



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

Thank you so much to all of you who joined us for a story telling session with your children to celebrate National Story Telling Week. It was wonderful to see you all in school. The children have taken part in reading with buddies from different year groups, wearing their pyjamas, watching 'The Masked Reader' and trying to guess which member of staff it is behind the mask. It's been a wonderful week.

This week has also seen us unveiling our new House display in the main hallway. The children have been excited to see the banners which depict our House names along with our Values. The House System will be linked to our Relationship Policy and form part of our reward system.

As in previous weeks, I have been looking at the Parent Survey. You said that you would like more support if your child has an additional need or if you are concerned about your child's learning and/or emotional wellbeing. Your child's class teacher should always be the first person you talk to, as they know your child the best however, in response to your comments Mrs Wady has introduced fortnightly 'Drop In' sessions to meet with any parent who has a concern. A letter has been sent to you detailing Mrs Wady's role and the support that she can give. If you would like to speak to Mrs Wady and book into one of these sessions, then please email the school office on KHPOffice@watschools.org.uk or give them a call on 01322 382 053. Further information about the SEN provision at Knockhall Primary School can be found on the school website [Inclusion & Safeguarding - Knockhall Primary School](#). Have a wonderful weekend.

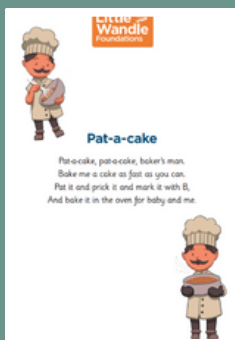
Miss Yiannadji and the Knockhall Team



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

This week we will be
learning the rhyme Pat-a-
Cake! We will be focusing
on following a clapping
pattern alongside our
peers and keeping in time
with the rhythm.

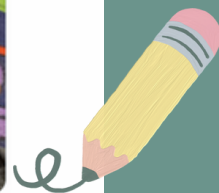
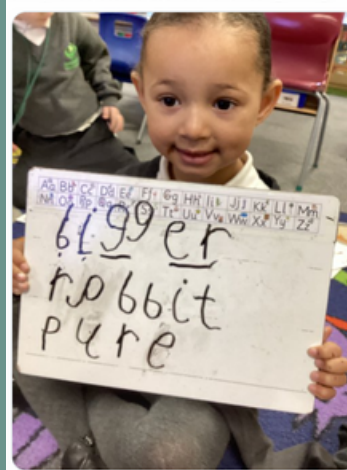
Happy Friday
Miss Taylor



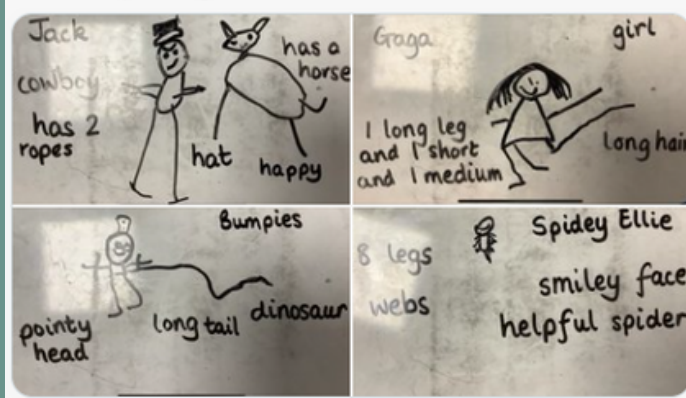
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Swans enjoyed a reading morning today with their families!



This week in Cygnets, the children have been working very hard during their phonics lessons. Look at their amazing writing!



As part of the Storytellers topic, Owlets have been working within groups to create their own story characters...teamwork at its best! They have already made them come to life with play dough and next week, we will use the computer to generate AR versions of the characters!



Through the Storytellers topic, Reception classes are showing a good level of understanding of what makes a good story. With each of the focus stories that have been shared, they have been able to identify the settings, plot and the characters. This week, the children have been using their imaginations to invent their own character to go into a story we have been reading. It all started with a real visit from The Gingerbread Man and some friends into the children's very own classrooms! What a surprise!

Please remember to check your child's Showbie so that you can see just how busy they have been in class. You will also find the characters they have designed there too.

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Eagles had a great time reading with Owlets!



Year 6 Parrots and Cygnets met today for their first reading buddy session. The year 6 children really enjoyed reading to the reception children and talking about the photos.





Who is in the Golden Book This Week!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Ducklings - Aderinsola

Owlets - Ethan

Cygnets - Erisha

Swans - Miya

Owls - Sehrish

Flamingos - Chelsea

Falcons - Jamane

Toucans - Ronnie

Hummingbirds - Max

Robins - Zara

Woodpeckers - Princess

Kestrels - Oluwaseun

Penguins - Maja

Puffins - Madison

Peacocks - Ella

Parrots - Chloe

Eagles - Aanya

ATTENDANCE

Ducklings - 88.61 %

Cygnets - 97.78 % 

Owlets - 98.89 % 

Owls - 83.57 %

Swans - 94.44 %

Flamingos - 94.83 %

Toucans - 95.34 % 

Falcons - 97.06 % 

Hummingbirds - 90.8 %

Robins - 88.53 %

Kestrels - 91.08 % 

Woodpeckers - 96.55 % 

Penguins - 91.1 %

Puffins - 98.33 % 

Parrots - 97.39 % 

Peacocks - 91.92 %

Eagles - 93.05 %

Minimum School Target - **96 %**

Whole School attendance - 93.27 %

Our School Values In Action

Teamwork – We were so impressed with the teamwork between classes this week during our reading buddies sessions.

Pride – We were very proud of the staff this week who demonstrated some of their musical talents in our special assembly.

Honesty – The children have given us some great, honest feedback about the new houses and are looking forward to learning about them more.

Respect – We were incredibly impressed with the respect the children showed this week during our special assembly about aspirations.

Information for families and learning

Anxiety in Children and Young People

Leaflet for Parents and Carers

What is Anxiety?

- Anxiety is a feeling of unease, closely related to fear, that can be mild or strong.
- Everyone has feelings of anxiety at some point in their life.
- Anxiety can help us to deal with difficult challenges.
- It can last a short or long time.
- Some people find it hard to control their worries. Feelings of anxiety can become more constant and can affect their daily lives.



Anxiety in Children and Young People

- Just like adults, children and young people feel worried and anxious at times.
- Children can feel anxious about different things at different ages. Many of these worries are a normal part of growing up.
- When children feel anxious, they cannot always understand or express what they are feeling.



Common Causes of Anxiety

- Big life events such as starting a new school, exams, moving house, bereavement
- Being around someone who is anxious, including parents
- Struggling at school
- Family, relationship or friendship issues
- Change and uncertainty
- Experiencing a traumatic event

The Avoidance Cycle of Anxiety

- When we feel anxious, we often try to avoid the feared situation.
- This can provide short-term relief and reduce our feelings of anxiety in the moment.
- However, often this causes the worries to strengthen and our feelings of anxiety grow in the long-term.



Supporting Children Experiencing Anxiety

- Be aware of your own anxiety levels and monitor the information you share with your child.
- Show that you are available to talk but don't force the conversation.
- Be accepting of their worry, anger and sadness.
- Think together about activities that reduce their anxiety.

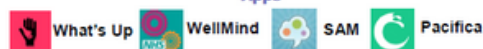
Further Information and Resources

Websites and Telephone Lines

- youngminds.org.uk or 0808 802 5544
- supportline.org.uk or 01708 765200
- mind.org.uk or 0300 123 3393



Apps



Recorded Webinar

Parent & Carer Webinar:
Anxiety

<https://youtu.be/SY4Nu48OVrE>



Jacqueline's Gems at Knockhall Primary School

Jacqueline's Gems Childcare Services BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

At Jacqueline's Gems we are lucky to be able to provide care within the local schools.

ST FIDELIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

As we are on site we will drop and collect your children from their classrooms and return to our designated areas to, play, have fun, read and socialise.

THE BRENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRIST CHURCH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

You can book school club care through our website. www.jacqgemschildcare.com

KNOCKHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL

Our booking system is with ClassforKids, it is easy to create an account and select the care you require, weekly, monthly or termly.

LIME WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

BELMONT ACADEMY
(NOT ON SITE)

More information can be found on our website.



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



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](#)

A letter from our Deputy Head Teacher- Inclusion, about Special Educational Needs Provision at Knockhall Primary School



Dear Families,

My name is Mrs Wady, and I am the Deputy Head Teacher and SENCO at Knockhall Primary School.

It is my job to ensure all children, regardless of any additional educational needs, receive equal access to the high-quality education at our school. I work alongside the class teachers and support staff to identify and support all children to achieve their full potential.

An additional need can be a few things. A child may have difficulties with reading, writing, maths, social skills, or behaviour. This can make it more challenging for them to access educational provision in the classroom and in the wider school environment. At Knockhall Primary we are committed to working alongside parents, school staff and other professionals to ensure these additional needs are met.

Children learn and develop in different ways. Teachers know and understand this and use different teaching styles and adaptations to cater for this. This is called Quality First Teaching. Even with Quality First Teaching some children will need extra help with their learning. Support can then be put in place in several ways depending on what is appropriate. External agencies may be asked to assess the child and provide guidance with the best way to support them. Parents are kept fully informed during this process.

Your child's class teacher is the best person to raise any initial concerns with as they have the most in-depth knowledge about your child's learning. Parent Teacher Consultations take place for all children each term in order to discuss your child's progress. However, you don't need to wait until these meetings to speak with the class teacher if you have a pressing concern about your child's needs.

If you would like to speak with me directly then the school office is the best point of contact. Their email is KHPOffice@watschools.org.uk. I hold regular 'drop-in' sessions where you can have the opportunity to receive support and advice. These can be booked through the school office. Further information about the SEN provision at Knockhall Primary School can be found on the school website [Inclusion & Safeguarding - Knockhall Primary School](#)

I look forward to meeting you and your child soon,

Parent/Carer Notices



Parking at the school

Please may we remind parents/carers to park responsibly around the school especially during drop off and collection. Please be mindful of not blocking residents driveways. Please ensure you are keeping our children, families and wider community safe.

Important Dates and Events

Dates For Your Diary

- 8th February - LAST DAY OF TERM
- 9th February - INSET DAY Children not in School
- 19th February - TERM STARTS - Children back to school

Achievements Outside Of School

CONGRATULATIONS to Floss from
Eagles Class who won a trophy!

The trophy was for being the best dancer of the week. We did corner work then a routine from the musical hairspray. The club is called knights academy of dance and in that club I do musical theatre. I enjoy doing the routines and performing in front of others.



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

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