

Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 17th MAY 2024





Dear Parents and Carers,

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What a week we've had! Year 6 have impressed all of us by showing great resilience and determination during their national tests—SATs. On Monday, they sat a Grammar & Punctuation paper, and a Spelling test. Then Tuesday was a Reading test. Wednesday and Thursday saw Arithmetic and 2 Maths Reasoning tests. We try to make the week as



relaxed as possible with breakfast pastries and bananas for energy, chewy for concentration, slippers and a teddy for relaxation and plenty of moral support. Nevertheless some children feel the pressure, and they all overcame any nerves to conduct themselves brilliantly.

This week, we received our IQM Report following an assessment visit in April. Here's a quote form the report:

'A day spent in Knotty Ash Primary School never fails to impress. Words do not do justice to how inclusive the school is. Recognition as a Flagship for inclusive practice is genuinely deserved here. Knotty Ash has its own societal microcosm, unlike anywhere else. There are many lessons to be learned from the pupils and staff at Knotty Ash on how to live together in harmony, accepting others and embracing differences.'

The full report is on our website https://knotty-ash-primary-school.secure-primarysite.net/inclusion-quality-mark-flagship-status/

We've now held FLAGSHIP INCLUSION status for 3 years and are as proud as ever of all our children and staff!

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<u>Goodbyes</u>

Today, Year 4 said a sad farewell to Miss Gilmore who has taught them since Mrs Murphy had baby Connor, but supported the class for several months before that. We all wish her the best in her



Meanwhile in Year 2, the children said goodbye to Lily W, who has moved to another school. She's been such a lovely member of our school family and we wish her the very best of luck at her next school. A special thank you to Mrs Thornett who developed such a special bond with Lily.

Mrs Hughes has been successful in getting a job at the Children's Centre, where we know she'll thrive with new challenges and lots of families to support. Sadly, she's leaving us at May half-term. She and Mrs Colligan will spend time next week preparing the children for another change. We're planning to replace her with an adult who is already very familiar to the children.



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No, Keith isn't leaving (phew!) but he is giving up his job as School Crossing Patrol at the end of May. We know the difference Keith has made to children and families during his time on Thomas Lane and he'll be very much missed.

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We're now very keen to find a replacement for the Crossing Patrol outside school. If you know anyone who would be interested, please ask them to check the LCC website here : <u>School Crossing</u> <u>Patrol (7 Hours Per Week, Term Time) | Liverpool City Wide | May 2024</u> (liverpoolcityregionjobs.co.uk)



Congratulations to both Girls' and Boys' Football teams for reaching the LSFA CITY FINALS at LFC Academy! It's an amazing achievement to get so far. Both matches took place on Friday afternoon and Knotty Ash teams were just denied the win, but we're so proud of our incredible players!







A message for Year 6

SATs don't measure sports, SATs don't measure art, SATs don't measure music, or the kindness in your heart. SATs don't see your beauty, SATs don't know your worth, SATs don't see the reasons you were put upon this earth. SATs don't see your magic, how you make others smile, SATs don't time how quickly you can run a mile. SATs don't hear your laughter, or see you've come this far, SATs are just a tiny glimpse of who you really are. So sitting at your table, with a pencil and your test, Remember SATs aren't who you are, remember you're the best.

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We have had such an exciting week in nursery. On Monday we made a wormery and collected lots of worms from our outdoor area to put in it . We read some information all about worms - we found out they don't have eyes or ears !

On Wednesday Mrs Davies brought some snails in from her garden and we watched them all very closely- counting their feelers , looking at the snail trails and watching them eat cucumber. We touched their shells very carefully. We used magnifying glasses to count the whorls on the shells because that tells you how old they are. Our butterflies came out of their

Cocoons as well we were so excited to see the pretty colours . We fed them some fruit and sugar water while they were in the net drying out their wings and then we let them go on Thursday !

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What have we been learning? Reception





What an amazing week you have had Reception!

This week in maths we have been looking at one more and what the difference is. We have used our ten frame and number lines to help us.

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In phonics we have learned 'ai' sound and we have been practicing writing sentences with this sound in. In PE we have been practicing our throwing skills but this time we have been trying to get our bean bag into a high hoop!

There has been some amazing creations happening in our construction area this week. We have worked together as a team to build our structures and we were able to talk to our friends about our ideas.

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What have we been learning? Year 1



This week Year 1 has been beetastic! In English, the children have been learning all about bees ready to create our fact file next week. The children have learnt that bees are endangered and we need to look after them because they help us. In Maths, we're continuing with our numbers to 50 focusing on tens and ones. This week the children used everything they've learnt about Christianity and Judaism to compare the similarities and differences of the two religions. The children did really well with this, we were all so impressed! In Geography, the children looked at North, East, South and West on a compass. The children were able to tell us what was North of where they were or East for example; they worked so hard! As part of our Art lesson, the children started to create a portrait in a blue or rose colour inspired by Picasso. The children thoroughly enjoyed expressing their creative side and having the freedom to create a portrait, choosing different ideas they liked from Picasso's artwork. It has been another great week in Year 1!

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This week Year 2 have been busy writing riddles as part of their poetry topic in English! The children had fun writing these riddles and they liked reading them out for their friends to guess which animal they had chosen.

In Maths, we have begun our topic on statistics. They had a lovely time out making tally charts based on the colours of cars they watched drive passed school.

As part of our Geography topic, the children had a lesson on how to use a compass and they ventured outdoors with Mr England to find the most Northern point of our school.

This week we said goodbye to our lovely Lily! We hope she will be extremely happy in her new school. ③

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What have we been learning? Year 3









What have we been learning? Year 4



















What have we been learning?



After the madness of Eurovision, we managed to finish off some epic pieces of work. We worked on being super creative by completing our Ancient Civilisations booklets. The class worked really hard on researching Ancient Civilisations, planning their booklets and sketching pictures based on parts of these civilisations' lifestyles. It has been so interesting exploring these. Another really creative part of this week has been completing our final Alma Thomas piece. The children used a variety of media from acrylic paint to pencils to show their own abstract piece of art based on a space event that has happened in their lifetime - just like Alma Thomas. There were some beautiful canvases which we hope to invite our families in to view in the new term. Next week, we will aim to write an invitation to invite you in and to view our works of art! You will be blown away. We finished off the week by writing a descriptive narrative about the Knotty Ash nibbler (a pesky seagull that lives in the school car park) and enjoyed doing some PE with Year 2. Its been a super fun week!

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What have we been learning? Year 6







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What have we been learning? DRB 1





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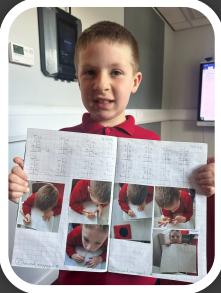


This week, Infant DRB have been amazing! We have been extremely busy in our language lessons, where we have done lots of labelling and answering who? what? doing what? questions in our writing books. In maths, we've changed our classroom into our own book shop and had fun buying two items, adding them both up to find the total and paying for it using pennies. In science, we have been looking at the different types of animals that live in the rainforest. We identified that animals can be put into groups based on the types of food they eat: carnivores, herbivores and omnivores. We have also enjoyed looking at Picasso art work and had a go at drawing Pablo Picasso too!

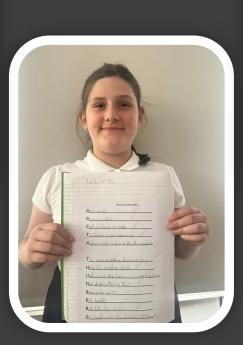
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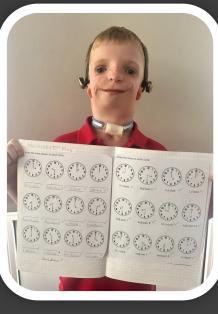


What have we been learning? DRB 2



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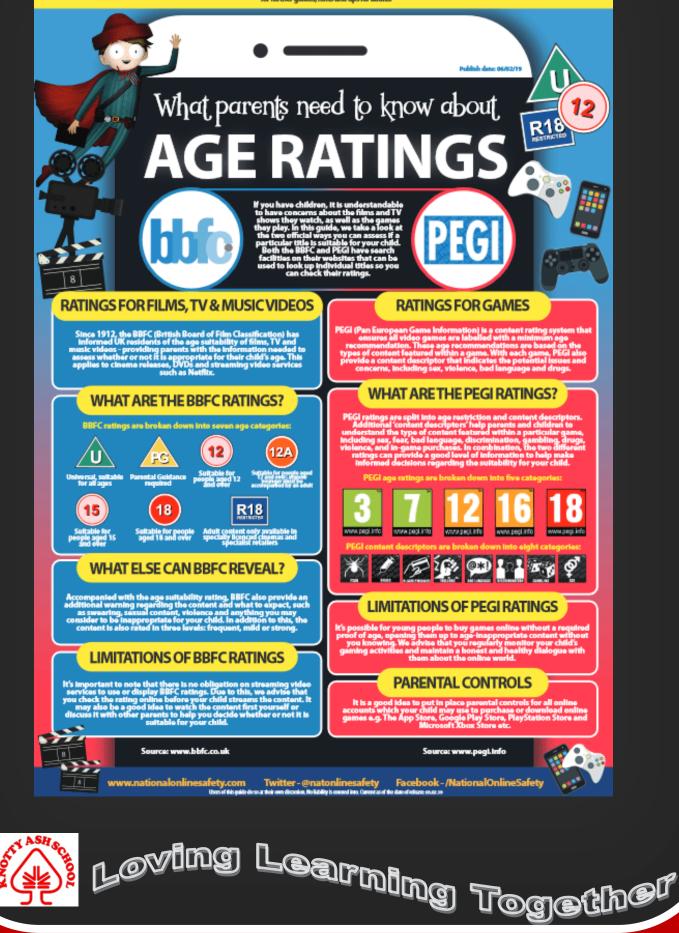


Firstly, I would like to say a huge congratulations to Alex, Lola and Luke for working so hard during their SATS - they all did so well and gave each paper 100%. Whilst Year 6 were ploughing through their tests, the rest of the DRB were working equally hard. Vinny has completed some excellent maths – he's really pushed himself! William's swimming ability and confidence is growing week by week – he now puts his face right into the water and blows bubbles! Kyra has written an inspiring acrostic poem about Greta Thunberg. Dylan can now confidently and accurately read and make times to the hour and half past the hour. Mason has been continuing to learn numbers bonds - he's doing so well and his fast recall skills are improving day by day!

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Online Safety

At National Online Safety we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information they need to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide locuses on one issue of many which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.





Message for parents and guardians of children from the Director of Public Health Professor Matthew Ashton

Have you heard the news about measles? There is a large outbreak of measles around Birmingham. Many children have been admitted to hospital. It is likely that measles could spread to Liverpool.

Measles is a nasty infection and can make you very sick if you catch it. It starts with a high temperature and a cold with red eyes. Then you get a measles rash that spreads from your face to the rest of your body.

It is very easy to catch if you are not vaccinated. It spreads through coughs and sneezes.

Measles can be very serious for some people. It can cause pneumonia, encephalitis (brain infections) and sometimes even death.

How to protect yourself and your children from measles:

The MMR vaccine prevents measles. It is very safe. You need 2 doses to protect you for life.

All children are offered the MMR vaccine. It is free on the NHS.

If your child has missed any vaccine, book an appointment at your GP practice. Check your child's Red Book if you are not sure or ask the GP practice.

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It is never too late to catch up if you have missed a vaccine.

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For more information, visit: <u>https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles/</u>



Zero ood Waste

... is a scheme to save food from landfill. It's not a Food Bank, but you can help save the planet and save money by taking home free food! There are events every day.

No booking required

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints

4 Mill Bank, Tuebrook, L13 OBN

Springwood Avenue, L19 4TX

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Warm Hub

agged Event Bookings open at 7am All Souls Church

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SATURDAY EVENTS

St Hilda's Church, Stuart Avenue, L25 ONG

Elm Hall Drive Methodist Church, Elm Hall Drive, L18 1LF

Church of the Holy Spirit, East Prescot Road,

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St Hilda's Church Stuart Avenue, L25 ONG

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We collect Zero Food Waste on Thurs and Fri, but recently, there hasn't been enough to offer out to families. As soon as we get more, we'll text out and let you know.





Packed Lunches

It can be difficult to know what to put in your child's lunchbox, but we have noticed that some children are bringing a lot of sugary items every day. For ideas and guidance, these websites are useful:

<u>60 kids' lunchbox recipes | BBC Good Food</u> <u>School packed lunch inspiration | BBC Good Food</u> <u>Healthy packed lunches - British Nutrition Foundation</u>



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11 SCHOOL DAYS of each year	94%	NEEDS TO IMPROVE		Year 4	98.0%	
20 SCHOOL DAYS of each year	90%	CONCERNS referred to Educational Welfare / Pensident, abuetaes		Year 5	92.0%	
30 SCHOOL DAYS of each year	85%	SERIOUS CONCERNS		Year 6	96.2%	

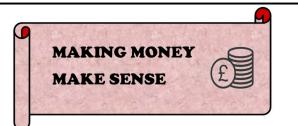
Whole school attendance this week 94.6%

Class attendance winners Year 4 98.0%

Well done to everyone who've been in school every day this week

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Do you need help or advice with:

Money management
Budgeting
Banks/credit options
Housing

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Maximising income Welfare benefits Energy efficiency

We can offer advice and support that is free, independent and confidential.



will be at Knotty Ash Community Hub Tuesday afternoon—1.00 —3.00 pm Wednesday morning 9.30—11.30 am Please contact Ruth Carson on 2284222 to make an appointment or complete a Googlform https://forms.gle/ cbwKstUAtnk15F3M7



If you are on means-tested benefits, you may be eligible for the Social Tariff, which can work out at about £12.00 a month. Most of the big providers have signed up to this, if your provider does not, then change to another company.

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Term Dates and Events

27th—31st May	HALF TERM
Friday 14th June	Reception Class Assembly—parents/carers invited!
Thurs 20th June	Nursery Class Assembly—parents/carers invited!
Thurs 27th June	Y2 Class Assembly—parents/carers invited!
Thurs 4th July	Y1 Class Assembly—parents/carers invited!





Family Activities & Support

The latest edition of the Liverpool Parenting Newsletter is here.

www.allabout-family.co.uk/liverpool

You will find new information about local support available for families and children in Liverpool, along with information regarding events and activities on offer running from March to May 2023.

We have also been sent information about Family Learning and Engagement Courses run by LCC Adult Learning Service. This can be found on our school website, link here:

https://knotty-ash-primary-school.secure-primarysite.net/family-informationand-support/

For families in receipt of benefits related free school meals, there are a variety of activities over the Summer break, all of which are free and include a meal:

https://merseyplay.com/summer-haf-holiday-activities-food-2023/

Locally, St John's Church offer a range of community groups and activities for families:

https://www.stjohnsknottyash.org/our-community

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There's also a range of groups and activities available at Yew Tree Children's Centre for parents whose children are 0-5 years.

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https://liverpool.gov.uk/children-and-families/early-years-and-childcare/ childrens-centres/yew-tree-childrens-centre/



HOUSING ADVICE OUTREACH

We can help with: disrepair, evictions, homelessness applications, landlord harassment, Property Pool Plus, rent increases and more

Location	When?	Time?
Joseph Lappin Centre (L13 5SH)	Mondays fortnightly from 4th January 2024	12pm – 3pm
Granby Toxteth Development Trust (L8 00F)	Every Tuesday	10am – 4pm
Our House, Walton (L4 6XB)	Tuesdays Fortnightly from 9th January 2024	10am - 2pm
Speke Children's Centre (L24 0TW)	Every Wednesday from 3rd January 2024	10am-2pm
Anfield Children's Centre (L4 20G)	Every Thursday	10am - 12:30pm
Liverpool Arabic Centre (L8 OTP). For Arabic speakers. translator provided	Every Thursday	10am - 1pm
Sahir House (L2 2AH)	Third Thursday of every month	1pm – 4pm
Everton Community Shop (L4 4AJ)	Last Friday of every month	10am - 12:30pm
The Brink (L1 4JN)	Every Friday	10am - 2pm

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Is my child too ill for school?



It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nurserywhen they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about <u>managing specific infectious diseases at</u> <u>GOV.UK</u>. These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason.

If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

Other illnesses Follow this advice for other illnesses:

Coughs and colds

It's fine to send your child to school with a minor <u>cough</u> or <u>common cold</u>. But if they have a fever, keep them off school until the fever goes.

Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues and to wash their hands regularly.

High temperature

If your child has a high temperature, keep them off school until it goes away.

Chickenpox

If your child has <u>chickenpox</u>, keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over.

This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Cold sores

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have a <u>cold sore</u>.

Encourage them not to touch the blister or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

You don't need to keep your child away from school if they have conjunctivitis.

Get advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

COVID-19

If your child has mild symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough, and feels well enough, they can go to school. Your child should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people if they have <u>symptoms of COVID-19</u> and they either:

• have a high temperature

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• do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

Ear infection

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If your child has an <u>ear infection</u> and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has <u>hand, foot and mouth disease</u> but seems well enough, there's no need to keep them off school. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice and nits

There's no need to keep your child off school if they have head lice but tie hair back. You can treat <u>head lice and nits</u> without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has <u>impetigo</u>, they'll need treatment from a GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment.

Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups .

Ringworm

If your child has <u>ringworm</u>, see your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

If your child has <u>scarlet fever</u>, they'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks.

Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Slapped cheek syndrome (fifth disease)

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have <u>slapped cheek syndrome</u> because, once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious.

But let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Sore throat

You can still send your child to school if they have a <u>sore throat</u>. But if they also have a high temperature, they should stay at home until it goes away.

A sore throat and a high temperature can be symptoms of tonsillitis.

Threadworms

You don't need to keep your child off school if they have threadworms.

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Vomiting and diarrhoea

Children with <u>diarrhoea or vomiting</u> should stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea for at least 2 days (48 hours).



https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

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