



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

We have really enjoyed welcoming our families back this week! We hope you all had an enjoyable half term.

This week, the children have kick started their learning with their Big Bang Days! WOW! What fantastic learning they have been doing – Nursery tickled their senses with tasting activities as well as listening to music and thinking about how it made them feel; Reception had a party and have filled the corridors with the delicious smell of pumpkin soup; Year 1 celebrated different cultures across the world and their dancing was fabulous; Year 2 learnt lots about London landmarks; Year 3 celebrated our 'real life heroes' by dressing up and finding out about what they did; Year 4 made pop up books about landmarks and attractions in Egypt; Year 5 spent the afternoon as NASA specialists making pods for their 'eggnauts' and Year 6 spent some time 'in the trenches' learning about life in WW2. We cannot wait to see how their learning develops over the term.

You may have seen previously, Kent Teacher of the Year nominations are now open. If you would like to make a nomination, please use the link below.

[Awards - Social Enterprise Kent \(sekgroup.org.uk\)](https://sekgroup.org.uk)

Whether it's a teacher who has gone above and beyond to support their students, a support worker who always has a smile on their face or a volunteer who has made a significant impact to their school community, we want to hear about them!

Nominations are open to parents, students, and peers, so if you know someone who deserves recognition, we encourage you to submit a nomination. With a wide range of award categories, including primary, secondary, early careers, non-teaching members of staff, and volunteers, there's an opportunity to recognise everyone who makes a difference in our schools.

Closing date for nominations: 28th February 2024

Please see below our dates for the diary for this term, including the Christmas Activities. We will share more details closer to the time but wanted to give you notice to ensure you were able to attend where possible.

Lastly, we would like to wish you all a lovely weekend. We are looking forward to hearing about any fireworks displays the children may be attending and have attached a poster on our parent information page about remaining safe during these events to share with your child(ren).

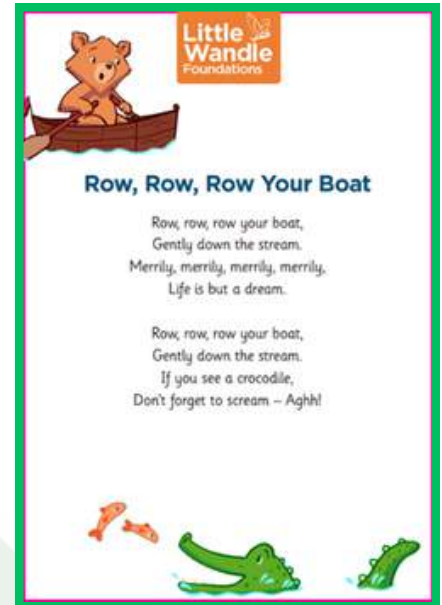
Kind regards,

Mrs C Riley, Mrs S Wady and the entire Knockhall team.

What have the children been learning this week in Nursery

Hello Nursery Parents and Carers,

As a part of our phonics learning, we will have a different nursery rhyme each week. These will be rhymes the children will be learning in school, and we will look at rhyming words, alliteration and syllables as a part of this. Each week we will share with you the rhyme for the new week. Next week our rhyme will be row, row, row your boat. A copy of this will be displayed on the notice board outside Duckling's classroom. Please feel free to practice this with your child at home, I hope you enjoy it!



In Nursery, as a part of our Big Bang Day, we have looked at our senses.

We enjoyed having the opportunity to smell a variety of lovely smells, ranging from stinky cheese, which the children all thought smelt "yucky!" to sweeter smells like squash, which Duckling's thought was "yummy!". As well as this, the children tasted and guessed the flavours of crisps, felt spiky dinosaurs in a 'Feely Bag' and listened to different farm animal noises to determine which makes each noise.

All of the children had an amazing time and enjoyed engaging their senses. We look forward to continuing our amazing learning throughout the term!

Miss Taylor



What have the children been learning this week in Year 1 ...

Year One celebrated their Big Bang Day by dressing up in traditional clothes from around the world.

We focused on the continent Africa for the day, where we coloured the flags of the 54 countries.

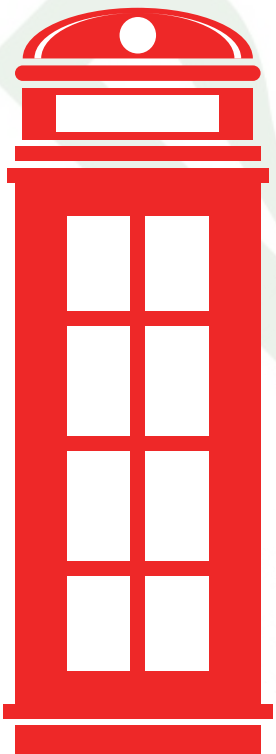
We learned an African children's song called Che-che kule. The children sang, danced and played instruments to the rythme of the song.

The children then learnt about Edward Tingtinga, the art movement he created before he died and he is still celebrated till this day! The children created a piece of artwork based on the stories Tinga Tinga tales from Africa.



What have the children been learning this week in Year 2 ...

Year 2 enjoyed exploring London for their Big Bang Day. In groups they chose a landmark to make.



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

For Year 3 Big Bang Day, the children became local superheroes! They began the morning by signing into work and collecting their ID badges, completing a word search and working as a team to match key words to the correct definition.

After this, they described the similarities and differences between various local heroes. Not long after, we discovered that there was a criminal inside the classroom, who was responsible for a local break in! Children had to prove their innocence by providing a sample of their fingerprints, which meant we were able to track down the criminal.

During the afternoon, the children were tasked to create either a hospital or a fire/police station. They worked in groups to plan, design and bring their creations to life! They displayed incredible teamwork and perseverance. Well done to all of our Year 3 heroes who produced some fantastic work!

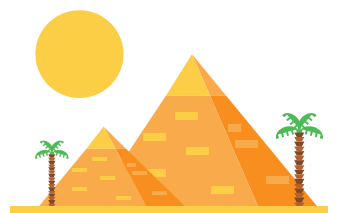
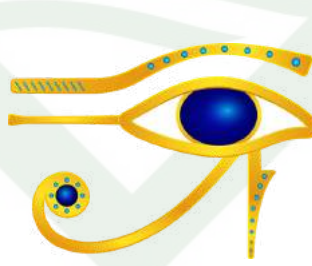
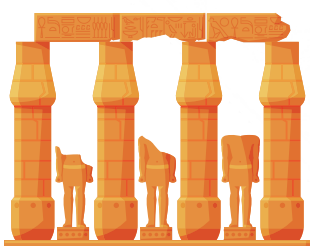


What have the children been learning this week in Year 4 ...

YEAR 4 BIG BANG DAY – Tomb Raiders

For Big Bang Day Year 4 stepped into the world of the Ancient Egyptians taking on the role of Tomb raiders. Children created Egyptian inspired craft works to build their understanding of the geographical and historical knowledge of Egypt.

This involved them collaborating to create salt dough relief maps and ancient Egypt pop up presentations. Their work demonstrated good art / craft skills and subject knowledge.





GOLDEN BOOK

Year 1 - Jemimah and Olivia

Year 2 - Lola, Inaayah, Skye and Bailey

Year 3 - Sarah

Year 4 - Bliss and Naomika

Year 6 - Alice



STAR OF THE WEEK

Ducklings - Athena

Owlets - Xavian

Cygnets - Diana

Swans - Mia

Owls - Jessie

Flamingos - Zack

Toucans - Ronnie

Hummingbirds - Rihanna

Robins - Mayra

Woodpeckers - Destiny and Taylor

Kestrels - Tommy

Penguins - Haneen

Puffins - Isabelle

Peacocks - Ollie

Parrots - Emmanuel

Eagles - Olivia

ATTENDANCE

Ducklings - 83.19 %

Cygnets 91.76 %

Owlets - 84.44 %

Owls - 84.05 %

Swans - 90.52 %

Flamingos - 94.64 %

Toucans - 87.93 %

Hummingbirds - 86.5 %

Robins - 84.5 %

Kestrels - 92.27 %

Woodpeckers - 93.52 %

Penguins - 85.5 %

Puffins - 94.44 %

Parrots - 93.48 %

Peacocks **97.73 %**

Eagles 87.5 %

Minimum School Target - **96 %**

Whole School attendance - **89.69 %**

Our School Values In Action

Teamwork - we were so impressed with the teamwork shown in the Big Bang Days this week - the children created some amazing outcomes!

Pride - we are very proud of how many children have been entered into the Golden book this week (first week back!)

Honesty - we have been having many conversations with the children this week about the importance of being honest

Respect - we are currently working hard to display the children's work on Black History Month - the children remained very respectful during these conversations

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](#)

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 should be bought in via the School Office

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Let's go!

- It's so simple, just download 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 (or a member)

Stay safe on Bonfire Night

- Never touch fireworks
- Stand well back from the bonfire
- Never go near a firework after it has been lit
- Only one sparkler at a time
- Wear gloves when holding a sparkler
- Keep pets indoors

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NATIONAL SCHOOL MEALS WEEK !!!!!

6TH - 10TH NOVEMBER 2023



Classic School Desserts

Monday - Yoghurt and Fruit

Tuesday - Jam Slice

Wednesday - Caramel Tart

Thursday - Sprinkle Tart

Friday Jam Sponge

School Dinners
are free from
Reception to Year
2 and for FSM
eligible pupils





Important Dates and Events



Dates For Your Diary

- **8th November: Year 5 Time Capsule Workshop - Space**
- **9th November: Reception and Year 6 Hearing/Vision and national health checks. Year 6 Lancaster Model**
- **9th November: Reception Classes Library Trip**
- **14th November: Year 5 trip to Science Museum**
- **15th November: Positive noticing day**
- **17th November: Children in Need day**
- **20th November: Assembly – Kent Police**
- **29th and 30th November: Parents evenings**
- **Friday 8th December: Flu Vaccination: Reception-Year 6**
- **12th December: KS1 Christmas Carol Concert – 2pm**
- **14th December: KS2 Carols by candlelight – TBC**
- **14th December: EYFS Nativity – 2pm**
- **15th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner day**
- **19th December: LAST DAY OF TERM**

