

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 24th October





Latest News

Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy Friday everyone, and with that we draw a close to the first half-term of the year. A big thank you for supporting your children's learning with us this half-term. It has been lovely to see them come back after the summer break and get straight back into the swing of things. We are excited to see what they are able to achieve over the rest of this year, however, before that have a lovely half-term break!

TT Rockstars Day!

Tuesday was TT Rockstars Day in school. Thank you to all of our families that supported with this at home, enabling your children to access the app and learn their times tables. Here are a few photos from our fantastic, number-filled day!



England Trials!

A special mention to Dylan from our Junior DRB. Last week Dylan attended trials for Deaf England football team. Dylan has done superbly to get to this level and we are so proud of what he has achieved. He now has a litte wait until he finds out the results of his trials, but we all wish him good luck! We will let you know of any updates when we hear.



Attendance

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 - 94.67%, Year 1 - 94.52%, Year 2 - 97.42%, Year 3 - 90.97%

Year 4 - 87.50%, Year 5 - 95.76%, Year 6 - 91.94%

Attendance winner this week - Year 2!





Our Bonfire Night event is now sold out. Due to demand, Bright Park are going to be putting on a second event on November 5th, with a display at 7.45pm. Tickets for this second event can be purchased from Bright Park only.





Nursery



We have had lots of fun this week getting ready for Halloween.
We have been reading Funny Bones by Janet and Allen Arlberg. We have made house shaped books retelling the story. We have been drawing skeletons on black paper with oil pastels. We had great fun in Forest School doing a Halloween Scavenger Hunt and doing some autumn leaf weaving pictures. In maths we have been looking at repeating patterns using objects in class and doing clapping patterns with our bodies.

Reception

In maths, we have been looking at 1 more! We have counted cubes and counted out 1 more in many ways. We even had a magic one more machine in our class!

We looked at the artist, Andy Warhol and his pop art! We then became artists for the afternoon and made our own pop art using apples! Our class pop art display is amazing!





Inf. DRB

In Infant DRB, we've had a wonderfully creative week! We went on a local walk around our area and used our tick sheets to spot different buildings such as a church, Aldi, and Sainsbury's. We then walked to Alder Hey to look at the Lucy Casson sculptures, which we really enjoyed. Back in school, we had a fantastic go at sketching Lucy Casson's sculptures in our sketchbooks. Continuing with our art theme, we also created some amazing spider artwork!



Year 1



This week the children enjoyed their trip around the local area. They spotted different landmarks around Knotty Ash; visited Springfield Park and then went to Alder Hey Children's Hospital to look at Lucy Carson's artwork. They really enjoyed their trip and were very sensible. In preparation for our trip, we looked at an aerial view of Knotty Ash and located different landmarks as a group. In Maths, we've began our new topic of addition and subtraction firstly focusing on parts and wholes.

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Year 2

!This week has been particularly enjoyable because the children had a lovely class trip on Tuesday, walking around their neighborhood to identify shops and services as part of their local geography topic AND meeting Betty the school liaison at Alder Hey Hospital who showed us all of Lucy Casson's wonderful artworks around the site. Lucy's work so clearly has the children who are being treated there at the forefront of her mind, her various creatures and designs on the glass are friendly, fun and reassuring and the children loved hearing all about how they were created and installed. In English, our study of Up! is being turned into an end of term piece that focuses on good basic grammar and using interesting adjectives to exaggerate and persuade people to visit Paradise Falls and in Maths, our number fact families are coming along well. Have a great weekend everyone!



Year 3

Dist wanted to say a guick Thank you for the amozing letters! whe all had such an amozing day, that you are all welcome so come back and see us! Keep reciding!

Year 3 (now Year 4!) wrote letters of thanks to The Storybarn at Calderstones Park for our fabulous Heritage Hunters trip last term. They walked up to the postbox to send them at the end of summer and were thrilled to receive a reply a few weeks ago. Not only did they find 2 letters in the parcel but also a wonderful gift, handmade by one of our volunteer guides, John. They were so happy!

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Year 4

At the start of the week year 4 had lots of fun playing team-based games in P.E while blindfolded. They also had lots of handwriting and times table practise, enjoying lots of fun games for their times tables. In English they have been preparing for their showcase write by writing their own information report, which they will later edit, on fairtrade. They have tried really hard in their maths topic this week which is column subtraction. They had lots of fun with our class debate on Friday which was centred around the statement "we are what we eat". They finished off the week with some happy breathing activities.



Year 5



Year 5 had a very exciting week topped off with our TTRS day on Tuesday. The children had a blast dressing up as rockstars and we spent the afternoon playing the keyboards during our music lesson and designing our own albums covers! On Wednesday afternoon we logged into TTRS to take part in our battle of the bands with Year 6. Well done to the pupils that took part in their battle in the evenings for homework too! The children have worked very hard this half term and are looking forward to a well earned break. Well done Year 5!



Year 6

Year 6 have worked very hard this week! They have been particularly impressing us all with how hard they have been working in maths. We have been looking at applying our written multiplication skills to word problems and have worked really hard challenging ourselves to complete trickier problems. We have then started our new unit on division and have shown super fluency skills completing bus stop divisions with ease! Those of us who we still here on Tuesday afternoon had a lovely time joining year 5 for some dance, learning some steps to Matilda the Musical. In Inclusive Curriculum, we have enjoyed moving on to look at the Civil Rights Movement, exploring segregation and equality. Year 6 found it very interesting looking at the inspirational story of Rosa Parks and creating timelines of her life. We even shaped them into our very own Montgomery CityLiner buses- look how great they turned out! Well done on another super week year 6, keep up the hard work!



Jun. DRB



This week in BSL, Ann has been teaching the children about healthy eating and why it's important for both our bodies and our minds. The children learned new signs and vocabulary for different types of food and talked about the healthy choices they make every day. They made great connections between what they eat, how they feel, and how they stay active through things like playing and exercising. They especially enjoyed sharing their own ideas and experiences, showing a great understanding of how healthy habits can help them feel their best.

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Have a wonderful half-term break all. See you all back at school on Tuesday 4th November.

Mr. England