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# Weekly Newsletter

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# Latest News

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another fast yet brilliant week at school that seems to have passed in the blink of an eye. This week and last week has seen the return of sporting events across school, in particular football and cross-country.

Please don't forget that next Tuesday we are having our Meet the Teacher evening when you can come in to school to have a look around and chat to your child's teacher. You are welcome to walk around the school on this evening to see all of the different areas.

Our cross country team began their season last week, running at Croxeth Park. It was lovely to see both our girls and boys teams competing at such a large event. We had some new faces competing their first race for the school too. There were some excellent runs and some personal bests achieved, so a huge congratulations to all who competed. Please ask your child to see Miss Hunter if they would like the opportunity to be a part of this team in the future.



Our prospective Y6 Head Pupils took centre stage on Tuesday morning as they gave their speeches to the rest of the school in a bid to be voted into the roles by their peers. A huge well done to all who presented as it was clear that they had all spent considerable time preparing their speeches and thinking about what they wanted to say. Of course, not all could be voted in, however, I am delighted to say that our new Head Pupils for this academic year are...Rosita, Raaya, Mohammed-Zayn & Alfie.

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### Our School Uniform



Just a reminder to all about ensuring your child is wearing the correct uniform for school. Your child's footwear should be black, not brightly or multicoloured. Long hair should be tied back so that it is not in their face. The wearing of jewellery (except stud earrings), false nails or make-up is not allowed in school. On your child's PE day, they should come into school wearing the school PE kit, with their school jumper or cardigan on. Branded jumpers or hoodies are not to be worn into school on these days.

We will once again be holding our Bonfire Night event at Bright Park this year on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Tickets will go on sale soon from the school office, please try to buy these early to avoid disappointment. We are only allowed to sell a limited number of tickets for this event so get yours as soon as they are on sale to ensure you can get in. This event does sell out. I will email out more information on this event in the coming days.



At Knotty Ash we aim for 100% attendance for all of our pupils. Remember that school lessons start at 8.50am, any time after this then your child is late. Classroom doors open at 8.40am. Please remember to phone each day to report your child's absence. If you do not do this then your child will be given an unauthorised absence mark and the school office will look to contact you in order to explain the absence. All children must be accounted for each day.

Attendance this week is as follows (we aim for every class to be above 98%):

Reception - 89.6%, Year 1 - 88.8%, Year 2 - 97.1%, Year 3 - 96.4%

Year 4 - 95.3%, Year 5 - 95.9%, Year 6 - 96.3%

**Attendance winner this week - Year 2!**

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# 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



Nursery have been reading the story of *Peace At Last* by Jill Murphy. We had great fun making all the household sounds which kept Mr Bear awake. We joined in with the repeated refrain "Oh no I can't stand this!" We acted out the story in class. Nursery have been sorting different colours using beanbags and dinosaurs. We enjoyed beanbag activities and games in PE.

## Reception

This week reception have enjoyed their first week in forest school! They had fun exploring the space and playing in the new playhouse we have there! They also had an amazing dance session and have already started to learn a dance routine!

In literacy, the children have been enjoying the story "The Something" by Rebecca Cobb! They have been making excellent guesses about what they think is at the bottom of the hole!!!



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# Class News

## Inf. DRB

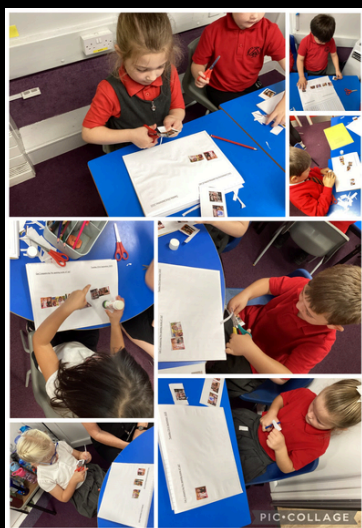
We've had a brilliant week in Infant DRB! This week began with a special Roald Dahl Day on Monday. The children had lots of fun exploring the world of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory – from looking at all the sweets, to making their very own peppermint creams. They also painted some sparkly spiral lollipops to go with the theme!

We've continued enjoying our storytelling with The Three Billy Goats Gruff, focusing on questions like Who? and What? to build our understanding of the story.

Another highlight of the week was our very first Forest School session. The children loved exploring the surroundings and discovering the new house – they really got stuck in and embraced the adventure!



## Year 1



This week, the children have enjoyed exploring the film, Up looking at adjectives to describe the characters and focusing on Carl's emotions throughout the film. We've also learnt about an artist called Lucy Casson who was the lead artist in designing pieces for Alder Hey Children's Hospital. The children enjoyed looking at her drawing and sculptures discussing which they liked and why. They also looked at how their local area has changed over time. We looked at our school and Alder Hey Children's Hospital; they then sorted photos using the language past and present.

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# Class News

## Year 2

It's been a very productive and fun week in Year 2. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting Coach Sam, who took them for an outdoor adventure session on Monday and led them through a bunch of challenging team activities. They all made revolting recipes in honour of Ronald Dahl on RD Day and in Maths the children are getting to grips with partitioning two digit numbers in different ways, beyond just tens and ones. Have a great weekend everyone!



## Year 3



Year 3 have had an amazing week learning about Quentin Blake after Ronald Dahl day last week, drawing Willy Wonka beautifully during their Art lesson. The children have also worked on expanded noun phrases to describe him in English. In Maths they're beginning to represent numbers to 1000 splitting them into hundreds, tens and ones.

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# Class News

## Year 4

Year 4 started their week with some team building activities that they really enjoyed.

They also had lots of fun exploring balanced diets in science and creating an eatwell plate.

Their P.E was focused on balance and space this week and they all engaged really well when playing space invaders.

They also enjoyed computing as well as making some bookmarks for Roald Dahl day which we have been using throughout the week when reading Charlie and the chocolate factory.



## Year 5



Year 5 have worked very hard this week, in Maths we have been developing our place value knowledge by focusing on comparing and ordering numbers as well and recapping on our rounding skills to 10,100,1000 and even 100,000! Across our English and Inclusive Curriculum lessons we have been exploring the transatlantic slave trade and Liverpool's involvement with the children producing a leaflet to document their research. They have also enjoyed their first dance session last week and the girls loved having the women's rugby in to kick off their week on Monday! The Year 5 team have been so impressed with the children during their swimming lessons so far this year, it has been wonderful to see them making progress and gain more confidence in the water!

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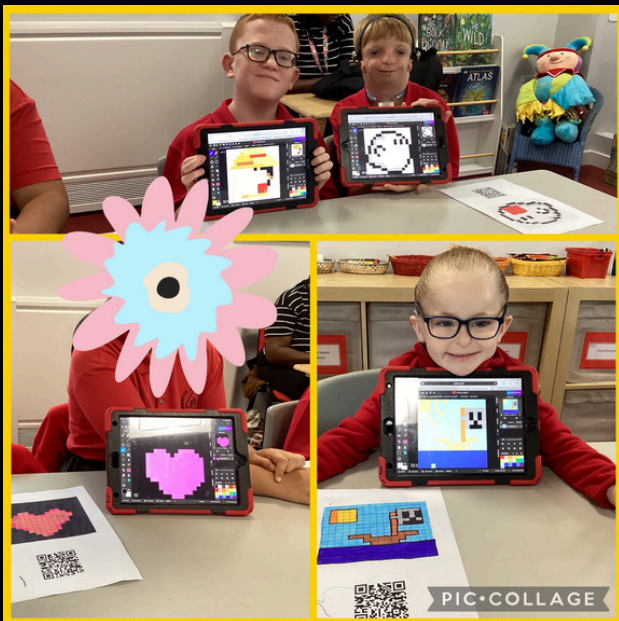
# Class News

## Year 6

Year 6 have worked really hard this week and fully thrown themselves into our new topic, learning all about the slave trade and the journey of a slave. Year 6 created some beautiful booklets and found it really interesting looking how the impact of the slave trade can still be seen in our city today. In art, we have continued looking at the Kingdom of Benin and created observational drawings of Benin Bronzes using charcoal. Twelve brave pupils also may us very proud on Tuesday standing up in front of the whole school for their head pupil speeches, they were all amazing! Keep up the hard work year 6!



## Jun. DRB



Whilst some of our Junior DRB children went swimming, others enjoyed an exciting computing lesson with Mr Birss. The children had a great time creating their own pixel art!

First, they designed their pictures on a 16 x 16 grid using paper. Then, they brought their designs to life by recreating them on the computer. The results were amazing – so colourful and creative!

Well done to all the children for their fantastic work!

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Have a fantastic weekend everyone, well done for making it to Friday!

*Mr. England*

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# Local news & events

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## ONLINE SAFETY NEWSLETTER

### MANAGING DIGITAL FRIENDSHIPS – ONLINE VS REAL-WORLD FRIENDSHIPS

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#### ONLINE VS REAL-WORLD FRIENDSHIPS

Online games and apps make it easy for children to form friendships, especially when they share interests or enjoy playing together. For children, this can feel exciting and fun - but it's important to remind them that people online may not always be who they say they are. Unlike real-world friends, we can't truly know the person behind the screen.

Encourage your child to play and chat only with people they know in real life, and let them know that they should always come to you if someone online makes them feel unsure, upset, or uncomfortable. Keeping communication open helps children enjoy the benefits of online play while staying safe.



#### IMPERSONATION

One of the biggest dangers children face online is the threat of **impersonation**. When online friendships are formed that exclusively remain online, it becomes difficult to determine whether the person they're speaking to is genuine.

Children should be taught to watch out for signs that someone online may not be who they say they are – such as asking for personal information or giving incorrect details. As a parent, it's also a good idea to check in if your child starts talking about a 'new friend' they've met online.

Scan the QR code to find out more:



#### APP SPOTLIGHT - STEAM



This week's app spotlight is **Steam**.

Steam is a popular online platform where users can buy, download, and play games. While many games on Steam are aimed at older players, there are also child-friendly options available.

Parents should be aware that Steam also includes social features, allowing users to add friends and chat.

- Steam requires users to be at least 13 years old to create an account.
- Not all games on Steam are suitable for children. Check the age rating and read reviews before allowing your child to download or play any game.

Scan the QR code to learn more:



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