



Weekly Newsletter

FRIDAY 27th OCTOBER 2023

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Latest News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been a long half-term so I hope your children enjoy a good rest this week. They've thrown themselves into learning for the last 8 weeks and deserve a bit of down-time before we start again. The same goes for our staff, who regularly go above and beyond at school so I hope the half-term break is an opportunity for everyone to recharge their batteries and relax.

Special thanks to Mr England and the team of staff who accompanied Y5&6 to Ireland this week, only arriving back at 2:45am on Saturday morning! Thank you all for giving the children such a wonderful experience!

Year 5 & 6 trip to Ireland

This week, many children from Year 5 and 6 spent 4 days at Greenhill YMCA near Newcastle, Northern Ireland.



They showed great resilience and team spirit and I've heard fabulous reports about their behaviour, enthusiasm and friendships.

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Lecturing at Hope University

Well done to our Head Pupils, Alex, Jess, Emma and Amber for delivering a lecture to trainee teachers at Hope University this week. They accompanied Mr Hall to give advice on how to motivate children to learn in the classroom. The feedback from students was brilliant



Liverpool Calling performance at the ACC

Our wonderful Signing Choir delighted the audience at an event to reflect on the local outcomes from Liverpool's hosting of Eurovision. They performed the Ukrainian National Anthem (in Ukrainian Sign Language!) and the Beatles' All You Need Is Love. Well done everyone!



Food Hygiene Inspection

Finally, I'd like to say a huge THANKS and CONGRATULATIONS to our wonderful Kim and the kitchen team, who received an unannounced inspection this week and came out of it with another top rating for food hygiene standards.

Wishing everyone a happy, healthy and relaxing half-term break,

Miss CB x

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Fireworks Evening at Bright Park

On **Tuesday 7th November 2023** we are planning on holding a Fireworks Evening at Bright Park.

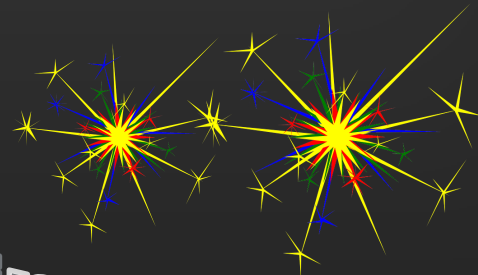
There will be hot/cold food and drinks, tuc-shop, glow-sticks and light up toys on sale. There will also be a fireworks display at the end of the evening to bring things to a close.

The gates of Bright Park will open at 6pm and the fireworks display will be at 7pm.

Tickets are priced at £3.00 each or a family ticket for 2 adults and 3 children for £10.00. Tickets will be available to order from the school office from Monday 23rd October.

This will be a ticket only event. Entrance to the event will be refused if a ticket hasn't been bought in advance.

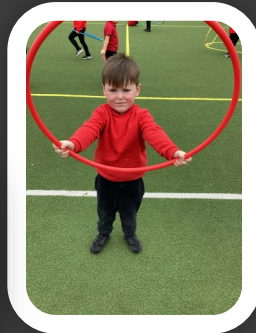
Family and friends are welcome to come and join us with our evening's festivities!



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What have we been learning? Nursery



This week in nursery we have been finding out about Diwali and how people celebrate Diwali. We read the story of Rama and Sita and then we had lots of fun acting it out. We all wanted to be the ten headed monster or the monkey king.

We did some Halloween maths- recognising and ordering numbers to 5. We also looked at pattern on our clothes and pattern on animals.

In BSL we learned to sign lots of Jungle animals with Miss Gloria and Ms Welch.

In PE we practised hoop skills and ran some races.

In continuous provision, we have had lots of Halloween and fireworks activities to get ready for Halloween night and Bonfire Night over half term.

Nursery children have had a wonderful half term and are becoming very independent with their coats and shoes and are learning to share and take turns well with their friends.

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What have we been learning?

Reception



This week Reception have had a lovely week doing all things Halloween. We loved our story of the week "A Magical Muddle", learning lots of new vocabulary.

In Maths, we started learning about 2D shapes and spotting them around our environment. Our new sounds this week in Phonics have been 'o' as in octopus and 'c' as in cat.

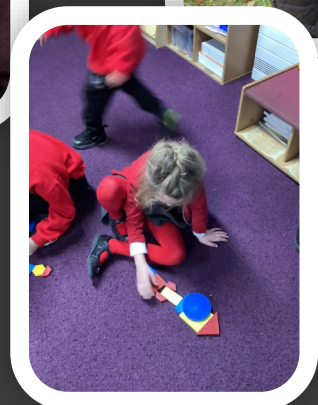
In P.E. we continued with our Squirrel Theme lessons of rolling "nuts" 🥜 and having a go at stopping them using our hands and feet. Lots of fun was had.

We hope you have a wonderful week off and we look forward to learning Diwali with you when we get back.

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What have we been learning? Year 1



What a great final week of this half term we've had! The children have been writing recounts in English. They've also recapped the sounds we've looked at so far in Year 1 to secure their understanding. In Maths, we've been focusing on shape looking at different 2D and 3D shapes.

We had the pleasure this week of going on Zoom with Lucy Casson. This is an artist the children have been learning about who has created the artwork in Alder Hey. The children were so excited to ask questions and they even got to see some of the other being she had created. The children also enjoyed doing so creative activities such as making an Autumn wreath and the leaf man.

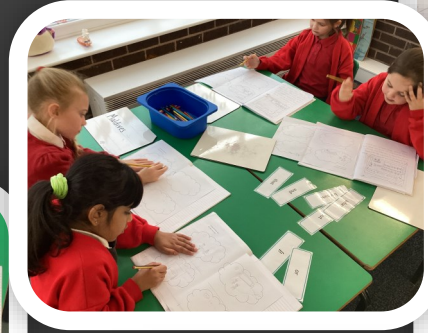
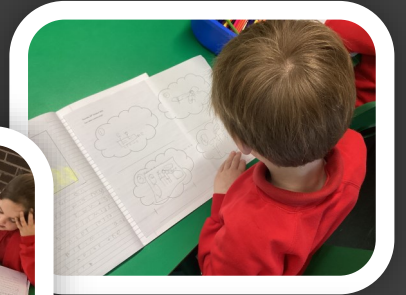
I hope you all have a lovely week off school and we look forward to welcoming the children back at the start of the new half term.

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What have we been learning?

Year 2



Year 2 have had a busy last week of half term! They are definitely ready for a rest!

In maths, we have been estimating numbers on a number line and comparing numbers! The children have worked very hard to look at the difference between amounts and numbers.

In English, the children have explored a visual literacy movie called 'Taking Flight'. The children have loved thinking of their own adventure this week and planned for and made their own comic strip!

On Tuesday, the children were very excited to have a zoom session with the artist Lucy Casson. This half term we have been exploring Lucy's art work and we even went to Alder Hey to see it. The children thought of some fantastic questions to ask her.

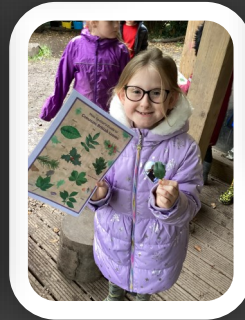
We hope the children all have a lovely half term and a nice rest with their families.

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What have we been learning?

Year 3



It's been a very busy week in year 3. We have been learning about 2D shapes in Maths and discovered Spookley the square pumpkin. The children loved our pumpkin hunt and Halloween crafts.

We had the conclusion to our observation over time experiment. The children saw that the enamel on the eggs was damaged by some of the liquids. They concluded that milk was the only liquid that wouldn't damage their teeth 🦷. The children recorded their experiment and applied their knowledge our non-chronological report writing. We also learnt about the human skeleton and made one to take home for Halloween.

We spent some time in Forest School identifying the trees by looking at their leaves 🍃 before they all fall, it is Autumn after all. The children also helped Mrs O'Hanlon to move a giant bag of soil to fill the holes around the mud kitchen.

Most of all, the children have missed Mrs Cartwright who has been in the Emerald Isle with years 5 and 6. We were very impressed by her laser tag outfit and are looking forward to seeing her after half term.

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What have we been learning?

Year 4



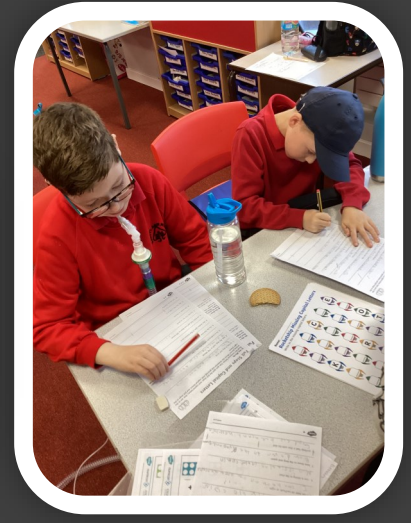
It has been a busy final week of term in Year 4. In Maths, the children have loved learning Roman Numerals to 100. In English we wrote our Non-Chronological reports on Willy Wonka's chocolate factory and improved them through editing. In Science, we learnt about the importance of the human skeleton and we were able to label some parts. We also looked at the functions of our muscles. We finished our book art on the journey of a chocolate bar in Inclusive Curriculum and discussed the importance of Fair Trade. In RE we learnt about different milestones that Jewish people encounter throughout their lives.

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What have we been learning?

Year 5&6

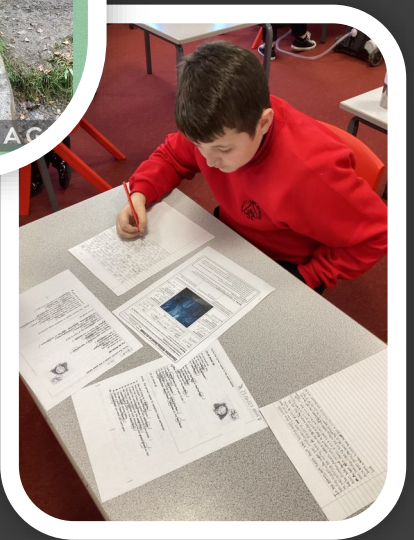


The children in Year 5 and 6 who happily stayed in school for the week, enjoyed multiple activities. On Tuesday they engaged in Forest School, collecting leaves, sticks, stones etc to create their own faces. On Wednesday, the children completed a brief piece of descriptive writing. A couple of children went out of school to deliver letters around the neighborhood to inform residents about our upcoming firework display event. In the afternoon, following on from Spanish and BSL the children worked in pairs to plan an end of year 'Overall House Winners Party', using a budget of £300. They used iPads to find prices for food, drink, bouncy castles, decorations etc. On Thursday morning, some children enjoyed a swimming trip. Those who wished to stay in school, engaged in creating Halloween themed pop-up characters, using lots of fine motor skills. Thursday, the children used the laptops to create a power point presentation putting all of their thorough research together. Mr Buck developed their ICT skills further in the afternoon. Friday the children presented their presentations and WOW! What a party they can throw! We had lots of fun in PE and played a chess tournament in the afternoon with Mr Steel's expertise. The children enjoyed biscuits and extra breaks and are ready for a well-deserved week of half term!

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What have we been learning?

Year 5&6



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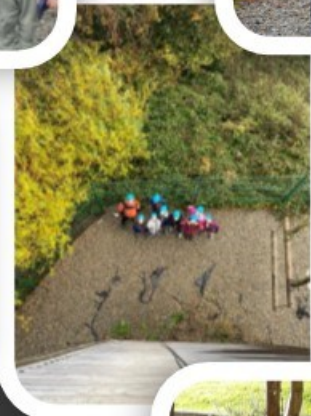
A special big thank you to our staff team for giving the children such a brilliant trip!



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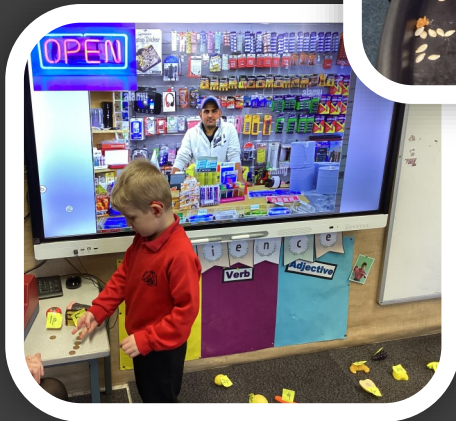


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What have we been learning?

DRB 1



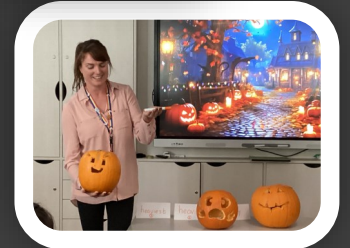
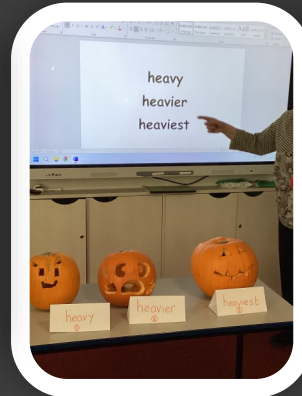
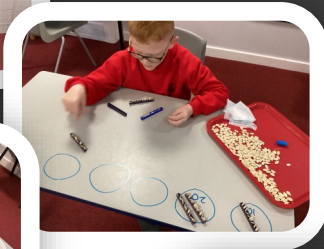
What a lovely week we have had in KS1 DRB. We have been discovering where we live in the UK. We searched and found our house online using google maps and then looked at how far it is from our school. It was super cool to walk around the areas using street view too! We have also been looking at the four countries that are part of the UK: England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales and labelled these on the map. In Maths, we carried on polishing up our addition skills using 1p coins, we are improving every time we practise! Finally, in science, we had a fun afternoon looking at healthy and not healthy foods and sorting them into two groups. We all love cake, but we now know that eating too much of cake is not good for you.

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What have we been learning?

DRB 2



It has been the season to have some spooky learning in KS2 DRB!

We were excited to wave goodbye to our Y5 and Y6 pupils who visited the Emerald Isle this week.

Then we started learning all about Hallowe'en traditions and had some spooky BSL stories! We designed our pumpkins and identified which 2D shapes we would use to help make our carvings look incredible. We then discussed the weight of the pumpkins and decided which of them was 'heavy', which one was 'heavier' and which one was the 'heaviest'. We used the pumpkin seeds to polish up our multiplication skills and were surprised at just how many facts we already knew.

We are all ready for some holiday fun and relaxation so we can start next term fully re-charged and ready to learn.

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Attendance



| Class | Attendance |
|-----------|------------|
| Reception | 82.3% |
| Year 1 | 85.4% |
| Year 2 | 92.5% |
| Year 3 | 93.8% |
| Year 4 | 94.4% |
| Year 5 | 94.8% |
| Year 6 | 99.3% |

Whole school attendance this week **91.8%**

Class attendance winners **Year 6 99.3%**

Well done to all the children who were in school every day. However, overall attendance has fallen a lot in some classes. Please contact us if you are unsure about whether or not to keep your child off school.

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Term Dates and Events

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| Friday 27th October | School finishes at 3:20pm for half-term (after-school care still available) |
| 30th Oct—3rd Nov | HALF TERM WEEK |
| Monday 6th Nov | Inset Day—school closed |
| Tuesday 7th Nov | School reopens at 8:50am (breakfast club available) |
| Tuesday 7th Nov | Knotty Ash fireworks at Bright Park |

Term dates for this year and next year are available on the school website:

<https://www.knottyashprimaryschool.co.uk/school-term-dates-and-inset-days/>

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**MAKING MONEY
MAKE SENSE**



Do you need help or advice with:

Money management

Maximising income

Budgeting

Welfare benefits

Banks/credit options

Energy efficiency

Housing



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



Signs of a Rainbow CIC

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/
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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-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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It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school or nursery when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). 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 [cough](#) or [common cold](#). 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 [chickenpox](#), 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 [cold sore](#).

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 [symptoms of COVID-19](#) and they either:

- have a high temperature
- do not feel well enough to go to school or do their normal activities

Ear infection

If your child has an [ear infection](#) and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

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Hand, foot and mouth disease

If your child has hand, foot and mouth disease 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 head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Impetigo

If your child has impetigo, 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 ringworm, 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 scarlet fever, 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 slapped cheek syndrome 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 sore throat. 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 diarrhoea or vomiting 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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