



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Families

Our first full week of the new academic year has gone with a BANG! Thank you for supporting your children on their Big Bang days through dressing up where appropriate. The children have thoroughly enjoyed starting their new topics. It has been lovely to walk around and see the classrooms busy with activity and children excited to learn something new. Topic overviews will be sent out to you all next week so that you understand what your children are learning this term. They will also be put onto the school website.

We welcomed our new Reception and Nursery children to Knockhall this week. Our EYFS team visited families in their homes last week and I wanted to send you a thank you for making the team feel so welcome. Thank you for choosing Knockhall Primary School. We look forward to seeing your children grow, learn and gain confidence through their years with us.

As promised, I have sent you a copy of our homework document which outlines everything that we offer for home learning. We have several parent workshops booked in so that we can support you further. There will be a workshop for each year group so that you can gain further knowledge on what your child will be learning this year and better understand the way that we teach. We will also be holding workshops on the learning platforms that we use in school and as part of our homework offer. Please keep an eye out for these but we will also send you regular reminders.

Well done to our Year 6 children who sat their Kent Grammar Tests yesterday. It was a long day, but they were amazing and worked hard. If you were expecting your child to take the tests but they were not registered to do so, please contact Kent Admissions who can help you.

Have a wonderful weekend. Miss Yiannadji and the Knockhall Team.

Best Wishes

Kathryn Yiannadji



Who Has Received a Golden Ticket This Week!



- Nursery -Eslie
- Reception -Gracie,Kaloyan
- Year 1 -Azariah,Cleo
- Year 2 -Sonia,Amanda
- Year 3 -Lara,Josiah,Isaiah
- Year 4 -Karol,Audrey
- Year 5-Feranmi,Eliana,Naomika
- Year 6 -Vybhav,Teddy,Oliver

ATTENDANCE

- Owlets -65.91%
- Owls-81.74%
- Flamingos -91.2%
- Falcons -92.68%
- Swans-90.91%
- Hummingbirds -99.13%
- Kingfishers-95.64%
- Robins -89.13%
- Kestrels-95.63%
- Woodpeckers -90.48%
- pelicans-97%
- Penguins- 97.33%
- Puffins - 94.67%
- Parrots -89%
- Peacocks -89%
- Eagles -**96.84%**
- Minimum School Target - **96%**
- Whole School attendance -90.8%

Knockhall Values Champions!!!

- Ducklings -Hadara
- Owlets-Zuri
- Cygnets -Myles
- Swans -Amalia
- Owls -Eri
- Flamingos -Ariche
- Kingfishers-Chelsea
- Falcons -Harley
- Hummingbirds -Teddy
- Robins -Eniola
- Woodpeckers -Alana
- Kestrels -Billy-Jo Martin
- Penguins-Charlie
- Pelicans-Tim
- Puffins -Max
- Peacocks -Tiegan
- Parrots -Ronnie
- Eagles-Makiya



Safeguarding

SEND Parents Drop in dates:

- 19/09/2024
- 03/10/2024
- 17/10/2024
- 14/11/2024
- 28/11/2024
- 12/12/2024

Attendance is important and falls under the schools safeguarding police and the governments Keeping Children Safe in Education (KCSIE).

It is important that your children are in school every day (even if they arrive late). Childhood coughs and colds and common illnesses are not a reason to be off school. The NHS have created a great parent guide that helps you check if your child can be in school - NHS 'Is my Child too ill for school?' Is my child too ill for school? - NHS (www.nhs.uk)

Please make sure you contact the school to discuss why your child is off school and keep communicating with us.

If you do not communicate then we will be carrying out a home visit that may result in a police welfare check.

Your children are our main priority and keeping them safe always is paramount.

If you have any questions about this, please speak to Mrs Conroy our Attendance Officer or Mrs Wady our DHT Inclusions & Safeguarding lead



EYFS

We are very pleased to welcome our nursey and reception children into school this week and what a busy week it has been. We've seen some great **teamwork** developing with children getting to know each other and staff.



We have used the story, The Colour Monster to begin to explore feelings and will continue to do so. This is a great story that will enable the children to name their feelings and begin to understand more about these feelings.



We have had the first lunchtime with the children this week and are really proud of how they adapted to the changes. Please remember to select the meal option for your child through The Pantry website.



KS1

This week in Year 2 we have been busy settling into our new classrooms and getting excited about our new topic, 'Twisted Tales'. For Big Bang day the children came dressed as their favourite fairy tale characters and had fun testing their fairy tale knowledge in a class quiz, making crowns and baking gingerbread biscuits.

Year one launched their topic, 'Magic Beans' by sharing the various fairy tales' stories we know and asking questions about magic beans. We then listened to the story Cinderella and helped to find Cinderella's missing glass slippers. We went on a search around the school using the rhyming clues her silly sisters left for us. We eventually discovered the missing slippers on the EYFS field! Finally, we sat down to enjoy the Cinderella movie in the classroom which brought the day to an amazing end.



LKS2

Year 3 started the term off with a **BANG!**

For our new topic The Stone Age, we have been learning about hunters and gatherers. We discussed how they lived and what they looked like and how this was different to today. We made Stone Age jewellery using salt dough and we recreated our own cave paintings using a variety of natural resources like chalk and charcoal.



They showed **pride** in their learning and had an amazing day learning about the stone age.

Year 4 showed great **Teamwork** during the big bang day.



UKS2

Year 6 had an exciting and immersive experience during our Big Bang Day, diving into the dramatic world of The Highwayman! They showed incredible pride and creativity, especially while drawing 3D images of Tudor houses, bringing history to life through their art. A real highlight of the day came when they heard the commanding words, "Stand and Deliver!"—just as highwaymen of the era would say—before muskets and pistols were fired. This thrilling first hand experience gave students a true taste of the past. Well done to Year 6 for their enthusiasm and hard work in making the day such a success!



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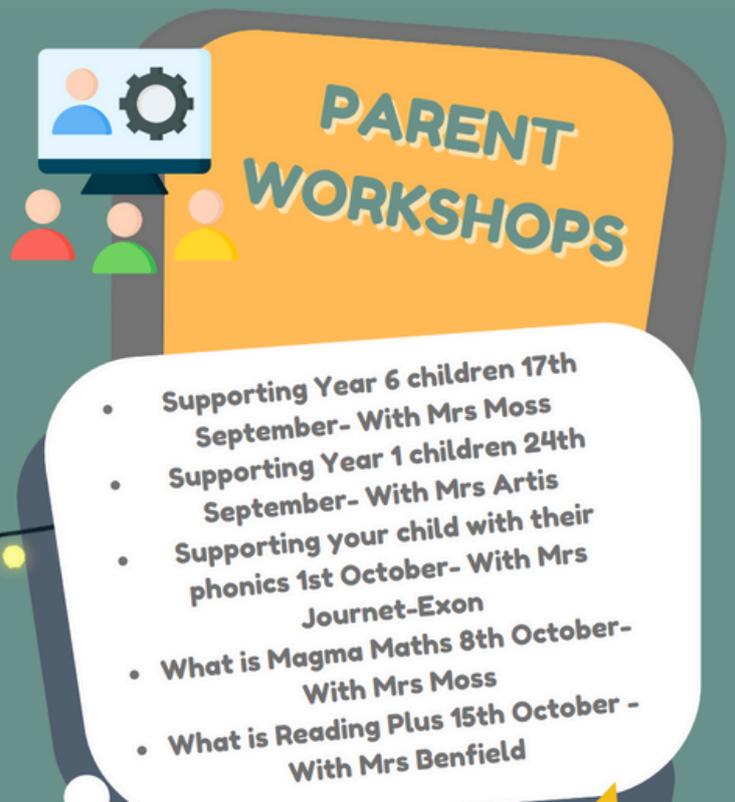
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PARENT WORKSHOPS

- Supporting Year 6 children 17th September- With Mrs Moss
- Supporting Year 1 children 24th September- With Mrs Artis
- Supporting your child with their phonics 1st October- With Mrs Journet-Exon
- What is Magma Maths 8th October- With Mrs Moss
- What is Reading Plus 15th October - With Mrs Benfield



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Dates For Your Diary



Tuesday 17th September- Supporting Year 6 children
Parent workshop

Tuesday 24th September- Supporting Year 1 children
Parent workshop

Tuesday 1st October- Supporting your child with
their phonics parent workshop

Tuesday 8th October- What is magma maths parent
workshop

Tuesday 15th October- What is reading plus parent
workshop

Monday 14th October- Whole School individual
Photos (all children to come in uniform, if your child
has PE please send this in a separate bag)

Friday 25th October- Last Day of term

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