Miss Yiannadji and the Knockhall Team.

EYFS

Reception jumped into the start of the term with a bang! They thoroughly enjoyed becoming explorers and investigating for dinosaur clues. The children were very surprised to see that a dinosaur had entered our classrooms. This prompted great discussions where children demonstrated their growing vocabulary which reflected in their writing.

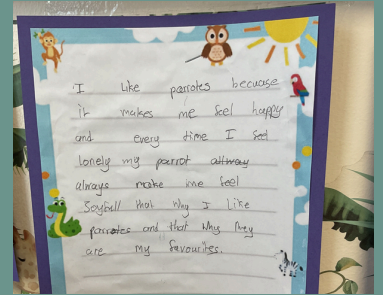
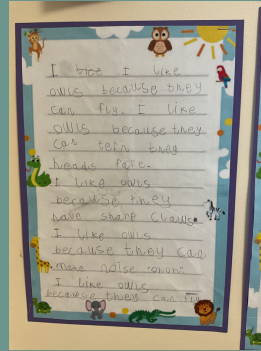
Nursery

In the Nursery, the children are all so excited to be back in school! As a part of our Big Bang Day, the children decided whether they wanted to plant a sunflower or a bean and have been ready to see them start to grow. We have also started growing cress, and will get to taste this when it is ready.

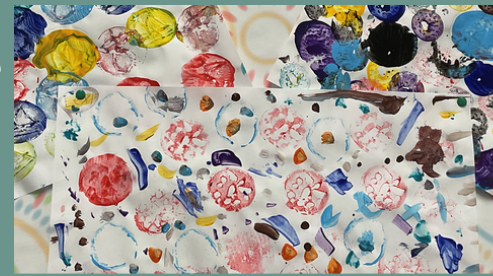


KS1

We have been amazed by how many children completed their half term topic homework. The children were asked to write about their favourite animal in readiness for our new topic 'Paws and Claws'. We are thoroughly impressed with how hard they have all worked. Well done Year 1!



What a great big bang day in Year 2! We were lucky to have been gifted some fruits and vegetables to kick start our topic of Roots, Shoots and Juicy Fruits! The children cut shapes and patterns into the fruits and vegetables and used them to create some printed artwork. What do you think?



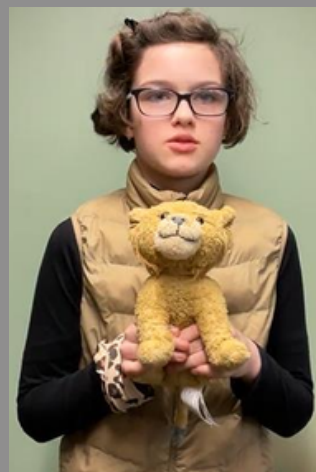
LKS2

Year 4 Kestrels had an unforgettable Big Bang Day, designing and crafting stunning Ancient Greek shields before stepping into the roles of Athenian and Spartan warriors! They then competed in a thrilling multi-event mock Olympic Games, showcasing strength, skill, and teamwork. From discus throwing to foot races, they embraced the spirit of Ancient Greece with enthusiasm and determination!



UKS2

Year 6 became Wildlife Journalists and broadcasters for our Big Bang Day. We used green screen to produce wildlife videos and researched the animals that we had brought in to find out more about their real lives in the wild. We watched videos of Sir David Attenborough's most famous documentaries for inspiration.





Who Has Received a Golden Ticket This Week!



- Nursery - Marcus
- Reception -William, Tyler
- Year 1-Adani,Elsa
- Year 2 -Gesandu,Savannah
- Year 3-Josiah,Amelia,Olivia,
- Year 4- Audrey,Sophia
- Year 5 -Hope,Amanda,Destiny
- Year 6 -Zac,Oliver,Madeleine

Sports Classes of the week

- KS1 - Owls
- KS2 - Parrots

ATTENDANCE

- Ducklings -92.97%
- Owlets-95.24%
- Cygnets -97.39%
- Owls -91.2%
- Swans -89.2%
- Flamingos -90.14%
- Falcons -97.14%
- Hummingbirds-97.78%
- Kingfishers -86.8%
- Robins -96.4%
- Kestrels-95.38%
- Woodpeckers -83.18%
- Pelicans -98.25%
- Penguins -98.17%
- Puffins-98.08%
- Parrots-93.25%
- Peacocks -93.45%
- Eagles -95.4%
- Minimum School Target - 96%
- Whole School attendance -94.1%

Knockhall Values Champions!!!

- Ducklings -Jess
- Owlets-Orlando
- Cygnets-Arthur
- Swans-Noah
- Owls -Daniel
- Flamingos -Ire
- Kingfishers-Bailey
- Falcons -Krithviksai
- Hummingbirds -Shiloh
- Robins -Alisia
- Woodpeckers -George
- Kestrels -Max
- Penguins-Connor
- Pelicans-Yasmin
- Puffins-Naad
- Peacocks-Saadhvika
- Parrots-Arianiya
- Eagles-Grace



Dear Families,

To ensure the safety of all our children, we kindly ask that parents accompany their KS1 children, to their designated lines in the morning, rather than allowing them to walk through the gates alone. Please use the correct gates for drop-off to help us manage the flow of children safely and efficiently. If allowing a KS1 child to walk alone, the KS1 gate is much closer to their class registration lines. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school a safe environment for everyone.

Urgent Safety Reminder

Please do not mount the curb to drive around cars during drop-off and pick-up times. We understand the road can be very busy, and you may feel the need to get off quickly, but we cannot compromise children's safety. Many families walk to school, and it's crucial that we prioritise their and others' safety.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe.



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Information for Families



This week Prepworld kindly donated fruit pots for all the children to enjoy!



All National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to have an informed conversation about online safety with their children. Should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one app of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

What Parents & Carers Need to Know About WHATSAPP

16+ in UK & EU; 12+ rest of world.

WhatsApp is the world's most popular messaging service, with around two billion users exchanging texts, photos, videos and documents, and making voice and video calls. The app offers end-to-end encryption, meaning messages can only be read by the sender and the recipient(s). Not even WhatsApp can read them. Updates to its privacy policy in 2021 reportedly caused millions of users to leave the app. But the new policy was widely misinterpreted: it only related to WhatsApp's business features, not to personal messages.

Prize Scams

WhatsApp users occasionally receive messages from unauthorised third parties or fraudsters pretending to offer prizes – encouraging recipients to click a link to win. A common scam involves a warning that someone's WhatsApp subscription has run out, aiming to dupe them into disclosing payment details. Other scams include instructions to forward a message to earn a gift or reward.

Enabling Fake News

WhatsApp has unfortunately been linked to accelerating the spread of dangerous rumours. In India, some outbreaks of mob violence were reported to have been sparked by false allegations shared on the app. WhatsApp itself took steps to prevent its users circulating hazardous theories and speculation in the early weeks of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Connections with Strangers

To start a WhatsApp chat, you need the mobile number of the person you want to message (they also need to have the app). WhatsApp can also access the address book on someone's device and recognise which of their contacts use WhatsApp. If your child has given their mobile number to somebody they don't know, that person could then use it to get in touch via WhatsApp.

Ephemeral Messaging

By enabling the 'disappearing messages' option in a chat, users can send messages that will vanish from WhatsApp after seven days. Parents may want to take note of this new feature, which makes monitoring what children are talking about on the app problematic. Equally, if someone sends your child an inappropriate message, once it has disappeared there is no way to prove any wrongdoing.

'Only Admins' and Cyberbullying

Group chats and video calls are great for connecting with multiple people in WhatsApp, but there is always the potential for someone's feelings to be hurt by an unkind comment or joke. The 'only admins' feature gives the admin(s) of a group control over who can send messages. They can, for example, block people from posting in a chat, which could make a child feel excluded and upset.

Live Location Sharing

The 'live location' feature lets users share their current whereabouts, allowing friends to see their movements. WhatsApp describes it as a "simple and secure way to let people know where you are." Indeed, it is a useful method for a child to let loved ones know they are safe. But if your child is in a chat with people they don't know, it means they will be exposing their location to them, too.

Advice for Parents & Carers

Report Potential Scams

Advise your child not to engage with any message that looks suspicious or too good to be true. When your child receives a message from an unknown number for the first time, they will be given the option to report that number as spam. They can also report a contact or a group as spam by tapping on the contact or group name to open their profile and scrolling down to 'report spam'.

Explain about Blocking

If your child receives spam or offensive messages, calls or files from a contact, they should block them. Communication from a blocked contact won't show up on their device and stays unopened. Blocking someone does not remove them from your child's contact list – they would also need to be deleted from the device's address book. The option to block someone is on their contact info screen.

Create a Safe Profile

Even though someone would need your child's phone number to add them as a contact, as an extra precaution it's worth advising your young one's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'no one'. Choosing one of the latter two ensures their profile is protected.

Leave a Group

If your child is part of a group chat that makes them feel uncomfortable, or has been added to a group that they no longer want to be part of, show them how to use the group's settings to leave. If someone exits a group, the admin can add them back in once, if they leave a second time, it is permanent.

Use Location Features Sparingly

If your child needs to use 'live location' to show you or their friends where they are, advise them to share their location only for as long as they need to. WhatsApp gives 'live location' options of 15 minutes, one hour or eight hours. However, your child can manually choose to stop sharing their position at any time.

Delete Accidental Messages

If your child has posted a message in the wrong chat or sent a message that they immediately regret, they can delete it. Tap and hold on the message, choose 'delete' and then 'delete for everyone'. WhatsApp allows seven minutes to delete a message after it's sent – but it's important to remember that recipients may have seen (and taken a screenshot of) a message before it was deleted.

Fact-Check Messages

You can now fact-check messages that have been forwarded at least five times in WhatsApp, by double-tapping the magnifying glass icon to the right of the message. From there, your child can launch a Google search and decide for themselves whether the message was accurate or not. It's a good way to encourage young people to question things they see online.

Meet Our Expert

Parveen Kaur is a social media expert and digital media consultant who is passionate about improving digital literacy for parents and children. She has extensive experience in the social media arena and is the founder of Kids N Clicks a web resource that helps parents and children thrive in a digital world.

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IMPORTANT
Safeguarding
Children's inappropriate
phone usage.



Dates For Your Diary



Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Friday 4th April - Last day of Term

KHP PTFA Upcoming Events

FEB 13 Valentine's Day - Buy a rose and card for someone you love	MAR 21 Own clothes day and Mother's Day gift donation	MAR 28 Mother's Day gift shop
APR 22 Easter trail	JUN 6 Own clothes day and Father's Day gift donation	JUN 13 Father's Day gift shop

Decorative elements include: hearts, Easter eggs, a yellow chick, bunny ears, and 'Happy Father's Day' and 'Happy Mother's Day' text.

If you would like to raise anything with us, please contact us via the school office KHPOffice@watschools.org.uk