



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

There has been lots going on this week with a visit from the author Chris Riddell and visits to our local library. Our work on instilling a love of reading will continue next week with some exciting plans to celebrate National Story Telling Week which starts on Monday. We look forward to inviting you in to share a story with your children on Thursday at 8.40.

Further details of our plans are further on in this Newsletter.

I can reveal to you the names of our new houses! The below image will be enlarged and cover a wall in our school from Tuesday. We will share photos with you on Twitter and in our next newsletter.



The children will be allocated to a house and will earn tokens when they show they are following our school rules Ready, Respectful, Safe or one of our school values Honesty, Teamwork, Respect or Pride. Tokens will be counted in class and celebrated. We will share with you who is the winning house for the whole school each week in this newsletter. The children will spend some time over the next few weeks learning about the people behind our 4 House Names but please feel free to do your own 'Googling'. This forms an integral part of our Relationship Policy by rewarding the behaviour that we want to see.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Miss Yiannadji and the Knockhall Team.

Love To Read!



Year 2 had a great time at the library yesterday, both classes were respectful and listened to the librarian. They enjoyed looking at all the books and having the librarian read them a story based on our topic. We are excited to have a class library card so we can take books out to look after in class and return them when they are due. We look forward to our next trip to the library!

Knockhall Primary Choir at the Young Voices Event!

KHP choir attended Young Voices last Thursday. It was amazing, the children enjoyed singing with other schools after several weeks of rehearsals at school and at the arena with other schools to make the night's performance an unforgettable experience.



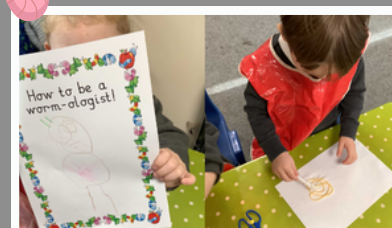
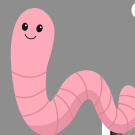
When Reception classes visited Greenhithe library, it was great that some children used their own library card to borrow books to take home and one child (whose parent accompanied us) was able to join the library for the first time! @kentlibraries

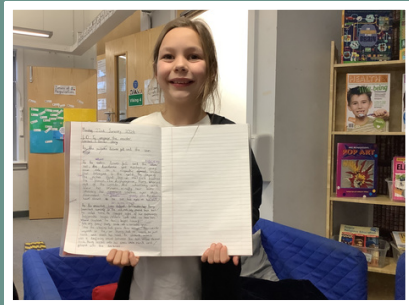
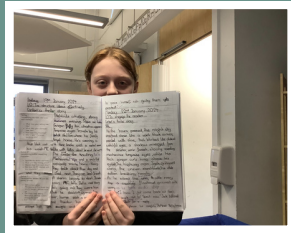
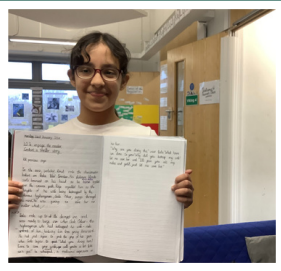


Cygnets class have thoroughly enjoyed our daily dough disco sessions. This is a fun activity which encourages various hand and finger exercises to develop fine motor skills which will support the children's handwriting



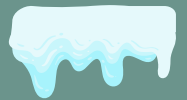
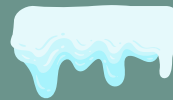
This week in Ducklings, we have been looking at worms, linking to our book of the week 'Yucky Worms'. We learned how to be a good friend of the worms, and even spent time in the garden looking for worms in the mud. We ensured that we washed our hands after searching for minibeasts.





This week, Parrots have begun drafting their thriller stories. They have focussed on dialogue, character and setting description.

Mrs Ridgers is very proud of everyone's stories so far and cannot wait to find out how they end!



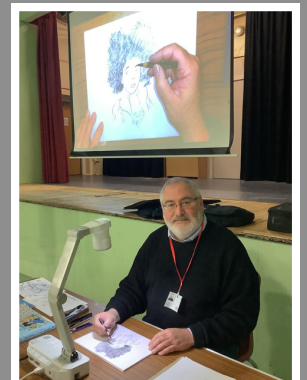
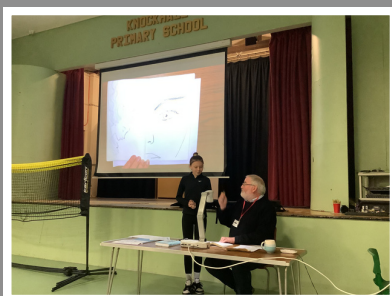
Year 5

This week Year 5 have delved deeper into the 'Frozen North'. We have learned more about the life of Matthew Henson and Edmund Hillary- well known and not so well known explorers. Linked to exploring new places, the children have shown their teachers how they can use their drama skills to improve their writing by acting out the movement and conditions they would face on a journey to the North Pole.

They also enjoyed looking back at their space topic by taking part in a STEM science activity. With over a thousand other classes around the UK, they joined scientists from Canterbury university to look at how space technology can be used to help solve problems on earth.

Chris Riddell Author Event

It was a very exciting day on Tuesday, as the renowned author and illustrator Chris Riddell came to visit Knockhall. We were delighted to welcome him to our school for the second time, and the children in KS1 and KS2 had a really enchanting day, listening to his stories and watching his incredible artwork appear magically in front of their eyes. One of the children in KS2 even had the chance to create a drawing with Chris. What a wonderful memory to cherish, and what a great day to remember for everyone!





Who is in the Golden Book This Week!



STAR OF THE WEEK

Ducklings - Stacie-Mae

Owlets - Talia

Cygnets - Gina

Swans - Hayley

Owls - Amanda

Flamingos - Inaayah

Falcons - Shiloh

Toucans - Isabella

Hummingbirds - Billy-Joe

Robins - Leo

Woodpeckers - Muiz

Kestrels - Charlie

Penguins - Jayden

Puffins - Seph

Peacocks - Kay-Li & Kirsten

Parrots - Chase

Eagles - Nelly

ATTENDANCE

Ducklings - 82.32 %

Cygnets - 92.7 %

Owlets - 97.22 %

Owls - 88.57 %

Swans - 89.64 %

Flamingos - 90 %

Toucans - 94 %

Falcons - 96.67 %

Hummingbirds - 96.4 %

Robins - 87.56 %

Kestrels - 92.15 %

Woodpeckers - 95.14 %

Penguins - 90.34 %

Puffins - 96.67 %

Parrots - 96.54 %

Peacocks - 89.27 %

Eagles - 93.32 %

Minimum School Target - 96 %

Whole School attendance - 92.96 %

Our School Values In Action

Teamwork – thank you to the staff who pulled together this week and worked tirelessly to organise the topic box resources so that we can continue to enhance the children's education.

Pride – well done to all of the children who have been on the trips to the local library over the last 2 weeks. We are very proud of how they have conducted themselves and are looking forward to the rest of the trips.

The librarian said to a member of staff "What wonderful children the Knockhall children are!"

Honesty – Mrs Riley has been extremely impressed with the honesty and maturity shown by a number of year 5 students today who have been working with her.

Respect – The children showed great respect to our visiting author, Chris Riddell, this week and very much enjoyed his visit.

Information for families and learning

The Pantry: Job Vacancy



The Pantry are recruiting for a Kitchen Assistant.
To apply for this vacancy please contact The Pantry Directly:

npeciuliene@thepantrycatering.co.uk

nliddell@thepantrycatering.co.uk



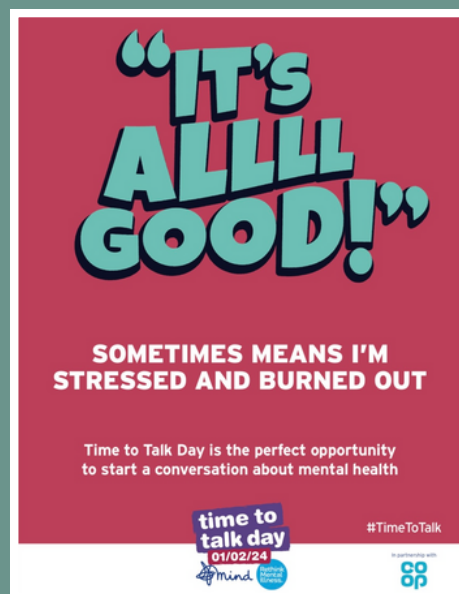
Please join us
for our PTFA
Coffee Morning
on Thursday 1st
February 9am -
11am

Reminder

Families with KS2 children.
As mentioned in the newsletter last week, children can access Reading Plus at home.
Their log-ins should be in their yellow reading records.
If your child has misplaced this, please do not hesitate to contact their class teacher so they can print the log-in details for you.

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](#)



Family 'Food and Fun' event
11am – 1pm.

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

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

- 1st February - PTFA Coffee Morning 9am-11am
- 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

Abigail from Peacocks swims at The Gravesend and Northfleet swimming club as part of their competitive swimming squad, they attend inter club, county and regional galas. As part of their yearly club championships Abigail competed against all 11-12yr old girls within the club over a series of 19 events, successfully winning six Trophies/Gold medals, two silver and three bronze medals which were awarded at the Presentation evening last weekend.

The swimming club are always looking for new members, they have a learn to swim programme and competitive squads as well as a masters and development group, please contact membership@gnsc.co.uk for further details.



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

KHPOffice@watschools.org.uk