



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. It has been a cold and frosty start, and I wanted to thank families for your support whilst we work to ensure that your children get into school safely.

We would like to take this opportunity to share with you that very sadly, Mrs Wady left Knockhall Primary School at Christmas. Mrs Wady has been part of the school since 2022 and has enjoyed working with the whole community. We would like to wish her the very best of luck for the future as she embarks on her next adventure.

Mrs Johnson, our SENCO and Miss Allan our Assistant Head Teacher will be available to meet with any families who wish to discuss their child's needs. They will be running regular drop in sessions for families to book onto. Please email the school office for an appointment.

Please be vigilant when walking to and from the school. There have been some incidents where cars have mounted the pavement which is extremely dangerous and could cause injury.

Please look below to see some of the great things that have taken place in school this week including a visit from Time Capsule for year 2 who were dragon hunting. Next week we have Bikeability for year 6 and a visit from Animal Aid for Year 3.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Yiannadji and the Knockhall Team

EYFS

In the nursery, we have been excited to meet all of the new starters that have joined us this week. The children have shown that they are excited and eager to learn and we are looking forward to seeing how all of the children progress and grow this year.

The children have settled beautifully back into school, and they have all been demonstrating our core values.

Reception had a great 'Big Bang' day dressed up in their pyjamas and sharing their favourite bedtime story as they launched their new topic 'Storytellers'. They have been very busy designing their own books, drawing and painting their favourite characters.



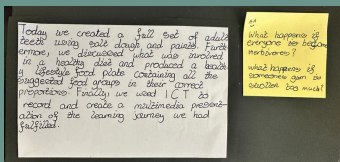
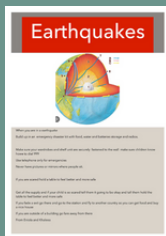
KS1

On Tuesday of this week Year 1 celebrated the start of their new topic - All Aboard! We completed many fun and creative activities, such as turning ourselves into bus drivers using the mark up tools on our iPad, and creating a transport picture using shapes on Keynote.



LKS2

Year 4 had a fantastic Big Bang Day. They enjoyed learning about healthy humans. They enjoyed learning about teeth and creating their own set of teeth.



During big bang day. We explored our new topic 'Disasters!' We learnt about the many different types of disasters such as: volcanoes, earthquakes, tsunamis, tornadoes, avalanches and cyclones. During our writing we were learning about earthquakes and how we can stay safe. The children learnt about how to prepare, stay safe during a disaster and what to do immediately after. They then used the pages app on their iPads to create safety posters. During the after noon children made Imovies where they were acting in role as a reporter interviewing survivors and eye-witnesses' after an earthquake.

UKS2

This term, Year 5 blasted off into an exciting new topic: To Infinity and Beyond! As part of our Big Bang Day, the students embraced their inner rocket scientists, designing and building their very own rockets. Their mission? To ensure their brave eggonauts could land safely back on Earth! With creativity, teamwork and a touch of engineering brilliance, the results were out of this world!





Who Has Received a Golden Ticket This Week!



- Nursery -Esme,
- Reception -Nissi,Emre
- Year 1-Miami,Zach
- Year 2 -Zoe,Freddie,
- Year 3-Josiah,Cairo
- Year 4 -Lemuella,Harry
- Year 5 -Marcus,Divine,
- Year 6 -Oliver,Asher,Reggie

ATTENDANCE

- Ducklings -100%
- Owlets-89.1%
- Cygnets -88.3%
- Owls -94.6%
- Swans -96.6%
- Flamingos -92.9%
- Falcons -90.7%
- Hummingbirds-95.2%
- Kingfishers -87.1%
- Robins -93.5%
- Kestrels -96.7%
- Woodpeckers -97.3%
- Pelicans -92.8%
- Penguins - 97.1%
- Puffins-97%
- Parrots -95.9%
- Peacocks -92%
- Eagles -100%
- Minimum School Target - 96%
- Whole School attendance - 94.4%

Knockhall Values Champions!!!

- Ducklings -Teddy
- Owlets-Anmol
- Cygnets-Elaf
- Swans -Aneisha
- Owls -Henry C
- Flamingos -Rian
- Kingfishers-Lexi
- Falcons -Lexi
- Hummingbirds -Whole Class
- Robins -Eliara
- Woodpeckers -Karol
- Kestrels -Sarah
- Penguins-Charlie
- Pelicans-Mahnoor
- Puffins- Gino
- Peacocks -Haneen
- Parrots-Isabelle
- Eagles-Michael



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.



[Click Here for Family Courses and Workshops](#)

Information for Families

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold 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 undelivered. 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 altering your young one's profile settings to restrict who can see their photo and status. The options are 'everyone', 'my contacts' and 'nobody'. 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.




National Online Safety
#WakeUpWednesday

IMPORTANT Safeguarding Children's inappropriate phone usage.

In light of recent concerns regarding the use of mobile phones, we wish to remind our students, and their families of our safeguarding directives related to mobile technology. Our policy mandates that all communication via mobile devices must be respectful and appropriate, protecting the privacy and confidentiality of every individual.

We strongly discourage the capturing or sharing of photos, videos, or personal information without explicit consent. Importantly, please be aware that WhatsApp requires users to be at least 16 years old, as per their terms of service.

It is crucial for students to understand the risks associated with online activities, such as interacting with strangers or accessing inappropriate content. Recent incidents of online abusive chats between students have been brought to the school's attention. We take such matters very seriously and urge all students to communicate responsibly.

Any concerns about inappropriate or harmful online behaviour should be reported immediately to a teacher or one of the Designated Safeguarding Leads.

We appreciate your support in maintaining a safe and positive learning environment for all our students.



Dates For Your Diary



Friday 24th January- Young voices 2025

Friday 7th February- Year 4 Bluewater Nature Trail

Thursday 13th February- Last day of Term

Monday 24th February- First day of Term

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