



# Weekly Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 19th JULY 2023

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# Latest News

Dear Parents and Carers,

This is the last newsletter of the year! There's also lots of photos and news to share with you, as I'm afraid we didn't have time to get a newsletter out to you last week; we were so busy with reports and end-of-term activities!

## Houses Celebrations

This was a chance to celebrate the end of the school year, with themed activities based on our school houses: Hogwarts, Narnia, Neverland, Oz and Wonderland.

On Monday, we welcomed creepy-crawlies, snakes and owls and on Tuesday we were visited by dragons! Bouncy castles were set up for the day on Thursday, with ice-creams for everyone too. We've also enjoyed a performance from the Red Rose Band, art workshops with Jay of @Art Global, and breathing workshops with Claire.

It's been lovely to see the children enjoying some end-of-year treats :)



## Knottyashtonbury

Thank you to everyone who joined us at Knottyashtonbury for our summer festival. Special thanks to our pupil singers: Aaliya, Maximus, Eme, Tyler, Laikyn, Finn, Sonny and William, and all the children in the KA Signing Choir.



## Ken Dodd Sports Pitch

It was lovely to welcome Lady Anne Dodd into school to officially open the sports pitch. She even took a couple of penalties—the first was an easy save for Oliver (y3) but after some coaching from y4, the second flew past Louis (y2)!



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### Knotty Ash 'Earthshot' Prize

Today, we've had an afternoon of presentations from Year 5 and Year 6 teams who have researched ways of helping the environment in school and beyond. They have been inspired by the Earthshot Prize <https://earthshotprize.org/> to pitch their chosen projects for saving the planet.



Our winning projects were:

- Rechargeable batteries from the Supersavers team
- Composting Toilets from The Heart of the Sea team
- The Seabin from the Starfish.Seasavers team

### Sports Days

During the pandemic, we held Sports Days just for children because we couldn't invite parents. We changed the races to fun activities that everyone could take part in and enjoy, rather than competitive races. Feedback from the children was that the majority preferred this format. This year, we made the decision to continue this arrangement, partly due to the disruption of building works and partly due to the unpredictable weather in the last couple of weeks. Thankfully, we've managed to dodge the downpours and hold our sports events in short bursts over the course of the week. Thanks to Mr England for making it such a lot of fun!



### Parenting Newsletter

The link for the summer newsletter for parents and carers is below. It contains a wealth of information which can be shared: <https://sway.office.com/ADqTdYICEUHNZkjj?ref=Link>

### Liverpool Family Newsletter

Please find attached the digital copy of All About Family Liverpool magazine. Inside,, you'll find advice on: Family Events in the area; New Children's Books; Transition to High School; Summer Sun Safety and Adult Education

[www.allabout-family.co.uk/liverpool](http://www.allabout-family.co.uk/liverpool)

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**Halewood Transmission Shopfloor Charities**



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Our PTFA were delighted to receive a donation of £800 from Ford's Halewood Transmission Shopfloor Charity! Huge thanks to Finn's dad and Cece's dad for putting us forward.

### Building Works

It's been an exciting end to the term with the handover of y3, y4 and y5 classrooms to the builders. The children have coped brilliantly with moving into other rooms temporarily and, of course, the weather hasn't helped with constant rain just when we could have done with using the field and forest school! Still, by the time we get back we should have beautiful new classrooms nearly twice as big as our old ones, so it will be worth all the disruption of the last two weeks. Thanks also to the staff for packing resources, moving furniture and reassuring children !



### Athletics City Championships

Congratulations to everyone in the Knotty Ash team. Special recognition to:

Leighton 1st in 75m sprint; 3rd in High Jump

Michael 1st in Long Jump

Cole 2nd in High Jump



Finally, on behalf of all the staff and governors at Knott Ash, I'd like to thank you for your support over the last year. Parents and carers, thank you for your trust in us and your collaboration. Children, thank you for doing your best and for looking after each other. And of course, thanks for all the fun and laughs and for just being the amazing people you are. Take care and have a lovely summer, Miss CB x

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Dear Year 6,

Thank you for every day you've spent at Knotty Ash. Whether you've been here 9 years or just a few months, you've helped shape our school. You've been excellent role-models and each of you in some way has made a difference to a younger person's life by helping them, entertaining them or being someone they look up to.

It has been a joy to be part of your lives so far. You are all amazing people with so much to offer the world. I hope you leave us with a belief that you can be anything you want to be and go as far in life as you want to go. Please never limit yourselves by thinking you're not good enough. You're the best 'you' there is and that's exactly what you need to be. Keep believing in yourselves.

Your resilience, positivity, friendship and inclusivity have blown us away this year.

Remember we're here whenever you want to visit or whenever you need us. We'll always be cheering you on however far away you go.

All the very best, love Miss CB x

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# Goodbye and Good Luck

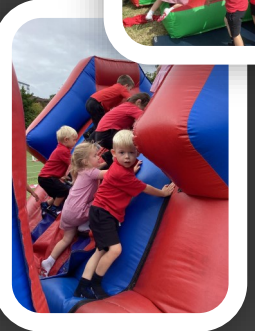
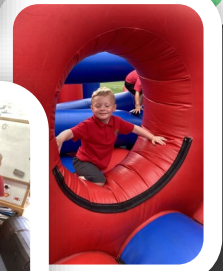
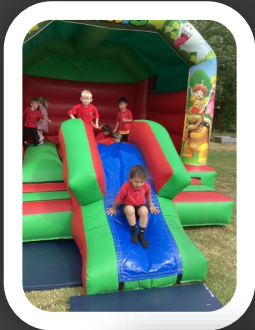
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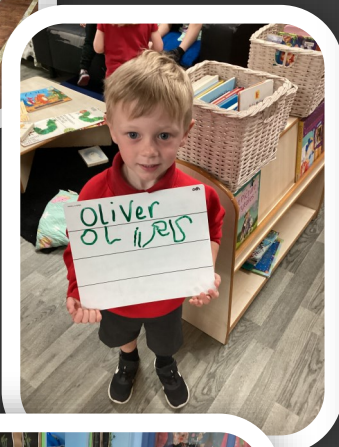
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# What have we been learning? Nursery



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This is our last full week of school and we have been very busy doing exciting things . On Monday we had Sports Day. Mr England had organised some really exciting team races for us and we all had a great time .

On Tuesday we had all the new children in to visit and in the afternoon, Miss McCann and Mrs Thornett came to teach us and we played some fun games.

On Wednesday we had a lovely concert from the Red Rose Concert Band . They were playing lots of amazing instruments that some of us had never heard played live before like a trombone and a clarinet as well as trumpets and flutes. In the afternoon we went to PE and practised our throwing and running skills on the field.

On Thursday we watched the dress rehearsal for Year 6 s wonderful end of year assembly . We all enjoyed the singing ,dancing and acting. Then we did some mark making about our favourite activities from the last few weeks.

On Friday we are going to do some phonics , learning the j sound and thinking of lots of things that begin with that sound . We are also going to do some science dissolving jelly and looking at other things that dissolve .

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# What have we been learning? Reception



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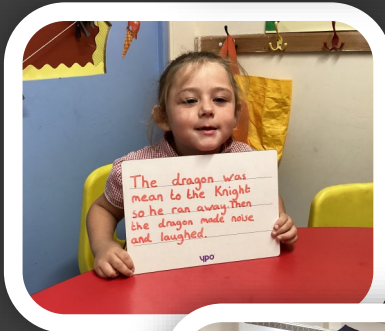
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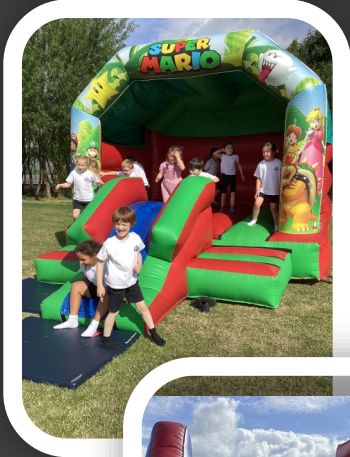
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# What have we been learning? Year 1



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# What have we been learning?

## Year 2



This week Year 2 started the week with some transition work with our Year 3 children. They all chose partners and spent time asking the Year 3's questions and talking to them about life in the juniors!! It was so nice listening to the conversations they were having about Spanish, swimming, the junior staff etc. The children certainly have a little buzz of excitement about continuing their Knotty Ash journey.

This was followed by sports games on the field in our houses teams! The children took part in running races, skipping and relay races and many more! The rain tried to put us off but we managed to get through all the races! We definitely have some competitive children in Year 2!!!

This week we have continued to work hard in maths and have been doing extra work on multiplication before we finish for the summer. We have spent time looking at odd and even numbers as well as 10 and 5 times tables! All the hard work is paying off! It's so nice watching the children have fun in maths lessons!!!

We also have a walk up to Bright Park this week with Year 1! The children had a lovely time exploring the woodland walk and forest school! Beth helped show us all around as she visits this park regularly with her dogs! Thanks Beth!!!

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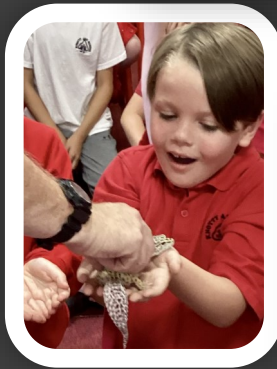
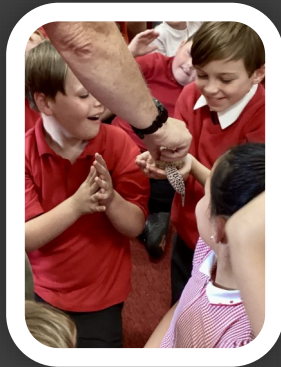
# What have we been learning?

## Year 3



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# What have we been learning?

## Year 4



This week, year 4 have had a busy one! They've done lots of PE, including sports day, and have also done lots of singing. They loved learning one of Mr Hall's favourite songs Country Roads by John Denver and also about David Bowie and Mick Jagger! It's been a great week! Thanks everyone and keep up the good work for one more week! The children also wrote their own story about a missing object from their houses, inspired by Ronnie's anecdote about someone taking her table!

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# What have we been learning?

## Year 5



We have enjoyed doing lots of nice activities during their last full week in Year 5. It has been a little different than our usual end to the year with having to move classrooms but they have coped really well with the changes. We have thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Sports Day competitions in our houses and doing team building games. Year 5 have also worked hard this half term towards their musical concert which they performed beautifully on Tuesday. They have shown they're ready for Year 6 this week! It has truly been a pleasure to teach Year 5

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# What have we been learning?

## Year 6

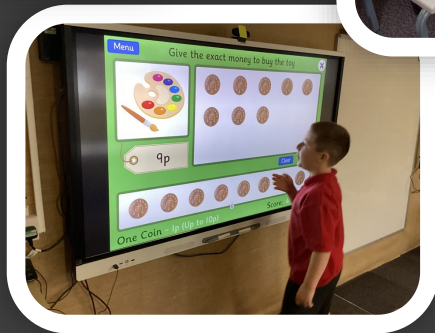


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# What have we been learning?

## DRB

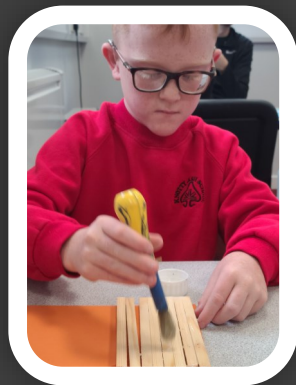


We have a busy old week in the DRB and we have welcomed year 3 and year 4 children as building work has started on their new classrooms. KS2 DRB have taken the opportunity to get into the Staffroom as much as possible – we do like to get out and about!

Both classes planned a picnic that was supposed to take place in Bright Park, but rain stopped play so we went over to the Forest School. All the children enjoyed the food planning and making. KS1 DRB had fun paying for their picnic treats using pennies to reinforce their counting skills.

Sports Day was amazing as usual and we showed lots of the skills we have developed in our PE lessons over the year.

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# Family Activities & Support

The latest edition of the Liverpool Parenting Newsletter is here.

[www.allabout-family.co.uk/liverpool](http://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-primariesite.net/family-information-and-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>

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

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

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