



# KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

Our choir have been singing their hearts out at Asda Greenhithe this week. They were an absolute credit to us all singing beautifully and their behaviour made us all feel incredibly proud. Thank you to the Knockhall Team and our parents for supporting this visit. Our children learn so much from these experiences. Singing in front of people can be daunting and it has been lovely to see their confidence grow as they continue to sing at different venues showcasing their talents.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Mrs Riley will be leaving Knockhall Primary School at Christmas for a role in a school closer to her home. Mrs Riley has been with Knockhall since 2018 as Deputy Head Teacher and acting Head Teacher throughout this time. She has a wonderful relationship with many of our families and community. She will be missed by all of us. We wish her well in her new role. We have successfully recruited the Deputy Head Teacher position, and I am pleased to inform you that Mrs Benfield will be taking over the role in January. Mrs Benfield has been with us at Knockhall Primary School since January as Lead Teacher and has supported with teaching and learning across all the year groups. We are incredibly fortunate to be able to ensure a smooth transition where Mrs Riley can share her knowledge with Mrs Benfield which will allow Knockhall to continue our improvement journey.

Next week is set to be another busy one. Reception and Nursery will be performing their Nativity on Tuesday to their parents and our school community. The choir have another trip to Blossoms Care home on Wednesday at 1.30. Years 1 and 2 will perform songs by candlelight on their playground at 3pm on Thursday with Years 3,4,5 and 6 performing on their playground at 3pm on Friday. Please do not forget Christmas Jumper Day on Wednesday and the children can also enjoy a Christmas Dinner served by The Pantry. Our PTFA have organised for 2 very special visitors to join us on Friday. More information will be shared with you about this event soon.

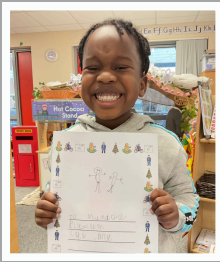
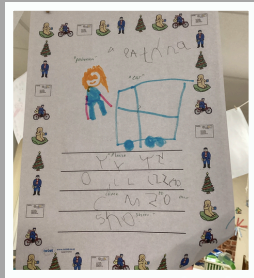
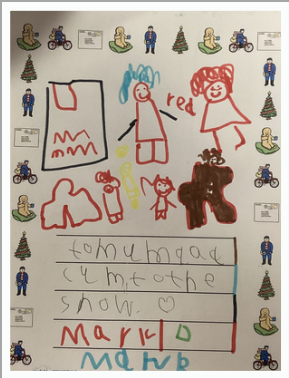
Have a lovely weekend Miss Yiannadji and the Knockhall Team.



# EYFS

In Nursery, the children have been showing the school value of 'pride' throughout all of their learning. In phonics this week, the children have learned the sound 'n' and are beginning to practice writing it, using our phonics card and rhyme to support them.

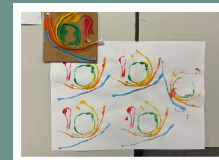
Reception have shown 'pride' in their learning by writing an invitation to our Christmas play for their families.



# KS1

In art this term Year One have been learning about printing. We used string and cardboard to make our own stamps and have created a pattern using these. We are amazed at how creative and colourful these turned out. Well done to the Year One children!

In maths this week Year 2 have been exploring 3D shapes. They've enjoyed identifying the different properties of each shape and even had a go at building their own 3D shapes. It was a challenging task but the children were excited to discover which 2D shapes could be used to build a 3D shape.



# LKS2

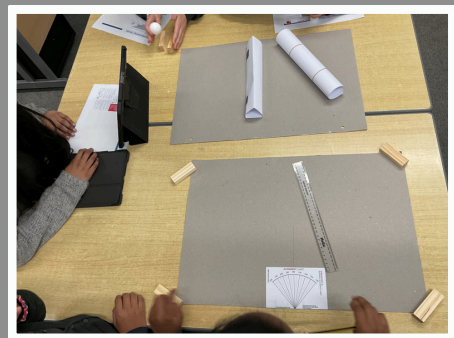
This week, Year 3 have been learning ruby skills in P.E. Our focus has been to work on our passing and teamwork skills.



Year 4 thoroughly enjoyed the workshop where they created amazing replicas of an Egyptian cartouche each and learnt how to dance like an Egyptian.



# UKS2



In Year 6, we have been learning about the important role RADAR played in WW2. We built simulators which showed how RADAR worked using ping pong balls to represent the signals that bounced off enemy aircraft so that they could be located. We also looked at angles to help us decide where to plot the paths.





## Who Has Received a Golden Ticket This Week!



- Nursery - Stacie-Mae
- Reception - Oluwafisayo, Gracie
- Year 1 - Matthias, Gina
- Year 2 - Jessica B, Sonia
- Year 3 - Shiloh, Michael, Tito
- Year 4 - Richard, Rihanna
- Year 5 - Mahnoor, Abundance, Amanda
- Year 6 - Haneen, Anusha, Grace

### ATTENDANCE

- Ducklings - 79.25 %
- Owlets- 86.47 %
- Cygnets - 91.01 %
- Owls - 90.74 %
- Swans - 93.72 %
- Flamingos - 91.6 %
- Falcons - 91.95 %
- Hummingbirds - 93.39 %
- Kingfishers - 85.04 %
- Robins - 81.9 %
- Kestrels - 90.57 %
- Woodpeckers - 95.63 %
- Pelicans - 94.44 %
- Penguins - 88.89 %
- Puffins- **97.88 %**
- Parrots - 95.3 %
- Peacocks - **98.61 %**
- Eagles - **96.58 %**
- Minimum School Target - **97 %**
- Whole School attendance - **91.53 %**

## Knockhall Values Champions!!!

- Ducklings - Rea
- Owlets- Awesome
- Cygnets- Kaloyan
- Swans - Anaya
- Owls - Munachi
- Flamingos - Saraeh
- Kingfishers- Ronnie
- Falcons - Mischa
- Hummingbirds - Gabby
- Robins - Lara
- Woodpeckers - Karol
- Kestrels - Billy Joe
- Penguins- Koju
- Pelicans- Arian
- Puffins- Eloise
- Peacocks - Nathan
- Parrots- Ola
- Eagles- Mia



## Safeguarding

### 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

**Brigade Uniform – New Year Discount For Parents 15% off from 31/12/24 to 05/01/25.**

**Simply use the promocode: NY15 at checkout.**

## CHRISTMAS DEADLINES

**WHOLESALE – Monday 9th December for delivery before Friday 20th December**  
**DIRECT TO SCHOOL – Sunday 8th December for delivery to the school by Friday 20th**  
**PARENTS DIRECT – Sunday 8th December for dispatching by Friday 20th**  
**All orders placed after the above deadlines until Sunday 5th January will be printed on Monday 6th January for delivery up to 14 working days after.**



## Dyslexia

(Severe & Persistent Literacy Difficulties)

### A workshop for parents/carers

Choose from 2 dates available:

Tuesday 7th January 2025

OR

Wednesday 23rd April 2025

10am – 11.30am

Dartford STLS Base, DA9 9HB

Free of charge but booking essential

Join our Cognition and Learning Specialist Teacher for a free parent workshop to learn all about dyslexia and co-existing difficulties your children may face. We will be exploring practical strategies and resources to support your child with reading, writing, spelling, memory and organisation.

There will also be an opportunity for you to look at apps and assistive technology to support children with severe or persistent literacy difficulties.



To book your space, please click 'book here' or scan the QR code.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to **Steve's Carpets** for generously donating the beautiful red carpet for our celebration assembly. It will add a touch of glamour to our special events and make them unforgettable for everyone.

**Steve's Carpets** is a fantastic local business known for their high-quality flooring and outstanding customer service. We are so grateful for their support in helping us create such a memorable occasion.

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# Dates For Your Diary



Friday 20th  
December

Last Day of  
Term

Monday 6th  
January

First Day of  
Term Children  
back to school

## KHP Christmas Activity Days

<b>17</b> DECEMBER	EYFS Christmas Performance 10am for Nursery AM Children 2pm for Reception Classes and Nursery PM Children Families Welcome
<b>18</b> DECEMBER	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day Order Christmas Dinner by 11th December via your child/children's Pantry Account
<b>19</b> DECEMBER	KS1 Songs By Candle Light 3pm - 3.30pm on the KS1 Playground - Families Welcome
<b>20</b> DECEMBER	KS2 Songs By Candle Light 3pm - 3.30pm on the KS1 Playground - Families Welcome
<b>20</b> DECEMBER	Santa's Grotto £2 per child - children will visit Santa during the day

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