



KNOCKHALL PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another fantastic week full of fantastic learning with the children this week. We would like to remind you again that the children should be bringing in coats now we are moving into the colder weather. Please remember these should be named so they can be easily returned to the children.

As you know, attendance continues to be a huge focus for the school – it is imperative the children are in school each day and on time. The EYFS gate opens at 8:30am and closes at 8:50am. The bus stop gate opens at 8:40am and closes at 8:50am. We would also like to politely remind parents/carers to ensure they are parking safely around the school – the zig zag, double yellow lines and bus stop should not be parked on at all to ensure the safety of the children who are travelling to and from school. We would also like to remind you to be considerate of our neighbours when parking by not blocking their driveways. Thank you for your continued support in this matter.

Next week is 'Anti-Bullying week' and the whole school community will be taking part in positive noticing day. We will be doing a range of activities throughout the week around the importance of being kind to one another and on Wednesday, all children will be given a tag to give to someone they notice something positive about. Staff will also be taking part. This is set to be a fantastic week, and we appreciate any support you can give by reinforcing these conversations at home as well.

We will end the week celebrating Children in Need. Donations to this fantastic cause can be made via buckets which will be with staff members on the gates in the morning. Children are invited to wear something yellow or spotty (or both) and will be taking part in a number of 'SPOTacular' activities throughout the day.

We will also be being visited over the next 2 weeks by Kent Fire Service and Kent Police. These services will be holding assemblies with the children explaining their roles in the community as well as answering any questions the children may have. We are looking forward to welcoming them to KHP.

We would like to thank the year 6 children who have worked diligently over the past few weeks selling poppy merchandise to the children at breaktimes as well as all of you who have donated to such a fantastic cause. We marked remembrance this week with a minute's silence during our assembly. If you are celebrating remembrance over the weekend we wish you peace and love as we remember all those who have and continue to fight to protect us.

Thank you as ever for your continued support. We wish you a fantastic weekend and look forward to seeing you back Monday.



Take care and best wishes from
Mrs Riley, Mrs 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 Round and Round the Garden. 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!

Miss Taylor



Round and Round the Garden

Round and round the garden,
Like a teddy bear.
One step, two step,
Tickle you under there!



What have the children been learning this week in Reception

Reception have been busy this week finding out about the meaning of 'community' and what this looks like for them. The children have taken to this very well and worked together to mind map all of the different communities they belong to. They have been able to talk about things that may be different from one community to another with respect and understanding towards each other. This has led to the children recording the expectations in their own home community and some of the 'jobs' they have in their home. There are some great examples shown here.



What have the children been learning this week in Year 5

Year 5 completed their 'Eggnaut' challenge linked to our topic - Reach for the stars!- by launching their pods into 'Space' (our school hall). We created pods to help our precious Eggnauts land safely after their journey through space. Unfortunately some did not make it but a couple survived.

The children really enjoyed using their previously learned knowledge of wind resistance and forces to help them use parachutes and wings to slow down the pods, their DT skills to make them and their maths skills to make sure they stuck to a budget.
Well done Y5!





GOLDEN BOOK

Year 6
Parrots - Clark
Peacocks - Penny

GOODBYE Mrs Day

Many of you will know Mrs Day who has worked to support KHP over a number of years in her role as a wellbeing coach.

Mrs Day is retiring next week with her last day being 17th November. We are very sorry to say farewell to Mrs Day and would like to thank her for all the fantastic support she has given to so many children and families over the time she has worked at KHP and our other trust schools and wish her all the very best as she spends more time with her family.

STAR OF THE WEEK

Ducklings - Nissi
Owlets - Max
Cygnets - Corey
Swans - Sonia
Owls - Nellie
Flamingos - Vinnie
Toucans - Heidi
Hummingbirds - Reagan
Robins - Ioanna
Woodpeckers - Gino
Kestrels - Denis
Penguins - Samuel
Puffins - Vybhav
Peacocks - Kaan
Parrots - Chinelo
Eagles - Linas

ATTENDANCE

Ducklings - 89.52 %

Cygnets 74.85 %

Owlets - 91.88 %

Owls - 88.57 %

Swans - 96.07 %

Flamingos - 97.79 %

Toucans - 97.79 %

Hummingbirds - 93.75 %

Robins - 89.57 %

Kestrels - 86.1 %

Woodpeckers - 97.04 %

Penguins - 84.3 %

Puffins - 97.31 %

Parrots - 96.52 %

Peacocks 96.36 %

Eagles 88.26 %

Minimum School Target - 96 %

Whole School attendance - 91.9 %

Our School Values In Action

Teamwork - well done to our Reception children who worked fantastically as teams this week during their trips to the local library - they represented the school so well. Thank you also to the parent/carer volunteers who attended - without volunteers these trips cannot go ahead.

Pride - we have been visited by some of our colleagues from other schools this week as well as some external visitors. We are incredibly proud of how welcoming the children have been and how fantastically they were able to explain their learning.

Honesty - This week we have seen many examples of children giving constructive feedback to their peers in lessons - keep up the good work KHP!

Respect - We have been very impressed with how many children have respected others property this week, picking up coats and bags which have fallen off of pegs without being asked.

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](#)

Christmas Tree Festival

Hosted by MCK at St Mary Church Greenhithe.

Friday 1st – Sunday 3rd December 2023

Church will be open Friday 1.00 – 4.00pm, Saturday 10am – 4.00pm and all day on Sunday until 4.00pm. There will be a morning Service 10.30 – 12 noon

Come along to view the Christmas trees and get in the festive spirit.

Live Christmas music by local people and groups. Join in or just listen.

Refreshments will be available.

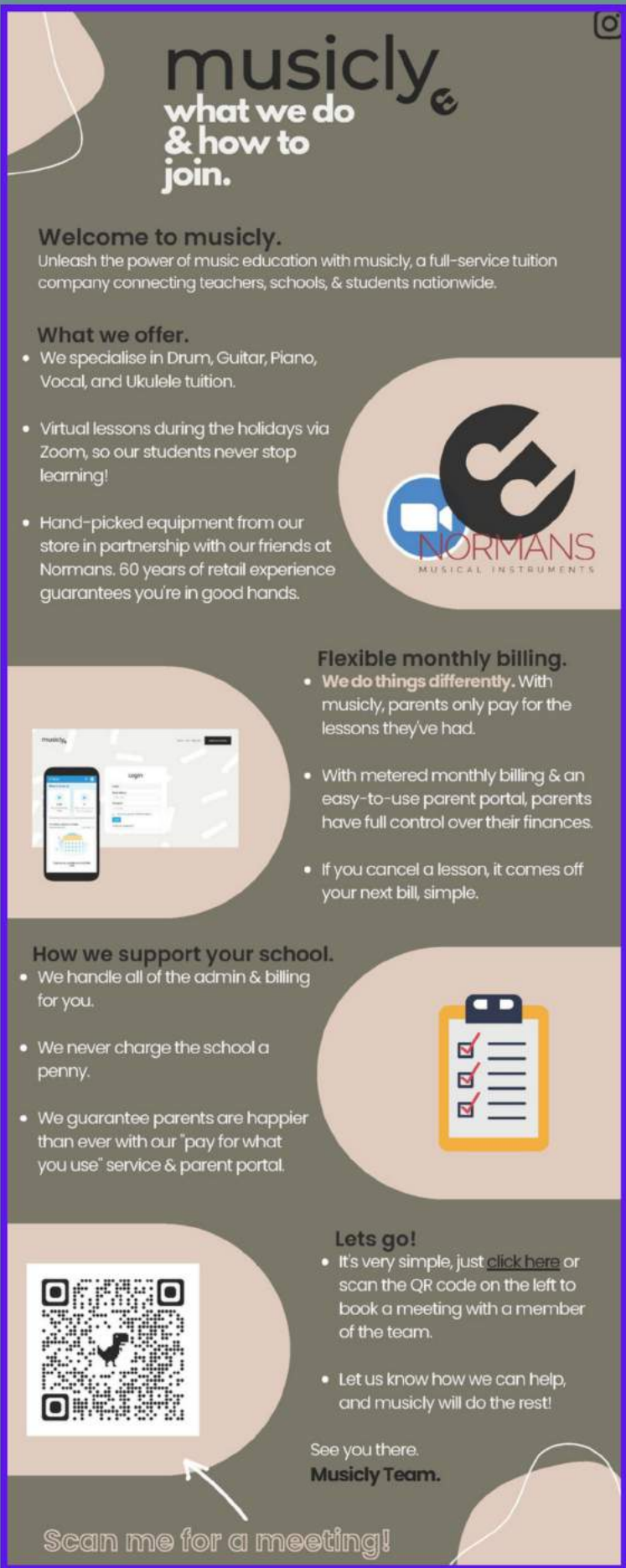


Rise and Shine it's breakfast Time at Knockhall !!!

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 who are entitled to Universal Free School Meals in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are not free.

Children should be bought in via the School Office



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what we do & how to join.

Welcome to musicly.
Unleash the power of music education with musicly, a full-service tuition company connecting teachers, schools, & students nationwide.

What we offer.

- We specialise in Drum, Guitar, Piano, Vocal, and Ukulele tuition.
- Virtual lessons during the holidays via Zoom, so our students never stop learning!
- Hand-picked equipment from our store in partnership with our friends at Normans. 60 years of retail experience guarantees you're in good hands.

Flexible monthly billing.

- We do things differently. With musicly, parents only pay for the lessons they've had.
- With metered monthly billing & an easy-to-use parent portal, parents have full control over their finances.
- If you cancel a lesson, it comes off your next bill, simple.

How we support your school.

- We handle all of the admin & billing for you.
- We never charge the school a penny.
- We guarantee parents are happier than ever with our "pay for what you use" service & parent portal.

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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For further information visit our website or email us at: info@salusgroup.org.uk

We are excited to announce that our school has adopted The Halo Code



Knockhall Primary School

- #Teamwork
- #Respect
- #Honesty
- #Pride

This means that our school champions the right of children and staff to embrace all Afro-hairstyles. We acknowledge that Afro-textured hair is an important part of our children's and staff's racial, ethnic, cultural, and religious identities, and requires specific styling for hair health and maintenance.

We celebrate Afro-textured hair worn in all styles including, but not limited to, afros, locs, twists, braids, cornrows, fades, hair straightened through the application of heat or chemicals, weaves, wigs, headscarves, and wraps.

We recognise and celebrate our children and staff identities. We are a community built on an ethos of equality and respect where hair texture and style have no bearing on their ability to succeed.

Anti Bullying Week



To kickstart our Anti-bullying week celebrations, all children are invited to wear 'odd socks' on Monday 13th November. Odd Socks Day is designed to be fun! It's an opportunity to encourage people to express themselves and celebrate their individuality and what makes us all unique!





Important Dates and Events



Dates For Your Diary

- **13th November : Odd Socks Day!**
- **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**



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

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