



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term is going so quickly! Hard to believe we only have 7 school days left and the children have completed a third of the academic year! We are very much looking forward to all of our Christmas celebrations next week.

Please note, for the KS1 and EYFS performances, there is a limit of 2 adults per child able to attend due to limited space in the hall. If younger siblings need to attend with you, they will need to sit on laps. Where possible, please do not bring in pushchairs. If pushchairs must be brought in, they will be kept in the canteen for the duration of the performance – personal belongings should not be left on pushchairs.

We would like to remind you all about the parent/carer survey sent last week. The survey is open until the end of term and we would love to hear feedback from as many families as possible. As a valued member of the school community, your views are very important to us. We kindly request your participation in completing the following questionnaire to help us evaluate how we are doing as a school and our support for your child/ren as they progress through their educational journey with us.

Online safety

Children are growing up in a world of ever-changing technology. While we feel that the use of technology is a largely positive aspect of modern life, we cannot ignore the risks that can be associated. We speak to children in school about how to stay safe online all the time. Please have these conversations at home too. Below is a poster about being 'SMART' online. If you need any support or guidance about online safety at home, please come and speak to your child's class teacher.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Christmas events next week and hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Mrs Riley, Mrs Wady and the entire Knockhall team.

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

A special thank you to our parents and carers who attended our reading session on Tuesday. It was lovely to promote and share a love of reading for all.

The children really enjoyed sharing stories with you and we hope to have more opportunities to hold further reading sessions in the near future. Thank you again for your continued support.

Mrs Journet and Miss Shergill.



Love To Read!

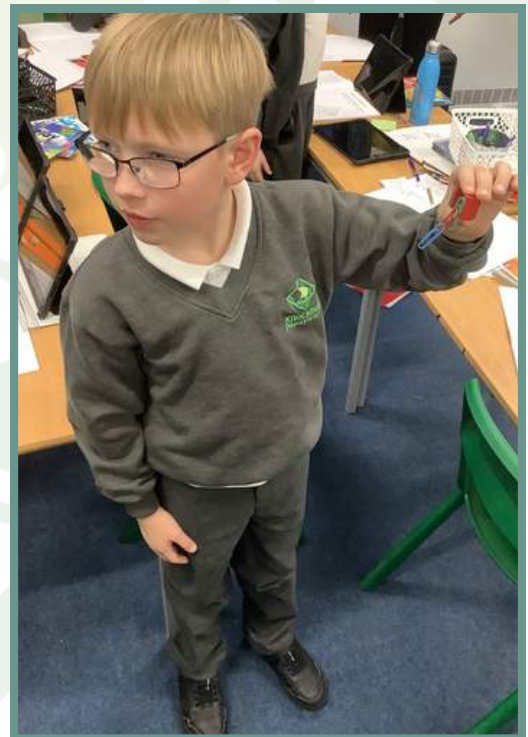
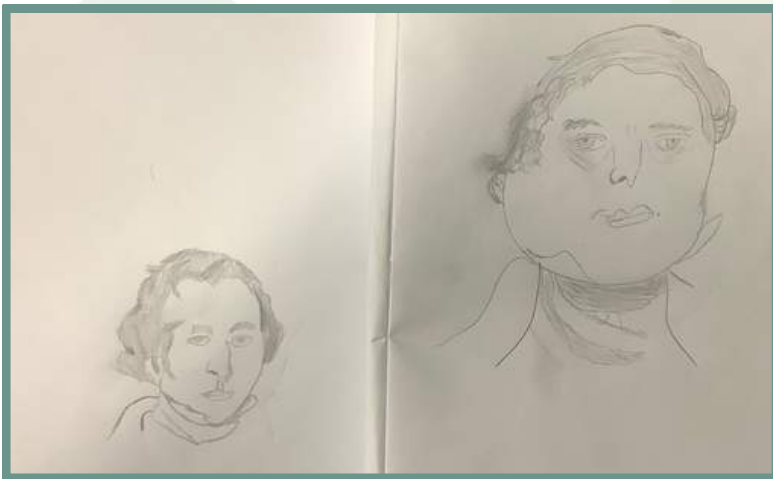


What have the children been learning this week in Year 3 ...

This week, Year 3 carried out a science investigation to determine which magnet was the strongest out of four various types. They had to work collaboratively to see how many paperclips each magnet could hold. Pupils then transferred this data onto a bar graph.

This term in Art, children have been focusing on a particular facial feature each week. They have been looking at the feature in detail and have used many types of artistic techniques such as shading, using different tones and creating shadows in their drawings.

This week, they used these skills to produce a portrait of Sir Robert Peel.

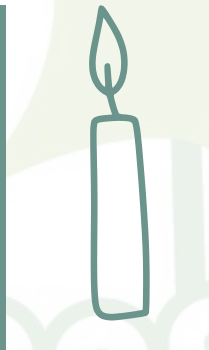


Choir Club Christmas Sing-A-Long at St Mary's Church Greenhithe

The choir had an amazing time performing Christmas carol to guest and parents at St Mary last Friday.

The choir displayed their amazing talents in their local community and they received commendable feedback too. The event was a fundraiser for the charity but was also an opportunity for groups to come together, advertise what they do and to enjoy the magical atmosphere of Christmas together.

The choir also had the opportunity to decorate a Christmas tree on behalf of the school who donated towards the event. The choir are looking forward to attend more events to support their local community.





Who is in the Golden Book This Week

Year 2 - George

Year 3 - Akai, Gracie, Audrey, Max and Sarah

Year 4 - Connor

Year 5 - Enoch and Zachary E

Year 6 - Clark

STAR OF THE WEEK

Ducklings - Natalia

Owlets - Adani

Cygnets - AJ

Swans - Aisha

Owls - Amanda

Flamingos - Keyser

Toucans - Mikey

Hummingbirds - Bobby

Robins - Jessica

Woodpeckers - Bliss

Kestrels - Phoebe

Penguins - Igor

Puffins - Shaan

Peacocks - Bobby

Parrots - Donald

Eagles - Ola

ATTENDANCE

Ducklings - 84.68 %

Cygnets 94.15 %

Owlets - 82.78 %

Owls - 89.23 %

Swans - 91.84 %

Flamingos - 88.57 %

Toucans - 90 %

Hummingbirds - 89.96 %

Robins - 91.82 %

Kestrels - 90.11 %

Woodpeckers - 94.07 %

Penguins - 82.96 %

Puffins - 91.15 %

Parrots - 96.52 %

Peacocks 91.3 %

Eagles 85.45 %

Minimum School Target - 96 %

Whole School attendance - 90.84 %

Our School Values In Action

Teamwork: the children have been working hard in their classes and phases to put together their Christmas performances - you are in for a real treat!

Pride: We are very proud of the choir who sang beautifully last week at the local church and will be singing at our local Asda on 18th December.

Honesty: We really value your views about the school - thank you to those who have already completed the survey.

Respect: We have seen so many children for the golden book this week. It has been a pleasure to celebrate the children's achievements with them and to see how respectful they are demonstrating such good manners when they come.

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.

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](#)



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!

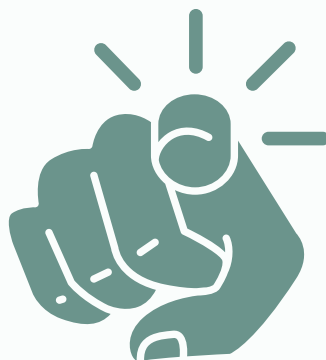
Kind regards,

Lauren Longhurst
Parent Governor



**Please join us for an AGM to discuss
the new school PTFA on Tuesday
12th December at 4pm.**

**Knockhall Primary
School PTFA
We need YOU**



**Come along and get involved!
We look forward to seeing as many
of you as possible!!!**

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- We handle all of the admin & billing for you.
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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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Important Dates and Events



We are excited to announce our upcoming Christmas Carols at Candlelight event, scheduled for Thursday 14th December from 3:30 to 3:50pm in the KS2 playground. In the event of rain, the concert will unfortunately be cancelled.

For those opting out, please notify the class teacher before the event. Children not participating will be ready for dismissal at the usual time of 3:20pm.

Let's make this a joyful occasion for all our children as we embrace the holiday spirit together.

Please note this is KS2 only.

One of our parents will be raising money for RBLI veterans. Please follow the link below to support/donate this fantastic cause!

https://www.facebook.com/donate/207557679059493/?fundraiser_source=external_url



Important Dates and Events



Dates For Your Diary

- 12th December: KS1 Christmas Carol Concert – 2pm
- 12th December: AGM for the new PTFA 4pm
- 14th December: KS2 Carols by candlelight – 3.30-3.50.pm
- 14th December: EYFS Nativity – 2pm
- 15th December: Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Dinner day
- 19th December: LAST DAY OF TERM 
- 4th January: CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL
- 9th January Reception 2024 Open Day 2pm-3pm
- 22nd January Chris Riddell Author Visit KS1 & KS2

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