



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

It has been a busy week at Knockhall. The snow on Monday was a huge surprise especially for Toucans, Falcons and Flamingos who went to Wingham Zoo. The Year 2 classes had the Zoo to themselves and had the opportunity to take part in several different activities. Thank you to our Year 2 team and the parent volunteers for all their hard work to make the day such a success. One of our parents said, 'The children behaved beautifully and LOVED every minute of it.'

Cygnets and Owlets went to the library this week to choose some books for their classrooms. They walked beautifully with their adults.

Hummingbirds and Robins had their Ukulele lessons this week which involved lots of strumming and picking of the strings to make unique sounds.

The Pantry came in and delivered a Sugar Smart Workshop to Kestrels and Woodpeckers. The children now understand sugar content in foods and how to make healthy choices.

We have received your feedback from the parent questionnaire and have begun working as a team to ensure that we listen to you and act where we can. Over the next few weeks, we will be giving you feedback on how we intend to improve things paying particular attention to comments made by you in the survey.

You Said -that you do not like the morning 'Drop Off', that there was congestion at the doors. We have made the following changes in response to this. From Monday 'Drop Off' will change. The Bus Stop Gate will be open from 8.30 for KS2 children and EYFS Gate will open for KS1 and EYFS children at 8.30 so that families can walk around to their child's playground/classroom.

- EYFS children will continue to be dropped off at their classroom door.
- Year 1 and 2 children will come through the EYFS Gate and be taken to the KS1 Playground where their teachers and support staff will be to greet them. Their own classroom will open at 8.40 for the children to line up and walk into school with their teaching team.
- Years 3,4,5 and 6 will come through the Bus Stop Gate and walk onto the KS2 playground where their class teacher and any support staff will be ready to greet them. They will line up and walk into their classroom at 8.40am.
- Children who are dropped off at our Drop Off Point will walk around to their Playground.
- There will be staff on both gates and at the Drop Off Point to support.
- Parents will exit the school using both gates when the bell is rung to signify the start of the school day.

I hope this new system helps with your concerns over morning drop off. We will continue to monitor things over the next few weeks and may make some tweaks if needed.

Thank you for your continued support and patience whilst we make these changes.

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 an old favourite of Duckling Class! Our rhyme of the week will be Incy Wincy Spider! Linking to our new topic 'Minibeasts and their homes', we thought it would be fun to include a rhyme about a spider.

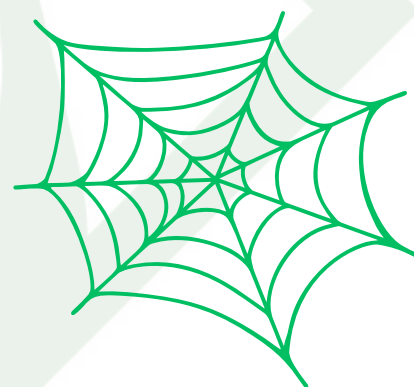
I hope you are all enjoying the newsletter blasts and finding them useful!

Happy Friday!

Miss Taylor

Incy Wincy Spider

Incy Wincy Spider
Climbed up the water spout.
Down came the rain
And washed poor Incy out.
Out came the sunshine
And dried up all the rain.
And Incy Wincy Spider
Climbed up the spout again.



We're going to the Zoo, Zoo, Zoo

Year 2 enjoyed their trip to Wingham Wildlife Park on Monday - even with the Snow.

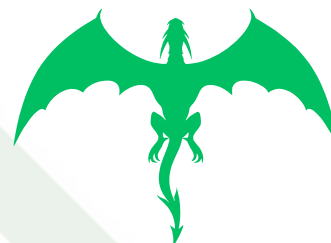
They got to learn about different life cycles such as the frog. They also got to learn about Red Pandas from a keeper!

The children then got to opportunity to explore all the animals around the park where most of the children said their favourite animals were the Artic Wolves.



Year 2 Big Bang Day ... Dragon Hunters!

Year 2 had a great time with the dragon experts in our dragon hunters workshop. We learnt all about the different types of dragons and even got to see some dragon snot! As well as some very big, sharp teeth!



Year 5 Big Bang Day ...Around The World in 80 Days!

This week Year 5 had their 'Big Bang Day' themed on Around the world in 80 days, linked to our topic of Explorers.

We tried different games, dances, languages and made bridges to match the adventures in the well known book.

Everyone enjoyed different parts of the day, but we were all proud of ourselves for learning some phrases in Mandarin!





Who is in the Golden Book This Week



Year 1 - Tommy, Aisha,

Year 2 - Deacon

**Year 3 - George , Alex,
Harry, Audrey, Max, Darcy
and Jack**

Year 4 - Eliana and Laur

**Year 5 - Martins, Akshay,
Krishika and Gabby**

STAR OF THE WEEK

Ducklings - TJ

Owlets – Noah

Cygnets – Amalia

Swans – Aadam

Owls – Sherish

Flamingos – Vinnie

Toucans – Alisia

Hummingbirds – Bobby

Robins – Karol

Woodpeckers – Arian

Kestrels – Phoebe

Penguins – Martins

Puffins – Mia

Peacocks - Maisy

Parrots - Annie T

Eagles - Poppy S

ATTENDANCE

Ducklings - 83.33 %

Cygnets - 80.86 %

Owlets - **98.32 %**

Owls - 81.07 %

Swans - 92 %

Flamingos - 90.67 %

Toucans - 92.98 %

Hummingbirds - 94 %

Falcons 90 %

Robins - 91.43 %

Kestrels - 85.93 %

Woodpeckers - **97.86 %**

Penguins - 85 %

Puffins - 95.17 %

Parrots - 95 %

Peacocks - 92.08 %

Eagles - 88.7 %

Minimum School Target – 96 %

Whole School attendance – 91.37 %

Our School Values In Action

Teamwork- Thank you to all children who have shown good teamwork throughout the Big Bang days which have taken place over the past week and a half.

Pride- We are very proud of your Year 2 children who were fantastic ambassadors for the school whilst on their school trip.

Honesty- We are grateful to all of you who have completed the parent survey which will enable us to improve.

Respect- The children continue to show respect through taking care of their school environment by picking up their coats, hats and gloves when they fall on the floor.

Exciting New MENU on 18th January!

Please order via your child/children's Pantry
Account



PANTRY CENSUS DAY
THURSDAY 18TH JANUARY 2024

**CHICKEN HOT DOG OR
VEGGIE DOG
& NACHOS**

**WITH
CORN ON THE COB**

**AND
ICE CREAM**

SCAN ME TO ORDER!



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The poster features a vibrant illustration of children in school uniforms playing in a grassy field with a rainbow in the background. The text is presented in a clear, bold, sans-serif font, with the menu items and date highlighted in red. A QR code is provided for easy ordering, and social media handles are listed at the bottom.

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](#)



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
text

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Important Dates and Events



Dates For Your Diary

- **15th January: Big Bang Day: Yr6**
- **18th January: The Pantry Census Day MENU**
- **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**

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