



# KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we have very much enjoyed welcoming our Year 6 and Reception parents and carers to our information workshops. We were delighted with how many parents/ carers were able to attend and we hope you found the information useful. We are planning in lots more opportunities for workshops in the future and look forward to sharing these with you. Next week we have an information session for our year 1 parents/ carers – we hope many of you are able to attend.

We have been very impressed with the work we have seen from children who have been coming to the Golden Book this week – it is an absolute joy to be able to share these special moments with them and celebrate their achievements. Whilst talking about achievements, we would love to share and celebrate any out of school achievements your child(ren) may get, for example, medals/ trophy's/ certificates etc, any charity work etc. Please encourage your child(ren) to share these with their class teacher so we can celebrate them in our Friday celebration assemblies.

We loved seeing the children come to school in their bright and funky clothes on Thursday and they all seemed to enjoy the special menu!

We wish you all a fantastic weekend, and we look forward to seeing you Monday.

From Mrs Riley, Mrs Wady and the entire Knockhall Team.

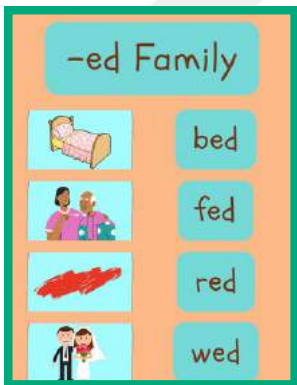
# What have the children been learning this week in Nursery...

During our learning at school, we have a strong focus on phonics.

We know that it can be daunting when trying to support children with this at home, so we have created a QR code to our phonics scheme, Little Wandle's website, where parents and carers are able to access a variety of videos and documents that may be helpful when aiding their children. There is information on how to pronounce the sounds, support with tricky words and all about the books your child is coming home with.

In **Nursery**, we look at nursery rhymes, focusing on singing, clapping and adding instruments to discover new sounds. For Nursery parents and carers, please see the sections linking to Nursery Rhymes on the website. We will keep you informed of our focus rhyme of the week. We hope that this link will be helpful to parents and carers wishing to aid and support their children's reading and phonics development at home!

Miss Taylor





# What have the children been learning this week in Reception...

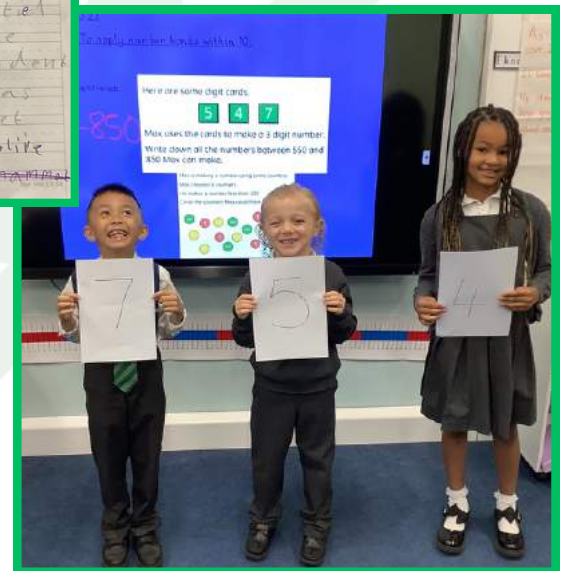
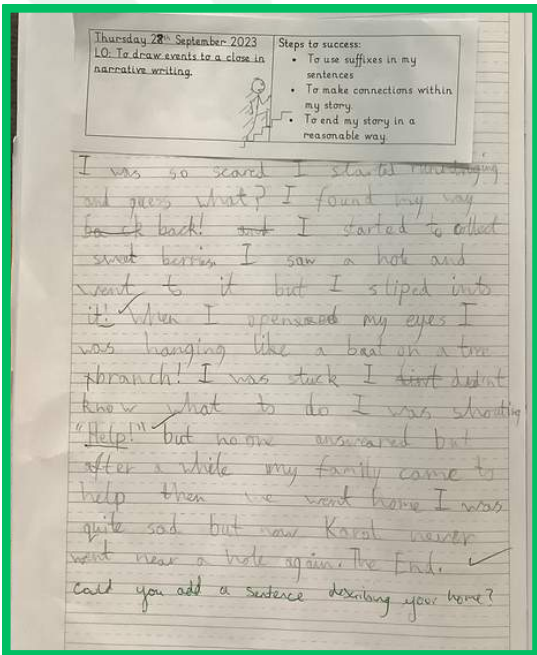
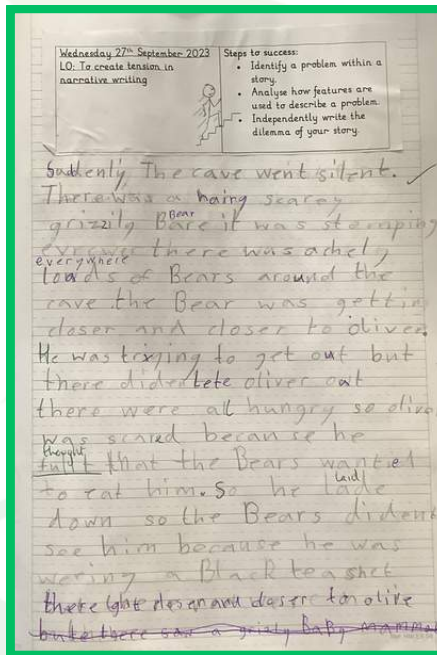
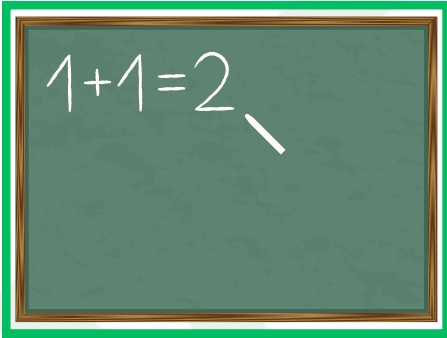
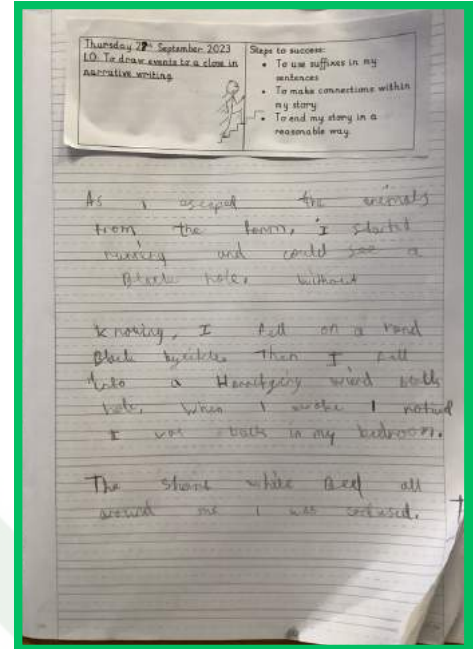
It was great to see so many Reception parents who came along to find out more about how Phonics is taught in school and ways to support children at home. Don't worry if you missed it, the information has all been shared. Please do come along and ask any questions that you may have.

**Reception** have been learning about repeating patterns this week and children are already looking for patterns within the environment. There have also been lots of repeating patterns made using various classroom resources. Once they have made their patterns, children have then talked through and explained their repeating pattern to each other. Forest School has provided children with additional opportunity to be very creative, from cooking mud cakes to bug hunting to tree climbing!



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

This week **Year 3** have been writing their own portal story based on our class text "Stone Age Boy". They have been working hard to include adjectives and a range of punctuation within their story. We have been focusing on adjectives and adverbials to make the stories even more exciting. Children have spent time on their work ensuring they are using their very best handwriting. All of the children have loved creating their own Stone Age world. The children have started looking at addition and subtraction. They have produced some amazing work.





# Our Children Enjoyed “Getting FUNKY” This Thursday!





### GOLDEN BOOK

Year 3 Max H  
Year 4 William  
Year 6 Chloe



### STAR OF THE WEEK

- Ducklings - Ophelia
- Owlets – Dolcie-Mae
- Cygnets – Amber
- Swans – Emilia
- Owls – Emmanuel
- Flamingos – Arina
- Toucans – Gloria
- Hummingbirds – Aiden
- Robins – Gracie
- Woodpeckers – Arabella
- Kestrels – Tommy
- Penguins – Ariv
- Puffins – Oliver
- Peacocks - Jaswethan
- Parrots - Annie
- Eagles - Dolcie



### ATTENDANCE

- Ducklings - 85.22 %
- Cygnets - 87.01 %
- Owlets - 95.06 %
- Owls - 86.92 %
- Swans - 90.18 %
- Flamingos - **96.55 %**
- Toucans - 86.97 %
- Hummingbirds - 92.34 %
- Robins - 92.92 %
- Kestrels - 94.47 %
- Woodpeckers - 94.44 %
- Penguins - 89.58 %
- Puffins - 92.88 %
- Parrots - **98.06 %**
- Peacocks 89.91 %
- Eagles 95.33 %

Minimum School Target – **96 %**

Whole School attendance - **92.36 %**

### Our School Values In Action

**Teamwork** - We would like to thank Lauren Longhurst and the Co-op who have been working tirelessly to support our children through food donations to our breakfast club.

**Respect** We have noticed a huge improvement in the number of children coming to school in the correct uniform and PE kit – thank you for respecting the school uniform policy

**Honesty** With regards to the recent workshops, you will soon receive a feedback form and we very much value your honest feedback so that we can improve our offer going forwards.

**Pride** We are very proud of one of our year 6 pupils who has kindly spent time making some yummy treats for our Wellbeing dog, Louie.



# 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](#)



**Family 'Food and Fun' event**  
**October half – term 2023**  
**11am – 1pm.**

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Manor School Swanscombe**  
**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Stone St Mary's School**  
**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October – 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@stmarygreenhithe.com](mailto:jude@stmarygreenhithe.com)  
 or call 07512 460221.

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**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**



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# Important Dates and Events

**YEAR 1 PARENT INFORMATION SESSION**

Dear Year 1 Parents and Carers  
We invite you to attend an information session on 10th October 2023 at 3:40pm at Knockhall Primary school.

The session will focus on:

1. How year 1 is different from EYFS
2. Timetable for year 1
3. Statutory phonic test
4. Reading in year 1
5. Attendance
6. Homework
7. Trips

*field trip*

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING LOTS OF YOU THERE!

# School Photos 20th October



## Dates For Your Diary

- Year 1 Parent Information Session 10th October 3.40pm
- Year 1 Trip 11th October - Swanscombe Heritage Park
- **SCHOOL PHOTO DAY** Friday 20th October (If your child has PE on this day please send them to school in uniform and have their PE kit with them)
- Friday 20th October Last Day Of Term
- Monday 30th October First Day of Term