



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

We have had a wonderful response to our Harvest Festival donations. Thank you so much. I know that your donations will have a huge impact on the local foodbank at St Marys Church. Reverend Bart came into school this week and spoke to the children about Harvest Festival. It was lovely to meet him, and he will be collecting our donations on Monday morning. Please see the photo below of our amazing display.

The children have blown us away with the Topic Homework that they have completed. A display of what has been produced was put in both our Celebration Assemblies to show the children how proud we are of them. This was the first time that we set Topic Homework, and we will continue to set it every short term inline with the topics that the children are learning about. Thank you for supporting your children to complete their homework.

We had news this week that a former pupil won an award for being the Best Owner Managed Business through Dartford Business Awards 2024. Photos have been put on our socials and we want to congratulate Nina Allen CEO of Austen Allen Homecare for a wonderful achievement.

Our first Family Fancy Dress Fun Run will take place on Friday at 2pm. It costs £1 per person to enter with all proceeds going towards supporting our trips and visits this year. Mr McNeil is working on the route to ensure that it takes in all our lovely outside spaces. We hope to see as many of you there as possible and as it's the last day of term, you will have a week to recover! What a great way to celebrate the end of a very busy but productive term!



*harvest
festival*

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Miss Yiannadji and the Knockhall Team.





Who Has Received a Golden Ticket This Week!



- Nursery - Nancy
- Reception - Robyn, Gabriel
- Year 1 - Priscilla, Mokolade
- Year 2 - Zoe, Sonia
- Year 3 - Cairo, Leo, Joseph
- Year 4 - Richard, Harry
- Year 5 - Oscar, Koju, Noah
- Year 6 - Sophie, Alex, Lexi

Sports Classes of the week

KS1 - Owls

KS2 - Kingfishers

ATTENDANCE

Ducklings - 100 %

Owlets 95.8 %

Cygnets 92.42 %

Owls - **96.46 %**

Swans - **97.98 %**

Flamingos - 90.38 %

Falcons - **99.15 %**

Hummingbirds - **100 %**

Kingfishers - 96.78 %

Robins - 89.47 %

Kestrels - 94.44 %

Woodpeckers - **97.47 %**

Pelicans - **98.89 %**

Penguins - **98.89 %**

Puffins - **97.7 %**

Parrots - **96.14 %**

Peacocks - **100 %**

Eagles - 94.44 %

Minimum School Target - **96%**

Whole School attendance - 95.5%

Knockhall Values Champions!!!

- Ducklings - Elia
- Owlets- Logan
- Cygnets – Arya
- Swans – Anil
- Owls - Jin
- Flamingos – Mellieha
- Kingfishers- George
- Falcons - Marcos
- Hummingbirds – Eliz
- Robins – Ire
- Woodpeckers – Zara
- Kestrels – Joshua
- Penguins- Abundance
- Pelicans- Kile
- Puffins – Zuhayr
- Peacocks - Madeleine
- Parrots- Seph
- Eagles- Krishika



Safeguarding

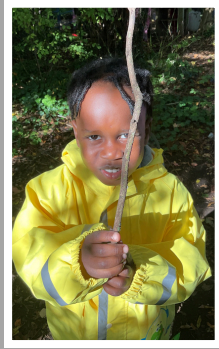
Safeguarding your children on Instagram.

Please refer to items 16 & 17

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



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Nursery and Reception showed 'Pride' by attending their first assembly on Harvest Festival. They listened beautifully and enjoyed taking part in donating items to support other families.

Reception had an amazing time exploring nature in the Forest at the bottom of our field. We were extremely proud of the resilience they demonstrated when getting dressed in their wellington boots and waterproof suits independently.

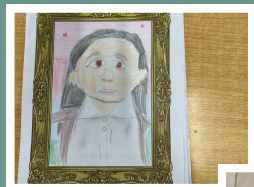
KS1



Year 1 have been learning about instructions in our English lessons. We have discussed the features of instruction, and we have learnt about sequencing words. This week using the previous knowledge, the children were all excited and proud to write instructions on how to grow a beanstalk. The children have also planted their own seeds following their instructions. The children are looking forward to seeing their seeds grow and can't wait to take them home!

In Year 2 the children enjoyed learning about Hannukah and how it is celebrated, in RE this week. They particularly enjoyed having a go at playing the dreidel game, seeing who could collect the most coins. We have also been enjoying sharing our topic homework with our classmates, asking questions and sharing design tips.

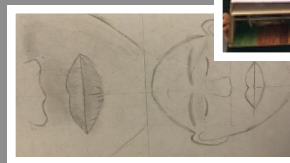
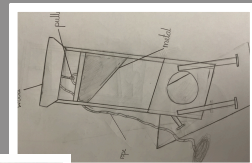
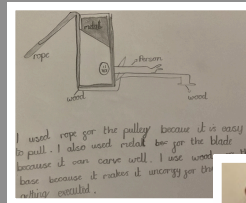
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October marks the start of Black History Month! Year 3 have been looking at a story called Chocolate Me. It explores the topics of acceptance and appreciation for ones own diversity, heritage and culture. In class, we spoke about how we all look different but it is important to show kindness and acceptance for everyone. The children then took a selfie and created their own self portraits based on hiw they saw themselves.

Year 4 showed maturity and teamwork when we moved classrooms. They worked sensibly and we are proud of them.

UKS2



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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

Why Choose ST? :

- Certified and Experienced Staff - First Aid Trained
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- Sibling Discount
- Indoor/Outdoor Facilities
- 3.20pm till 4.20pm

BOOK TODAY or MORE INFORMATION :
stsportsltd@gmail.com

07860 654558

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

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 to 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



Dates For Your Diary



Friday 25th October - Last Day of term

Monday 4th November - Children return to school

Thursday 12th December - Flu Vaccination Year R-6

Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term

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

14/11/2024
28/11/2024
12/12/2024

Please call or book via the school office

At The National College, our Behavioural Strategy guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. Formerly delivered by National Online Safety, these guides now address wider topics and themes. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

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 15 metres away) from bonfires and explain why supervision is crucial during these events.
- SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE**
Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following the rules and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and are safe for all intended users. Come with them, keep children at a safe distance, and designate an adult to supervise the event. Fireworks are not going 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 over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never leave them unattended. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water or sand, which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.
- ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER**
If possible, families should attend organised fireworks displays rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals following strict safety regulations. 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 holding 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 combustible materials nearby and keep a bucket of water or hose to hand in case of emergency - such as a bucket of water, a hose and a 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, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Make sure it's structurally sound and not at risk of collapsing. Only burn natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. 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"**
Teach your children how and when to do their clothing catches test. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can quickly extinguish flames. Practise this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep children's hair pulled out these kinds of fires on standby just in case. An extinguisher or fire-retardant blanket are both sound choices.
- 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 open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders. Candles are never to be left 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. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when mishandled. Demonstrate the importance of hearing fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can help temper any curiosity and any irresponsible behaviour.
- 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. Encourage your children to apply basic first aid to burns, so you can teach children those techniques too. If someone suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20-30 minutes. Never use creams or ointments, as these retain heat 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.

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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 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 1:50pm. 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