



# KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

**Dear Families**

**Thank you to everyone who took part in our World Mental Health Day by wearing yellow. We raised **£123** to put towards supporting our children with their emotional wellbeing. Thank you for all of your kind donations.**

**The children continue to work hard, and it has been lovely to see some of their topic homework coming into school, TTRS and Reading plus scores increasing and the first round of our Magma Maths being completed. Thank you for supporting your children with their homework. If you need any support accessing the sites then please talk to your class teacher who will be able to assist you.**

**Please continue to make donations of food and self-care items for our Harvest Festival. We have the Reverend from St Mary's Church joining us for our assembly on the 15th October. It would be lovely to have a big display to show before we donate it all to the foodbank.**

**The final parent workshop of this short term will run on Tuesday at 3.30. We will be sharing our online system Reading Plus. All our other workshops have been very well attended and you can find the slides from these workshops on our website so please take a look. We have additional workshops planned for after October half term. A flier for these will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.**

**The staff team are looking forward to welcoming you all along to our Fancy Dress Fun Run on Friday 25th October at 2pm and we welcome family members along with children to join us! All money from the £1 per person entry fee will be put towards future trips and visits. We are aware that our trips have the added transport costs which can mean that they are too expensive for some of our families. We will use the money raised to subsidise trips across the school this year. We have other fundraising events planned so watch this space!**

**Have a lovely weekend Miss Yiannadji and the Knockhall Team.**



## Who Has Received a Golden Ticket This Week!



- Nursery - Albie
- Reception - Florence, Arvin
- Year 1 - Max, Amalia
- Year 2 - Zoe, Sapphire
- Year 3 - Busola, Vinnie, Eric
- Year 4 - Karol, Joshua
- Year 5 - Temidayo, Isaiah, Arabella
- Year 6 - Mattie, Shay, Max

### Sports Classes of the week

- KS1 - Falcons
- KS2 - Robins

## ATTENDANCE

- Ducklings - 93.98 %
- Owlets 87.5 %
- Cygnets 95.31 %
- Owls - 87.5 %
- Swans - 92.75 %
- Flamingos - 85.19 %
- Falcons - 93 %
- Hummingbirds - **97.09 %**
- Kingfishers - 93.06 %
- Robins - 88.89 %
- Kestrels - **98.61 %**
- Woodpeckers - 88.89 %
- Pelicans - 93.3 %
- Penguins - **97.13 %**
- Puffins - **97.08 %**
- Parrots - **93.24 %**
- Peacocks - **98.98 %**
- Eagles - **97.97 %**
- Minimum School Target - **96%**
- Whole School attendance - 94.83 %

## Knockhall Values Champions!!!

- Ducklings - Aderinsola
- Owlets- Tyler
- Cygnets – Kiddus
- Swans – Esa
- Owls - Noah
- Flamingos – David
- Kingfishers- Charlie
- Falcons - Miya
- Hummingbirds – Oliver
- Robins – Shivanya
- Woodpeckers – Sophia
- Kestrels – Harry
- Penguins- Alexis
- Pelicans- Tommy M
- Puffins – Giovanni
- Peacocks - Haneen
- Parrots- Macey
- Eagles- Tishe



## Safeguarding

**Safeguarding your children on Instagram.**

**Please refer to items 16 & 17**

**[Instagram Parental Controls and Privacy Settings | Internet Matters](#)**





## EYFS



This week in Duckling Class, we have used the value of 'pride' through exploring paint.

The children have enjoyed creating masterpieces using a variety of different coloured paints.

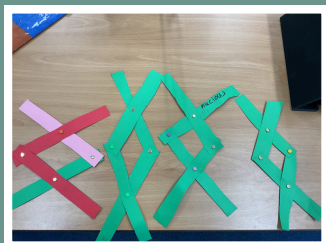
The children have created patterns, hearts, and shapes, and have enjoyed telling their friends all about their creations.

In Reception the children have been showing good 'Teamwork' when tidying up our outdoor classroom. We are extremely proud of their hard work.

Thank you to all the families that have made 'Proud' contributions to the home celebrations folder on Showbie. We have displayed the beautiful family trees in the classroom.

Please continue to share any special achievements at home.

## LKS2

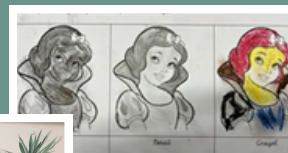
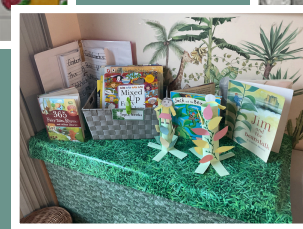
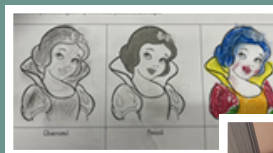


Year 3 have explored how levers and linkage mechanisms were used during the Stone Age.

They worked collaboratively and individually to understand the concepts and the usefulness of these devices to aid in Stone Age life and investigated how they were used.

Year 4 have published their play scripts and shown incredible pride in their presentation working diligently to ensure that the whole school can read their performances and enjoy the pranks they created.

## KS1

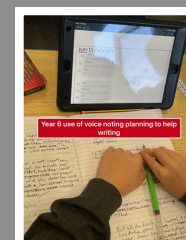
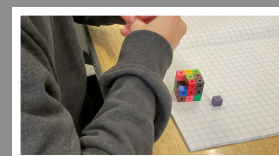
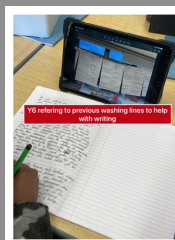


Last week, in Year 1, we set our topic homework and one child worked hard on these new creations for the topic table in Owls Class. They proudly shared them with the rest of the class, who loved exploring them and celebrating the achievement.

They are now sitting on our topic table. We are looking forward to what else might come in to be shared!

Year 2 have been learning about tone and gradient during their weekly art lessons and how to apply these skills to their own artwork. This week, the children enjoyed exploring the effects of different mediums, crayon, charcoal and pencil. Everyone agreed that charcoal was the most difficult to use as things can get messy quickly!

## UKS2



Year 6 students this week using our innovative approach to learning has truly shone through as they engaged with manipulatives to explore the fascinating world of cubed numbers.

This hands-on experience not only deepened their mathematical understanding but also ignited a passion for problem-solving that we are so proud to foster.

Moreover, our students demonstrated their creativity and writing skills by utilising washing line prompts to craft gripping suspense narratives.

This unique method allowed them to structure their stories effectively, enhancing both their storytelling abilities and their engagement with the writing process. We are very proud of them!

# Information for Families



**ST SPORTS LTD**

## KIDS AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

**Knockhall Primary School**

**AGES: YEAR R TO 6**

**WHEN?**  
Monday to Thursday

**7 Weeks Clubs**  
**£31.50**  
Siblings £21.50

**Activities Schedule :**

- Monday - Football
- Tuesday - Ninja Warrior
- Wednesday - Multisport
- Thursday - Racket Sports

All activities are differentiated to be suitable for all age ranges

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## WE ARE RECRUITING PARENT LOCAL ACADEMY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Knockhall Primary School currently have vacancies on their Local Academy Committee for parent governors.

We are looking for parent/carers who would further enjoy being part of our school in joining our local governance team, sharing your experiences for the benefit of all of our community.

**All we ask of you is a commitment to:**

- Attending one committee meeting per term, meetings start at 15.45pm.
- Reading any documents provided for the meeting prior to attending.
- Respecting confidentiality at all times.
- Engaging positively with our school in your capacity as a parent governor.

**In return you would receive:**

- An opportunity to influence the school experience and lives of children in the school community.
- A space to share your skills and experience to improve our educational offer.
- A chance to gain deeper insight into the leadership of a school.

If you believe you would enjoy being a parent governor or want to find out more, please visit the school office or alternatively email them to register your interest:

[KHPOffice@watschools.org.uk](mailto:KHPOffice@watschools.org.uk)

Please note that in accordance with our safeguarding policy, all successful applications will be subject to DBS and reference checks.

Knockhall Primary School

Woodland Academy Trust

## Year 6 Families: Secondary School Applications

We would like to remind you that you must apply for a secondary school space by Thursday 31st October 2024. Below is a link to the KCC website where you can find all the information. If you click on the apply for a school place tab, there is a pick button which will take you the information you need, including the link to the online application portal.

[Secondary school places - Kent County Council](#)

You can apply for up to 4 schools.

- Put the schools in the order of preference.
- It's in your best interest to list 4 schools.
- Naming only one school does not guarantee your child a place at that school or give priority for a place over another child.
- You are not able to name the same school more than once.

If you have any questions or queries please contact

[kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk)

# Dates For Your Diary



**Tuesday 15th October** - What is reading plus parent workshop

**SEND Parents Drop in** in dates available from 1pm-3pm for 15mins

**Monday 14th October** - Whole School individual Photos (all children to come in uniform, if your child has PE please send this in a separate bag)

17/10/2024  
14/11/2024  
28/11/2024  
12/12/2024

**Friday 25th October** - Last Day of term

**Monday 4th November** - Children return to school

Please call or book via the school office

**Thursday 12th December** - Flu Vaccination Year R-6

**10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY**

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

- BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS**  
Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that bonfires should never be approached. Keep children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and ensure any supervision is crucial during these events.
- SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE**  
Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet safety standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children at a safe distance from any firework activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks after they've been lit.
- SPARKLER SAFETY**  
Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures - over 1,000°C! Only allow children near the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it safely in a bucket of water - which you should prepare beforehand and ensure is kept nearby.
- ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER**  
If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. There tends to be better safety measures in place. Organised displays also provide a controlled environment where children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.
- KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME**  
If you are hosting your own fireworks display, set them off well away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide-open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a means of putting out fires to hand in case of emergency - such as a bucket of water or hose or fire extinguisher. Afterwards, ensure that all fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.
- BONFIRE SAFETY**  
If you're building a bonfire, please it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's adequately staked and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding paint or other pollutants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.
- 'STOP, DROP AND ROLL'**  
Ensure that children know what to do if their clothes catch fire. Teach them the 'stop, drop and roll' technique, which can 'cut off' oxygen to the flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if they need to use it. Children can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out fires aside from the bonfire, such as a fire extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket on site with them.
- SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES**  
Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also crucial. Candles can be a common fire hazard, especially in homes with young children. Teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders away from combustible materials. Never leave candles unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.
- EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS**  
Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Demonstrate the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help deter any potential damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.
- FIRST AID FOR BURNS**  
Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand. Ensure you know how to apply first aid to burns or scalds, and you can teach children these techniques too. If someone suffers a second-degree burn or worse for 20-30 minutes, never use creams or ointments, as these could help and can cause further damage. Instead, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert  
James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides services to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.

Wake Up Wednesday  
The National College

**Family 'Food and Fun' event**  
October half - term 2024  
11am - 1pm.

Monday 28th October - Manor School Swanscombe  
Tuesday 29th October - St Mary Greenhithe Church Hall  
Friday 1st November - Knockhall School

All children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.  
Please state names of children/ adults and any allergies.  
Please sign up for this free event so we can ensure everyone is catered for.  
To book email : [jude@mckcharity.co.uk](mailto:jude@mckcharity.co.uk) or call 07512 460221.

**Fancy Dress Fun Run**

Join us to dress up in your favourite costume and take part in our fun run!

Entry: £1

Families are invited to take part as well or can watch. If families would like to take part, they must pay the £1 fee per participant.

Friday 25th October - 2pm.

Gates will open at 150pm. Please note, all younger siblings must be the responsibility of the adult accompanying them - school staff will not take responsibility for non-KHP children.

**ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL BE PUT TOWARDS TRIPS.**

If you would like to help to raise anything with us, please contact us via the school office [KHPOffice@watschools.org.uk](mailto:KHPOffice@watschools.org.uk)