



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families,

Thank you for welcoming me during my first term at Knockhall.

As promised, I will hold my first Meet the Head Teacher coffee meeting in March so please look out for the date. This will be an opportunity for you to meet me properly and talk through our plans for the future. You should still talk to your child's class teacher if you have a concern about your child as they are best placed to discuss these with.

In response to the parent survey, we have made several changes. These include a softer start to the day through teacher meet and great in the playground, a focus on reading and timetables for homework and a set time for you to request a meeting with Mrs Wady to discuss concerns with your children.

We are continuing to review our Relationship Policy and will be spending our Inset Day tomorrow discussing how we reward those children who consistently do the right thing and always try their best. We will also look at the consequences used when children struggle to follow our rules and values. These changes will be communicated to you after half term.

We take the behaviour of family members on our school site seriously and expect everyone to show respect to each other. Failure to do this may result in a ban from the site for those family members who do not uphold our behaviour standards.

For those of you celebrating cultural festivals such as Chinese New Year, Lent, or St Valentine's Day we hope you enjoy the festivities. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 19th February and hope that you have a safe and restful half term break.

Miss Yiannadji and the Knockhall Team.



Teamwork Respect Honesty Pride



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We are excited to introduce a groundbreaking initiative at Knockhall School that aims to cultivate a sense of responsibility, punctuality, and teamwork in our students - **"Knockhall Minutes."**

What is Knockhall Minutes? Knockhall Minutes is a unique program designed to instil the values of punctuality and responsibility in our students. Every day your child attends school, they contribute a minute to the Knockhall Minutes bank. These accumulated minutes will collectively work towards unlocking a special end-of-term reward for their class community.

Why Knockhall Minutes?

1. **Punctuality Matters:** The program emphasizes the importance of being on time, ensuring a smooth start to the school day for everyone.
2. **Collective Responsibility:** By contributing minutes daily, students learn the significance of individual actions in achieving collective goals.
3. **Incentive for All:** The end-of-term reward will be a collective celebration, reinforcing the idea that every student's effort contributes to the overall success of the school community.

How It Works:

- Each student accumulates a minute each day they attend school.
- Knockhall Minutes are placed on the class attendance board.
- The collective minutes contribute to unlocking a reward determined by the children in each class from an agreed list.

End-of-Term Reward: The end-of-term reward will be a carefully planned and enjoyable experience for each classroom community. It could range from a water fight to a film afternoon depending on the number of collective minutes each class has earned accumulated.

Join Us in Cultivating a Culture of Success: We encourage parents and guardians to actively support this initiative by reinforcing the importance of attending school with your child. Together, we can create an environment where every minute counts towards building a responsible and successful future.

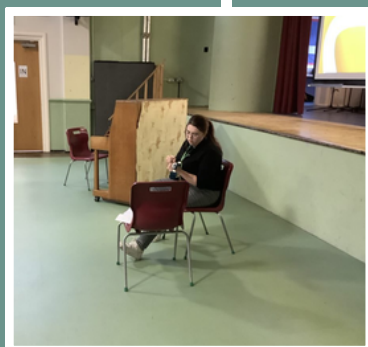
At Knockhall School, we believe in fostering not only academic excellence but also the values that shape well-rounded individuals. Knockhall Minutes is a step towards achieving this, and we invite you to be a part of this exciting journey.

For any inquiries or further details, please feel free to contact Mrs Wady DHT inclusion & Safeguarding.

KHP were entertained with some amazing live performances during the Music assembly held on Wednesday this week.

We had parents, staff and the music teacher singing and performing various instruments.

Staff and children sang along enjoying every minute of each performance.



This week year 5 have completed their learning of materials and their properties by taking part in some experiments finding out about states of matter and reversible and irreversible changes. We also learned about the 8 points of the compass, Penguins enjoyed directing their partners around the room using only compass directions and tried not to bump into one another.

In art we completed our final piece showcasing all of our skills learned during the term, we reviewed each others work - we had a fantastic art gallery in our classrooms! Finally, we ended our time looking at adventurers to the pole by completing a biography of the first man to the North Pole - Matthew Henson - we discovered that he had a very eventful life and showed us that we can achieve whatever we set our minds to if we are determined.

Year 6 Parrots have been working on their basketball skills this half term and today they ended their unit with a game of basketball!





Who is in the Golden Book This Week!



Year 1 Frankie, Saraeh, Jemimah

Year 2 - Teddy, Olivia

Year 3 - Amisha, Aiden

Year 5 - Macey, Josephine

Year 6 Aldrick, Emmanuel Pippa

STAR OF THE WEEK

Ducklings - Arda

Owlets - Jayson

Cygnets - Rosie

Swans - Scarlett

Owls - Archie M

Flamingos - Deacon

Falcons - Jared

Toucans - Reggie

Hummingbirds - Harry

Robins - Alana

Woodpeckers - Jayden

Kestrels - Temidayo

Penguins - Max

Puffins - Adora

Peacocks - Michelle

Parrots - Alvina

Eagles - Olivia L

ATTENDANCE

Ducklings - 90.63 %

Cygnets - 92.52 %

Owlets - 90 %

Owls - 84.13 %

Swans - 96.15 %



Flamingos - 88.18 %

Toucans - 90.77 %

Falcons - 96.61 %



Hummingbirds - 92.57 %

Robins - 80.27 %

Kestrels - 93.96 %

Woodpeckers - 91.09 %

Penguins - 87.68 %

Puffins - 99.05 %



Parrots - 94.79 %

Peacocks - 92.59 %

Eagles - 94.12 %

Minimum School Target - 96 %

Whole School attendance - 87.6 %

Our School Values In Action

The children have been taking part in very **respectful** discussions this week as part of Mental Health week and Safer Internet day, linking this to our school rules and values.

They have given **honest** reflections about how they can support others and ensure their happiness and safety.

They worked in **teams** to discuss key issues and we are all very **proud** of the mature conversations they have had. Well done to all!

Information for families and learning

Kent Family Hub

February Half Term sessions

Timetable Commences week beginning Monday 12th February until Friday 16th February 2024

Groups	
Monday 12th	Stay & Play 9:30am - 11:30am at Swanscombe DA10 0BS
Wednesday 14th	Family Hub Drop-in Session (There will be activities for children and young people, and information on our new Family Hub services) 11.00am - 2.00pm At Swanscombe DA10 0BS
Thursday 15th	Stay & Play 9:30am - 11:30am At Brent DA1 1UP
Friday 16th	Family Learning Little Cooks (To book your place please call Tracy on 03000 418992) 10:00am - 12:00pm At Oakfield DA1 2SW

Drop-in Clinic and Breastfeeding Support at Knockhall
Monday 12th February
9:30am-11:15am

Kent County Council
kent.gov.uk

Local Foodbanks

Midwifery Services:
Antenatal and postnatal services provided by community midwives.
Appointment only through Midwifery Office at Darent Valley on:
01322 428753 (9.00am - 3pm only)

Health Visiting Services:
Includes 6-8 week checks and Development Reviews by appointment only. For any support regarding your child's development they can be contacted on:
0300 123 2075 or
kentchft.dartforddutyhv@nhs.net

City of David Church
46-58 Lowfield street Dartford
DA1 1HJ
01322 225850

St Mary's Church
The Rectory, Mounts Road,
DA9 9ND
01322 382031

Salvation Army
Hythe Street,
DA1 1BX
01322 382031

Hive Hope
St Botolphs Church Hall,
Northfleet,
DA11 9EQ
07850 887070

Dartford Foodbank
Methodist Church, 43 Spital Street,
DA1 2DX
07434 811053

Two year olds
"Some two year olds can get up to 15 hours of Free Early Education and Childcare each week at a nursery, pre-school or with a childminder."

Born to Move
Let us join you on the amazing journey from pregnancy to your child starting school.
Download the Born to Move app
www.kentchft.nhs.uk/borntomove

Kent County Council
kent.gov.uk

@DartfordCC

www.kent.gov.uk (search Children's Centres)

Jacqueline's Gems at Knockhall Primary School

Jacqueline's Gems Childcare Services

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL At Jacqueline's Gems we are lucky to be able to provide care within the local schools.

ST FIDELIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL As we are on site we will drop and collect your children from their classrooms and return to our designated areas to play, have fun, read and socialise.

THE BRENT PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHRIST CHURCH C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL You can book school club care through our website.
www.jacqgemschildcare.com

KNOCKHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL Our booking system is with ClassforKids, it is easy to create an account and select the care you require, weekly, monthly or termly.

LIME WOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

BELMONT ACADEMY (NOT ON SITE) More information can be found on our website.

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


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Online Support and Intervention for Child Anxiety


NELFT


NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

OSI - ONLINE SUPPORT FOR PARENTS AROUND CHILDHOOD ANXIETY

Being away from caregivers

General worries

School worries

DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE PROBLEMS WITH ANXIETY?

Bedtime fears

Social worries



Phobias (e.g. spiders, dogs, injections)

& more


OSI (Online Support and Intervention) is an online platform designed to help parents to learn tools and techniques to help their child (aged 5 to 12 years old) to overcome difficulties with anxiety.


Parents work through weekly online modules that contain videos, quizzes, and interactive worksheets. Parents are also supported by a weekly telephone/videocall appointment with a practitioner.


You can access OSI at a convenient time for you using any electronic device!

Best care by the best people


Online Support and Intervention for Child Anxiety


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FEEDBACK FROM PARENTS/CARERS


"My son's anxiety has noticeably declined, and I feel much more confident...we worked together on a specific goal and I have to say it was life changing. I even used it for my daughter about a fear she had and again, I can say that it worked for her too."

"It has been tremendously worthwhile for us, and I have a happier child now as a result."

GET IN TOUCH :

Scan the QR code for more information on OSI.

If your child attends one of our schools, and you are interested in learning more about OSI and whether this is the right support for you, please email our team at:
EWTandESTenquiries@nelft.nhs.uk



Best care by the best people

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](#)

Important Dates and Events

Dates For Your Diary

- 8th February - LAST DAY OF TERM
- 9th February - INSET DAY Children not in School
- 19th February - TERM STARTS - Children back to school



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

**Achievements
Outside Of
School**



CONGRATULATIONS to Alfred from Robins Class who won a trophy!

He got man of the match for outstanding sportsmanship. He is really proud of this. (The trophy is a replica world cup)!

BOOK FAIR!

23.02.2024
TO
1.03.2024

We are proud to host the Scholastic Book fair from the 23rd February!

This will be a great opportunity to purchase books for your child. Please read the letter that has been sent out for specific details for your child's year group.



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

KHPOffice@watschools.org.uk