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Weekly Newsletter

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& Friday 19th September

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Latest News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first weeks back at school and for some, the first ever full weeks at school! The summer holidays are now a distant memory as we pick up pace into the Autumn Term at our school.

A huge congratulations to our praise card winners this week who were: Louis, Steven, Ebony, Mohammed-Zayn, Martha, Joseph, Clara & Emelia.

Also, due to their not being a newsletter last week, we also would like to say a massive well done to last week's praise card winners, who were: Louie, Daisy, Sonny, Patrick, Poppy, Frankie & Vinny.

A quick note to say welcome to the Knotty Ash family to our newest members of staff. Mr Myles has joined us as our Y4 class teacher. We have also welcomed Miss Shea, Mr Watkinson, Miss Williams & Miss Fleming as support staff to various parts of the school. Mr Hourston has also joined our caretaker team in school and Miss Danescu as a cleaner. And welcome back to Miss Haws who returns to school next week after the birth of her first child.



A big well done to all of our new Reception children that have completed their first couple of full weeks at school! We have been so impressed already with the things you have shown us you can do. Keep it up Reception and welcome to Knotty Ash!

We'd all like to say good luck to Mrs Murphy, as today was her last day in school for a while. She is due to give birth soon so will have her hands full at home for a while welcoming her latest addition to the Murphy family! Good luck and see you soon.

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Just a reminder to ensure that you have your child's name on all of their clothing and belongings. We currently have over 10 bin bags of lost property in school which we are unable to continue to store. We will once again attempt to return this to you next week by putting it all in the pergola on the KS1 yard. Please come and see if there is anything you can give a home to as after next week it will be going to charity.

Please ensure all medication and inhalers are given in to the school office clearly labelled with your child's name on. Please check that inhalers are still in date.



A reminder that all of your child's homework and spellings will be given via Seesaw. If you haven't done so already, please download the Seesaw app to your mobile or device .

We are delighted to share the our school have achieved the Bronze Primary Geography Quality Mark. This national award celebrates the quality of our geographical curriculum, recognising how we inspire curiosity, build knowledge of the world, and give children exciting, hands-on learning experiences. We are extermrly proud to have won this award. A huge thank you to Mrs Rigg for all of her hard work in developing Geography across our school.



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We are delighted to announce that we, Knotty Ash Primary School and Deaf Resource Base, have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2024/25 academic year.

The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

This is awarded for our work providing a range of opportunities for young people to compete in local inter-school competitions this year and our sporting achievements. We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.

As part of our application, we were asked to fulfill criteria in the areas of participation, inclusion, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to all our staff, parents and families that continue to work hard to allow our pupils these sporting opportunities. A big thank you to Miss Hunter for pulling everything together for the application for this award.

We look forward to applying once again in 2026!

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For children who have swimming lessons this year, please see the letter below. Children will not be allowed into the swimming pool if they are wearing false nails or jewellery.



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School swimming lessons

Dear Parent,

Your child is due to take part in school swimming lessons with SIL. Your child's health and safety are our priority, and I would like to make you aware of the following requirements, in advance of the lessons starting.

Swimming hats

All children must wear a swimming hat – if there are individual concerns regarding this, please speak to your child's schoolteacher who will contact us directly.

Glasses

Children wearing glasses will need to remove these whilst in the pool.

False nails

For the purposes of school swimming false nails refers to any nail that involves the use of UV light, including but not limited to builder gel, acrylic nails, nail wraps & shellac. This also includes any nails that are bought and stuck on with nail glue.

No child will be allowed to take part in the lessons if they have any of the above type of nail, this is not only to protect their safety but also that of others.

This does not apply to standard nail varnish, which is removed using standard nail varnish remover.

Earrings & jewellery

These should be removed before attending swimming lessons. If they are unable to be removed your child must have small stud earrings in and these must be covered using the swimming hat. All jewellery should be removed before attending the swimming lesson. If they are unable to be removed your child will be required to wear tight fitting clothes, over the top of the jewelry, to ensure it is held tight to the skin. You will be provided with a letter to sign for this.

Should you have any questions or queries please speak to your child's schoolteacher who contact us if necessary.

Kind Regards

Meet the Teacher

Tuesday 30th September
3.30pm-4.30pm

We would like to invite you all into school on this date to come and meet your child's teacher and have a look around our school. All teachers will be available for you to chat to during this time and answer any general questions you may have.

This is a fairly informal evening so we ask if there is anything more specific you wish to chat to your child's teacher about, please make an individual appointment on another evening.

You will be free to walk around the whole school on this evening and see the different areas and provisions we have in place for your children.



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Class News

Nursery



This week has been our first full week altogether in class and we have really enjoyed exploring all the different areas of our setting - indoors and out doors. We have been doing some Autumn crafts- autumn trees and hedgehogs. We enjoyed our first PE lesson on the all weather pitch and the adventure playground as well . We have enjoyed listening to stories and singing rhymes.

Reception

Our new reception class have had an exceptional start to their school year! They are already settling into their new routines and are enjoying exploring their new classroom! We have begun our topic 'My Family and Me' and we've had lovely discussions about how all our families are special! The children have all loved their dinners in the hall and had fun playing games in PE!

What a wonderful class! Myself and Mrs Wood are looking forward to the year ahead!



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Class News

Inf. DRB

This term, we have begun our BSL story topic with Ann, starting with The Three Billy Goats Gruff. The children have been exploring the characters and comparing them by size – big, medium, and small. In Maths, we have been focusing on place value, developing our understanding of numbers within 1–20. We also thoroughly enjoyed sharing our summer holiday news and photos – it was lovely to see what everyone had been up to! We joined mainstream for our first Year 1 computing lesson, where the children had great fun learning how to program a Beebot to move forwards, backwards, and turn around.



Year 1



We've had a lovely first full week in Year 1. We began looking at growing up and the different stages we go through in life. The children really enjoyed sorting photos, from being a baby to an adult, of the teachers in their class. They've also explored the story Paper Dolls by Julia Donaldson and secured their understanding of numbers within 10.

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Class News

Year 2

Year 2 have settled in so well to their new class, I am thoroughly impressed with all of them. We've wasted no time getting down to hard work: In English we've been watching the film 'Up!' - using it as a stimulus to ensure our basic skills in sentence writing are at a good standard. In Maths, we've been studying Place Value and using a range of resources to identify tens and ones. We've also completed our annual self-portrait in art, using correct technique to proportion the face properly. In P.E. our topic this term is footwork and static balance, so we've been doing a variety of drills to develop these skills. Have a great weekend everyone!



Year 3



Year 3 have settled well into the Juniors, making a brilliant start to the year. In English they have been looking at advertising techniques in order to begin persuasive writing later in the half term. In Maths we have been representing and partitioning numbers into tens and ones. During Inclusive Curriculum lessons we have been looking at the journey of the chocolate bar.

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Class News

Year 4

Year 4 have settled in very well to the start of the year. They have started with place value in maths and have excelled in this topic, using concrete resources to practice grouping numbers. They have begun exploring persuasive writing through adverts and have started to create their own product (chocolate bar) which will be used when creating their own advert. They really enjoyed the introduction of the new "game" in P.E, pass the buck and have also practised their balance and co-ordination through obstacle courses that we created as a class.



Year 5



Year 5 have had a fantastic first few weeks back to school! It has been wonderful to see a smile on everyone's face each morning. The class have been working very hard across all lessons and enjoyed producing some 'Year 5 Dream Jars' to display in our new classroom!

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Year 6

Year 6 have settled into the new school year amazingly and have impressed all the adults with their mature, hardworking attitude. A highlight of this week was creating realistic self portraits by on adding tone and texture to our sketches. We also really enjoyed investigating gravity and spotting patterns with mass and size by measuring, and drawing planets outside in the playground.



Jun. DRB



The children had so much fun creating imaginative self-portraits using waste food, inspired by the Italian painter Giuseppe Arcimboldo. This creative activity was part of the World Food Day celebrations, marking the 80th anniversary of the Food and Agriculture Organization. While making their portraits, the children also learned about healthy diets, biodiversity, and the importance of sustainable food systems. Enjoy looking at these cheeky faces!

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Local news & events

Please have a look at these two sporting opportunities for children that are happening close to school. If we have any budding girl rugby or netball players, then they might be of interest to you.



SEFTON RUFC
England Rugby

GIRLS RUGBY
ACTIVITY DAY
SATURDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER 2025

1PM ARRIVE
ARTS & CRAFTS
RUGBY ACTIVITIES
3PM SNACKS AND DRINKS
3.30PM RWC SEMI-FINAL WATCH PARTY

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UNITY NETBALL CLUB

Unity Netball Club are looking for girls in Year 5 & 6 to join our fun, welcoming and inclusive club.

The sessions are on Wednesday's 5-6pm at Holly Lodge Girls College

Register your interest on our join us page
www.unitynetballclub/join-us

Hoping you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend. Thank you for all the support you give to us as a school.

Mr. England

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