



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

We have had an overwhelming response to our Little Recyclers clothing fundraiser. Once we have been informed of the weight and how much we have raised I will update you. This money along with your previous donation will be put towards our Trips and Visits this academic year.

Don't forget that there is still time to order a piece of your child's artwork from Mychildsart.co.uk. We have raised £75 so far through this website. Thank you for your continued support.

We are really excited to welcome Ms Rideout to Knockhall Primary School. Ms Rideout is our Community Liaison Officer who will be working with families to support on attendance and community links. She comes from a pastoral role and really understands how to support our children and families. If your child is not in school, then you will be receiving a call or email from Ms Rideout. She is also able to offer advice regarding local services who can support you but please give her a little time to settle in before you pop in to say hello!

We are also saying a goodbye to Mrs Aylwin who has been at Knockhall for 33 Years. It is her last day with us, so we wanted to thank her for the hard work and contribution she has made to the community. Enjoy your well-earned retirement Mrs Aylwin.

There are some exciting events planned for the next few weeks which include a return of Rock Kids, Songs by Candlelight, EYFS Nativity, Choir visit to our local church, Asda and some lovely events from our PTFA. Please keep an eye on the school calendar which is on our website. We will also send email reminders to you.

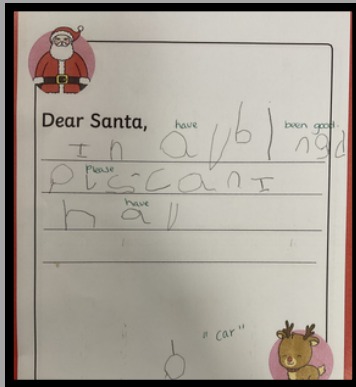
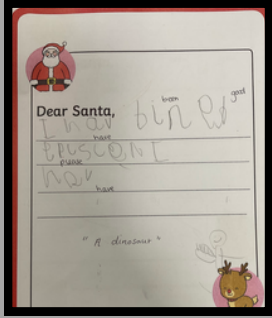
We are looking forward to welcoming you all into school on Wednesday and Thursday for our Parent Consultation. Please book your time slot through Arbor.

Have a wonderful weekend Miss Yiannadji and the Knockhall Team

EYFS

This week in the Nursery we have enjoyed starting our Christmas celebrations. The children have helped decorate the classroom, putting the baubles on the Christmas tree, learning our Christmas songs and dancing to Christmas music.

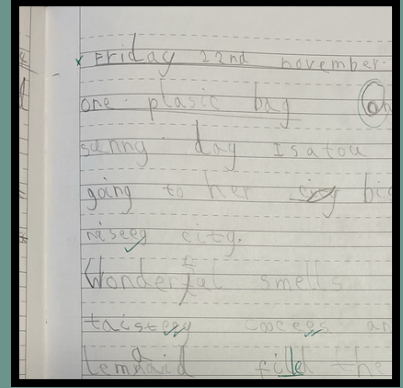
Please remember to book in for your parent consultation!



Wow! Reception have blown us away with their enthusiasm to write a festive letter to Father Christmas. They have used a sound mat to identify the sounds they can hear in each word. They have all shown 'pride' in their learning. We are very excited to post their letters in the post box next week.

KS1

In Year 1 this week we have been writing our own innovated version of One Plastic Bag. We have been so impressed with the quality of work and effort the children have put in. Here is an amazing example of one of the stories so far.



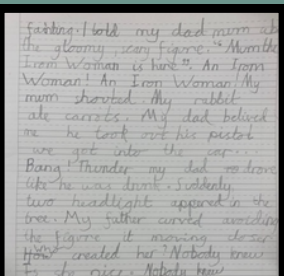
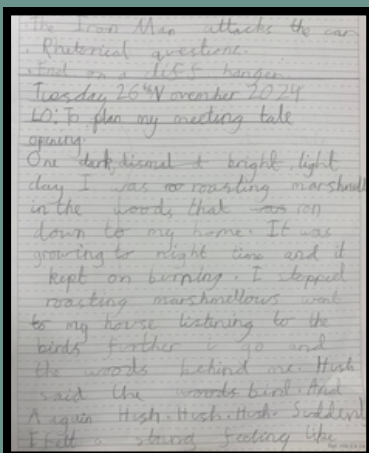
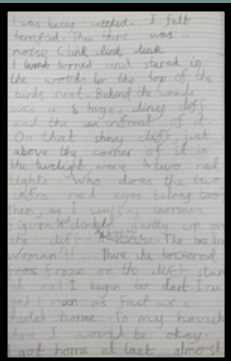
This week in Maths the Year 2 children have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes and their properties. You can practise these skills at home by looking for different shapes in your environment. In DT the children were excited to learn a new skill, sewing!



LKS2

In Year 3, The children have been reading the text - The Iron Man. The children have then written their own opening of a meeting tale and included suspense. To create suspense, the children have been using techniques such as: expanded noun phrases, the power of three, show not tell, similes/metaphors and using the senses. The children have really enjoyed writing their story openers and even asked if I could include direct speech, so they add to the suspense.

Why don't you ask children about their stories?



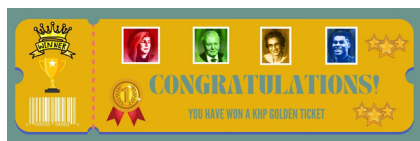
UKS2

This week, we investigated which materials are best at insulating ice and preventing it from melting. We learned to design fair tests, record results scientifically, and worked together to conduct practical experiments. Everyone enjoyed predicting, testing, and discovering how different materials performed—great teamwork and curiosity all around!





Who Has Received a Golden Ticket This Week!



- Nursery -Stacie-mae
- Reception -Ayla,Myles
- Year 1-Elsa,Max
- Year 2 -Emilia,Jessica
- Year 3-Adetoye,Heidi,George
- Year 4 -Mariyan,Max
- Year 5 -Denis,Charlie,Noah
- Year 6 -Makiya,Princess,Martina

ATTENDANCE

- Ducklings -93.04%
- Owlets-88.58%
- Cygnets -91.82%
- Owls -94.07%
- Swans -87.72%
- Flamingos -91.64%
- Falcons -93.48%
- Hummingbirds -93.82%
- Kingfishers -82.69%
- Robins -88.58%
- Kestrels -95%
- Woodpeckers -91.53%
- Pelicans -92.63%
- Penguins -93.16%
- Puffins-92.86%
- Parrots -97.13%
- Peacocks -92.5%
- Eagles -93.6%
- Minimum School Target - 96%
- Whole School attendance - 91.82%

Knockhall Values Champions!!!

- Ducklings -Boluwatife
- Owlets-Nissi
- Cygnets-Lily
- Swans -Azariah
- Owls -Margaret
- Flamingos -Jessie
- Kingfishers-Lola
- Falcons -Freddie
- Hummingbirds -Teddy
- Robins -Ire
- Woodpeckers -Sophia
- Kestrels -Rihanna
- Penguins-Albert
- Pelicans- Whole Class
- Puffins-Andre
- Peacocks -Kizito
- Parrots-Max
- Eagles-Oliver



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.



Please click on the link below to access information on Social Media Apps and checking

[Click Here](#)

Information for Families



Please note the 480 Bus will NOT run through Swanscombe and Greenhithe for one day on Tuesday 3rd December. Any families or children who usually take this bus route to and from the school will need to find alternative transport.

DONATE ❤️

SCHOOL FUNDRAISING SEASONAL RAFFLE

In order to create these colourful hampers as prizes, we need your help. During the week of the 25th-29th November we are kindly asking for donations for our hampers. Each year group has been allocated a colour, so we are asking you to bring in an item of the colour corresponding to your child's year group. Collection boxes will be in their classroom throughout the week. Items can be anything in that colour, such as chocolates, stationary, gifts, stocking fillers, bubble bath etc.

Please ensure all items donated do not expire before 2025.

The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday 17th December and presented to the winners after our Songs by Candle Light on the 19th and 20th December.

Tickets will be sold on the Key Stage 2 playground after school from the 9th-13th December at the cost of £1 per raffle strip.

**YEAR 1 & 2
SILVER**

**YEAR 5 & YEAR 6
GREEN**

STAFF- WHITE

**NURSERY & RECEPTION
RED**

**YEAR 3 & 4
GOLD**

Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 6th – Sunday 8th December 2024

Hosted by MCK (Mary's Child Kent) at
**St Mary Church Greenhithe and
St Mary the Virgin Stone.**

Come along to view the Christmas trees and get in the festive spirit. Refreshments will be available. Live Christmas music and dance by local people and groups. Join in or just listen.

Cherish the moment

Christmas Afternoon Tea

Friday 6th December

Enjoy hot drinks and nibbles
Crafts and lucky dip
This is your ticket for 3.45pm

PARENT WORKSHOPS

- 5th Nov- Welcome to Year 4
- 12th Nov- welcome to Year 3
- 19th Nov- Welcome to Year 5
- 26th Nov- Welcome to Year 2
- 3rd Dec Zones of Regulation, supporting your child's behaviour at home
- 10th Dec This is Early Years for Reception and Nursery

What's On? ...

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| <p>St Mary Greenhithe</p> <p>Friday morning – 10am Knockhall School Choir</p> <p>Saturday afternoon – 1pm – 5pm (Including Local Singer – Rob Amon at 2.30pm and 3.30pm) Paige Starbucks School of Dances at 3pm</p> <p>Sunday morning service @ 10.30am Church will remain open throughout the day including Carols by Candlelight @ 6pm</p> | <p>St Mary Stone</p> <p>Friday afternoon – 1pm – 5pm (including Stone St Mary's school Christingle at 2pm)</p> <p>Saturday 9.00am – 5.00pm Including Carols by the choir @ 11.30am</p> <p>Sunday morning service @ 10am (Church will remain open until 5pm)</p> |
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SEND INFORMATION, ADVICE AND GUIDANCE ROADSHOW

CALLING ALL DARTFORD FAMILIES WHOSE CHILD OR YOUNG PERSON HAS OR MAY HAVE SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS AND/OR DISABILITIES AND WANTS TO MEET WITH SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN YOUR AREA!

10AM – 12PM 2ND DECEMBER

**SWANSCOMBE FAMILY HUB
COOPERS ROAD,
SWANSCOMBE,
DA10 0BS**

MORE INFORMATION
No need to book just come along anytime between 10am and 12pm, refreshments will be available. If you have any questions or accessibility requirements please email send@roadshows@kent.gov.uk

What families have said about the SEND Roadshows-
"I have more information to support my child's learning"
"all the information I needed in one place"
"what I've been looking for"





Dates For Your Diary



Wednesday 4th December - Parent Open Morning Reception Intake
September 2025 10am-1130am

Friday 6th December PTFA afternoon Tea Event- Tickets are £5 per family only 40 tickets will be sold per session

Early years and ks1 2.30-3.30

Ks2 3.45-4.45

Please purchase from Claire (PTFA) after school on the playground from Monday.



Tuesday 10th December - Parent Open Afternoon Reception Intake
September 2025 2pm-3.30pm

Thursday 12th December -

Flu Vaccination Year's Reception -Year 6



Friday 20th December - Last Day of Term

Monday 6th January - First Day of Term Children back to school

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