



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

'It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas', here at Knockhall. Our wonderful PTFA have run afternoon tea for families today and our choir visited St Marys Child Church to sing. We have plenty more going on over the next few weeks so please keep a look out for different activities.

We had the amazing Rock Kids visit us yesterday who taught the children all about Perseverance through rock music, dance and an anthem. The key messages were

- 'Giving everything our best shot'**
- 'Keep going even when something is hard'**
- 'Be ok with failing'**

The whole school felt like a music festival with music and singing coming from our hall. The teaching staff also got involved and showed their dancing skills! The Rock Kids team commented on how well behaved our children were throughout the day and we are pleased to have secured Rock Kids for next year.

There have been several visitors to our school over the past week. Philip from The Dogs Trust has been to visit our classes teaching children how to look after and stay safe with dogs. He came with his life size black Labrador 'Larry' who looked incredibly real at first glance! We also had a visit from the Bexley Pearly Queen who taught Year 2 how to do the Lambeth Walk. All our visitors help to bring the curriculum at Knockhall to life for the children and give them real experiences, which stay with them forever. Thank you to our team for organising all of this for us.

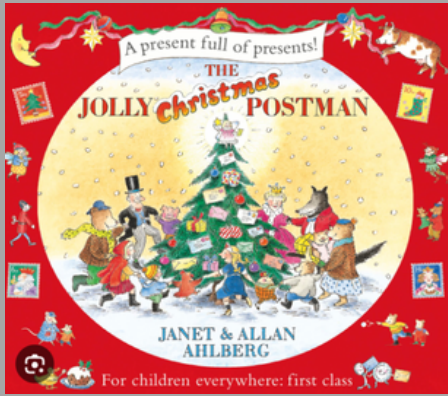
And lastly, we secured £91.85 from Little Recyclers for 167kg of unwanted clothing and items. Thank you so much to everyone who had a good clear out.

Have a wonderful weekend Miss Yiannadji and the Knockhall Team.

EYFS

Nursery and Reception have been showing our school values of 'pride' and 'teamwork' whilst practicing our Christmas show 'The Jolly Christmas Postman'. They have shown great confidence in their speaking parts and singing with joy and excitement .

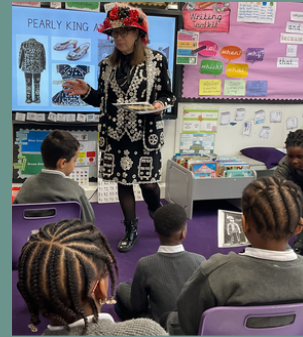
They are very excited to perform to you all on the 17th December.



KS1

This week the children in Year 1 were involved in a range of activities in and out of the classroom. The children attended a whole school assembly with Dog Trust, learning about what to do around dogs. In writing this week we focused on writing questions, including a list of questions for our visitors from the Dog Trust. They also enjoyed attending the whole school music assembly, listening to different musical instruments and the choir singing.

In Year 2 we have had a busy week with lots of events and visits. The children especially enjoyed their visit from the Pearly Queen of Bexley, Gail. They were impressed by her uniform and her musical skills, playing the spoons. The children had lots of questions about how one becomes a Pearly King or Queen and tips for sewing buttons. Later in the term the children will be sewing their own Pearly inspired badges as part of their learning in Design and Technology.



LKS2

This week, years 3 and 4 have been lucky enough to take part in workshops by a member of the Dogs Trust team.

The children are now equipped with the knowledge of keeping themselves safe from an unknown dog and understand how to best care for and treat dogs - whether their own pet, or a dog they may come across outside of their home. This is an important life skill to have, and we want our pupils to feel confident in any situations that may arise where a dog may be present.

The classes each had a lovely session which involved lots of discussions and quiz questions. We want to thank Phillip again for a wonderful assembly and our fun workshops!



UKS2

We had an exciting visit from the Dogs Trust, where we learned all about how to treat dogs with kindness and respect. The team taught us how to understand a dog's body language, how to approach them safely and how to react if we ever meet a dog. The kids had so much fun practicing what we learned and asking lots of questions about how to be good friends to dogs. It was a paw-sitively great experience!

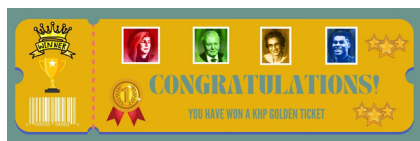


We've also been exploring the properties of different materials, focusing on which ones are soluble and which ones are insoluble. We've learned that soluble materials, like sugar or salt, dissolve in water to form a solution, while insoluble materials, like sand or oil, don't dissolve. We've been conducting experiments to test these properties and discover how different substances behave when mixed with water.





Who Has Received a Golden Ticket This Week!



Nursery -Esli

Reception -Athena,Aston

Year 1-Dolcie,Ella

Year 2 -Emmanula,Callum

Year 3-Marya,Hannatu

Year 4 -Lemuella,Darcy

Year 5 -Naomika,Temidayo,Jeremy

Year 6 -Lottie,Geethik,Shaan

ATTENDANCE

Ducklings -94.8%

Owlets-84.8%

Cygnets -94.3%

Owls -96.7%

Swans -97.4%

Flamingos -93.9%

Falcons -90.1%

Hummingbirds-95.2%

Kingfishers -78.9%

Robins -89.6%

Kestrels -100%

Woodpeckers -93.1%

Pelicans -95.3%

Penguins -99%

Puffins-92.9%

Parrots -95.3%

Peacocks -96.8%

Eagles -98.4%

Minimum School Target - 96%

Whole School attendance -93.6%

Knockhall Values Champions!!!

Ducklings -Emmanuel

Owlets-Hassan

Cygnets-Natalia

Swans -Gina

Owls -Henry N

Flamingos -Albert

Kingfishers-Kevin

Falcons -Jessica

Hummingbirds -Dylan

Robins -Tushar

Woodpeckers -Alfred

Kestrels -Reagan

Penguins-Alexis

Pelicans-Scarlett

Puffins- Danny

Peacocks -Penor

Parrots-Goodness

Eagles-Ade



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

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Information for Families



KHP Christmas Activity Days

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

MUSIC TUITION AT YOUR SCHOOL!

METERED, MONTHLY BILLING. PROFESSIONAL TEACHERS. ZOOM LESSONS DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

1-2-1 MUSIC LESSONS
SCAN THE QR TO BEGIN.
DRUMS, GUITAR, PIANO, VOCALS, UKULELE.
BILLED MONTHLY AFTER LESSONS HAVE BEEN DELIVERED. FREE CANCELLATION WITHIN 48 HOURS. YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE START DATE ASAP.

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OR SIGNUP HERE - WWW.MUSICILY.UK/PARENT-SIGN-UP

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.





Dates For Your Diary



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