



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We would like to begin by thanking so many families for attending our parents/ carers evenings this week. It was a pleasure for staff to meet you all and share your child's journey so far this year. If you were not able to book an appointment but would still like to speak to your child's teacher, please contact the office to book in a meeting with the class teachers.

We have really begun to get into the Christmas spirit this week, it is the 1st of December after all. Miss Marshall has kindly put up our 'Reading Christmas Tree' outside the library and the classrooms are beginning to feel festive also. Don't forget, we have lots of Christmas activities planned over the coming weeks so please keep an eye on the diary dates below so you do not miss anything. If you would like your child to have Christmas dinner on 15th December, you will need to create an account using the details provided by The Pantry and book your child in for that day, even if they are usually packed lunch.

We would like to remind all of our families again that the safety of our children when travelling to and from school is paramount and we must all work together to ensure this is the case. We have noticed that there are a number of cars parked times on the zig zag yellow lines and the bus stop. Not only are you risking a parking fine, you are also risking the safety of our children and families. Please park respectfully when around the school. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Lastly, we hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday.

Kind regards,
Mrs Riley, Mrs Wady and the entire 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.

Over the next two weeks we are going to be focussing on Baa, Baa,
Black Sheep.

As we are practicing our songs in preparation for the Christmas Show
alongside our phonics sessions, we will have the nursery rhyme baa,
baa, black sheep for two weeks rather than one. This will take us up to
the Winter Break, so there will not be a new Rhyme of the Week next
week.

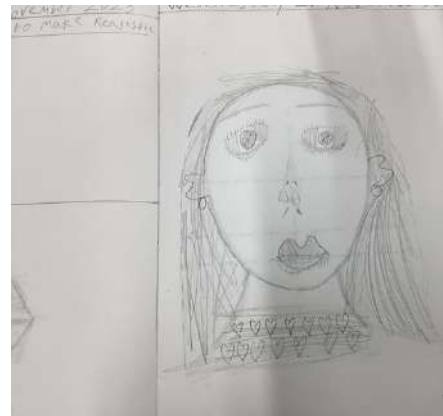
I hope you are all enjoying the newsletter blasts and finding them
useful!

Happy Friday!
Miss Taylor



What have the children been learning this week in Year 3 ...

This week year 3 have been developing their art skills, focusing on facial proportions. Each week they have had a specific facial feature to focus on and this week they have brought all of these skills together. Children have created their very own masterpieces! Children have continued to look at the text 'The Iron Man', this week focusing on writing a newspaper report based on sightings of him in Knockhall Primary School.



What's new in school in this week?

A Reading Christmas Tree

This week we have seen the arrival of the **Reading Christmas Tree**. Outside of our school library, our Reading Gladiator's Co-Ordinator Miss Marshall, and of course a few of Santa's Little Helpers have created and designed this amazing and inspiring Reading Christmas Tree. Miss Marshall and the school staff hope the tree will inspire children to read different and seasonal books at this time of year.





Who is in the Golden Book This Week

YEAR 1

SONICA & LUCA

YEAR 2

ENOLA, ZACH & EVIE

YEAR 3

MAX, HARRY & DEMI

YEAR 5

RILEY

YEAR 6

MACKENZIE & LINAS



STAR OF THE WEEK

Ducklings - Jaaron

Owlets - Henry N

Cygnets - Anaya

Swans - Mason

Owls - Sarahe

Flamingos - Chelsea

Toucans - Alisia

Hummingbirds - Saisha

Robins - Alfred

Woodpeckers - Zuhayr

Kestrels - Eslem

Penguins - Lottie

Puffins - Ashwarya

Peacocks - Abigail

Parrots - Gabriella

Eagles - Poppy.B

ATTENDANCE

Ducklings - 89.52%

Cygnets - 77.19 %

Owlets - 83.33 %

Owls - 80.21 %

Swans - 91.67 %

Flamingos - 84.54 %

Toucans - 92.02 %

Hummingbirds - 92 %

Robins - 89.57%

Kestrels - 94.76 %

Woodpeckers - 92.96 %

Penguins - 85.07 %

Puffins - 95.19 %

Parrots - 92.17 %

Peacocks - 84.62 %

Eagles - 92.27 %

Minimum School Target - 96 %

Whole School attendance - 88.66 %

Our School Values In Action

Values:

Teamwork: The children are all working very hard to learn their songs for our Christmas performances.

Pride: We are very proud of the children in the choir who attended the local church Christmas fair this afternoon to spread some Christmas cheer with their singing.

Honesty: This week some classes have been working on giving feedback to their peers - we have been very impressed with the maturity and supportive comments they have given one another.

Respect: The children have been working hard to demonstrate this value this week, holding doors open for each other and staff, showing good manners in the dinner hall and picking up items in cloakroom areas.

Best Wishes
Chloe Riley
Acting Co Head of School

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/carer and family assistance programmes



[CLICK HERE](#)



Free Support for Parents of Children Experiencing Worries/Fears/Anxiety available

[CLICK HERE](#)

Cheap and Free Local Christmas Events

[CLICK HERE](#)





Rise and Shine it's breakfast Time at Knockhall !!!

We are inviting all children to come along to the school Breakfast Club which will run every day from Monday to Friday from 0800-0840am

The cost is £1 per day which is payable via your child's ARBOR account. There will be no charge for FSM and PP children. Children who are entitled to Universal Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are not free.

Children should be bought in via the School Office



musicly

what we do & how to join.

Welcome to musicly.
Unleash the power of music education with musicly, a full-service tuition company connecting teachers, schools, & students nationwide.

What we offer.

- We specialise in Drum, Guitar, Piano, Vocal, and Ukulele tuition.
- Virtual lessons during the holidays via Zoom, so our students never stop learning!
- Hand-picked equipment from our store in partnership with our friends at Normans. 60 years of retail experience guarantees you're in good hands.



Flexible monthly billing.

- **We do things differently.** With musicly, parents only pay for the lessons they've had.
- With metered monthly billing & an easy-to-use parent portal, parents have full control over their finances.
- If you cancel a lesson, it comes off your next bill, simple.



How we support your school.

- We handle all of the admin & billing for you.
- We never charge the school a penny.
- We guarantee parents are happier than ever with our "pay for what you use" service & parent portal.



Lets go!

- It's very simple, just [click here](#) or scan the QR code on the left to book a meeting with a member of the team.
- Let us know how we can help, and musicly will do the rest!



See you there.
Musicly Team.

Scan me for a meeting!

SALUS ONLINE ANTI-BULLYING SURVEY

WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK



ABOUT BULLYING

The 2023-24 Anti-Bullying survey is online between 9th October and 15th December 2023. It takes less than 10 minutes to complete.

All responses are confidential and anonymous

Have your say, complete the survey now at:
www.salusgroup.org.uk



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The Community Fridge will be open for parents to come and select food for their family.

Exciting news! Community Fridge is coming to Knockhall Primary School.

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

Christmas Tree Festival

Hosted by MCK at St Mary Church Greenhithe.

Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd December 2023

Church will be open Friday 1.00 – 4.00pm, Saturday 10am – 4.00pm and all day on Sunday until 4.00pm. There will be a morning Service 10.30 – 12 noon

Come along to view the Christmas trees and get in the festive spirit.

Refreshments will be available.

Live Christmas music by local people and groups. Join in or just listen.



Important Dates and Events



Dates For Your Diary



- **8th December: Flu Vaccination: Reception-Year 6**
- **12th December: KS1 Christmas Carol Concert – 2pm**
- **14th December: KS2 Carols by candlelight – 3.30 - 3.50pm**
- **14th December: EYFS Nativity – 2pm**
- **15th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner day**
- **19th December: LAST DAY OF TERM**
- **4th January: Children Return**
- **9th January Reception 2024 Open Day 2pm-3pm**
- **22nd January: Author Chris Riddell to visit school**



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

KHPOffice@watschools.org.uk