



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Thank you for following our new drop-off routine. Many of you have commented that starting the school day in this way has supported their child. Despite the cold and frosty mornings, the children and staff have found this new routine helpful.

Ms Fields our Community Liaison Officer has left Knockhall Primary School, and we wish her all the best for the future. Please continue to contact the school office regarding your child's attendance and continue to report their absence.

As I mentioned last week, I have been analysing the most recent parent survey with the Leadership team.

You said that you found the way that we plan and deliver our homework challenging and that your children do not have access to a tablet which prevents them from downloading the work set.

Moving forward we will be reducing our homework expectations to daily reading and daily Times Table Rock Stars for all children.

Research tells us that reading or sharing a book with your child every day helps them to develop their language skills, imagination, and intelligence. We want your children to have the best possible start to their educational life and reading is fundamental to this. This is why we would like you to focus on reading at home every day.

Times Table Rock Stars develops children's ability to recall their times tables which is a fundamental skill in mathematics. We've chosen Times Table Rock Stars as it's a fun and interactive way for the children to learn and recall their times tables.

If as a family, you would like your child to access additional homework then we also have Reading Plus, Accelerated Readers, and www.thenational.academy Login details for these websites are in your child's reading log however if you need help with this then please let your child's class teacher know. I hope that this will ensure homework is less challenging and as a family you will be able to engage in the most appropriate home learning for your child.

In response to your comments regarding The Pantry, I have fed this back in a meeting I had with them this week. I have also spent time in the lunch hall analysing your children's response to the food that The Pantry provide. Over the next few weeks, an area manager from The Pantry will be supporting with our kitchen at Knockhall Primary School and we hope this will improve things for your children. The Pantry will also be available to meet with you during a morning drop-off and an evening pickup at Knockhall (date to follow). In the meantime, if you would like to discuss any of your concerns regarding The Pantry then please contact them at office@thepantrycatering.co.uk

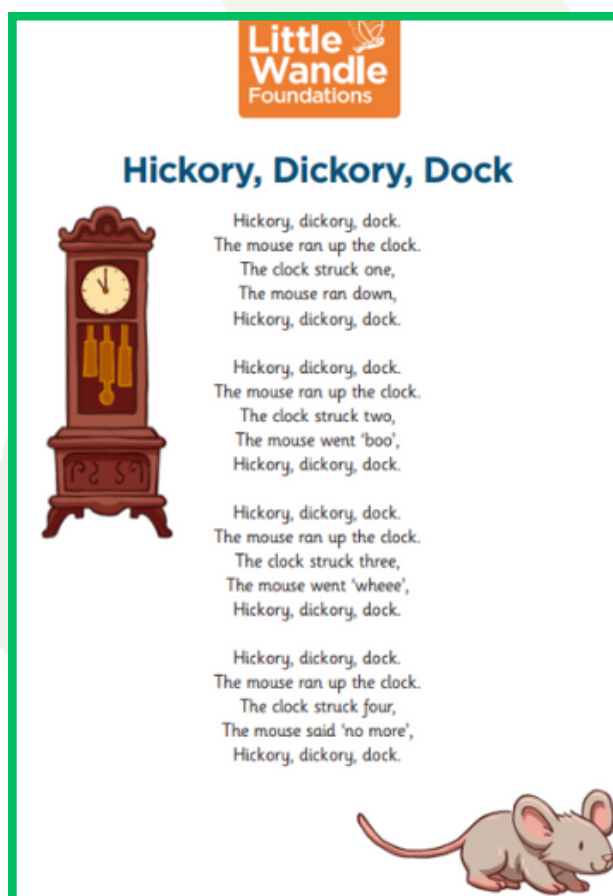
Thank you for your support and have a wonderful weekend.
Miss Yiannadji and the Knockhall team.

What have the children been learning this week in Nursery

Hello Nursery Parents and Carers,
We are continuing to look at a variety of different nursery rhymes in Ducklings Class.

This week we will be revisiting a nursery rhyme that we have looked at previously. The rhyme of the week will be Hickory Dickory Dock!

Happy Friday
Miss Taylor



What have the children been learning this week in EYFS

EYFS are revamping the outside area once again.

The children have been contributing their ideas as to how they would like the space to look. There has been lots of discussion, children have shown their excellent conversational skills, listening to each other and sharing their own thoughts.

The children have shown they are understanding our school values, particularly teamwork.

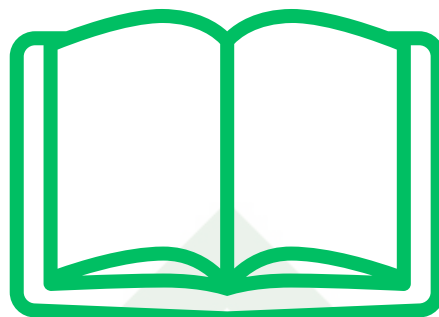
They are very much looking forward to continuing to develop this space and to then write labels.

Look out for the changes that you can see over the coming weeks. How exciting!



Book Fair at Knockhall !

23rd February - 1st March





Who is in the Golden Book This Week

Year 1 - Darcy

Year 2 - Teddy

Year 4 - Naomika, Farren

Year 5 - Ronaldo, Adora, Scarlett D



STAR OF THE WEEK

Ducklings - Florence

Owlets – Faith

Cygnets – Ella

Swans – Marcos

Owls – David

Flamingos – Gabby

Toucans – Thibishna

Hummingbirds – Darcy

Robins – Richard

Woodpeckers – Bliss

Kestrels – Rayan

Penguins – Teddy

Puffins – Edward

Peacocks - William

Parrots - Zehra

Eagles - Lara

ATTENDANCE

Ducklings -91.04%

Cygnets -90.8%

Owlets - 94.44%

Owls - 84.13%

Swans - 93.55%

Flamingos - 93.77%

Toucans - 94.65%

Falcons - 93.1%

Hummingbirds - **97.33%**

Robins - 86.8%

Kestrels - 91.54%

Woodpeckers - 90%

Penguins - 84.12%

Puffins - 94.86%

Parrots - 91.77%

Peacocks - **96%**

Eagles - 93.12%

Minimum School Target – 96%

Whole School attendance - 91.55%

Our School Values In Action

Teamwork- The school community has worked together to ensure that the introduction of our new morning drop off routine has been smooth and calm. Thank you!

Pride- The Knockhall team we extremely proud of the children who attended Young Voices at the O2 last night. What an amazing time they had.

Honesty- We are consistently impressed with the level of honesty the children show when having conversations

Respect- Year 3 were respectful to the resources and adults when they visited the library this week.

Community Fridge



The Community Fridge will run from 3pm-3.20pm in the meeting room on a Monday and a Thursday. Please come along before picking your children up from school. Access will be from the Bus Stop Gate.

Please bring your own bags as these will not be supplied.

We look forward to seeing you all!

Kind regards,

Lauren Longhurst
Parent Governor



Information for families and learning

Please click on the link below to the school website for lots of information and resources about family online courses and details on parent/carers and family assistance programmes



[CLICK HERE](#)



Online Support Services available for help with Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

[CLICK HERE](#)

There are still spaces on the Real Life Autism Course starting next week.

Due to half term and a scheduling conflict the dates for the course are as follows:

Afternoons 12-1pm 11th and 18th Jan, 1st, 8th, 22nd and 29th Feb

Evenings 7-8pm 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th Jan, 6th and 20th Feb
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[CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP](#)

Information for families and learning

The Education People's Early Years and Childcare Service is conducting a survey on behalf of Kent County Council, of parents/carers and expectant parents to determine interest in the childcare entitlements that are being introduced this year and their arrangements for wraparound care of any primary school aged children. The survey will also gather the views of parents/carers using or wanting to use more childcare in Kent. This combined information will help us assess where there are gaps in provision.

Please scan the QR code below to access the Survey



Important Dates and Events



Dates For Your Diary

- 22nd January Chris Riddell Author Visit
- 9th February INSET DAY LAST DAY OF TERM
Children not in School
- 19th February TERM STARTS - Children back to school



Family 'Food and Fun' event



11am – 1pm.



ASDA
Foundation,

Monday 12th February 2024– Manor School Swanscombe

Tuesday 13th February 2024 – Stone St Mary's School

Friday 16th February 2024 – 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.



If you would like to raise anything with us,
please contact us via the school office

KHPOffice@watschools.org.uk