



NEWSLETTER

23rd February 2024

Headteacher Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the spring term. This week, we started with our annual rock concert delivered by Rock Kidz. Through music, exercise, fun and engaging messages Rock Kidz pride themselves on giving children unforgettable experiences that encourage them to be the best version of themselves. Children in all year groups attended the event, and children and staff had a fun learning experience.

With it being the first week back, staff have been launching the new curriculum topics with the children. In doing this, the children are excited about what is in store, giving them a real thirst for learning. In year three, The Piped Piper has been up to no good in school, he stole something from the classroom, the children then had to solve clues to find out exactly what went missing from their classroom. Seeing so many children playing Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) at home is great. There have been ongoing class and whole school battles. Please encourage your child to access this fantastic facility for 10 minutes each night. Why not even try and see if you can beat them?

Finally, we are still looking to re-establish our PTA. We will be hosting a meeting **on Tuesday, 5th March, at 3.10pm** to discuss the next steps and share ideas. We would like to have as many parents in attendance as possible. Mr D Kenny - Executive Headteacher



Mr D Kenny
Executive Headteacher

Stars of the week

Congratulations to this week's Stars. We are very proud of you!

 Anne

- Nursery: Isla
- Reception: Penelope
- YEAR 1: Eddie
- YEAR 2: Raphaela
- YEAR 3: Holly
- YEAR 4: Cole
- YEAR 5: Harry
- YEAR 6: Louis Mc
- Afterschool: Reeva



Terrific Timekeepers

We would like to remind Parents/Carers that doors open at 8.20am. Our winners this week were our pupils from No winners this week, we had late's in all our classes. Some children are just missing the gate, please leave a few minutes earlier to make it on time.



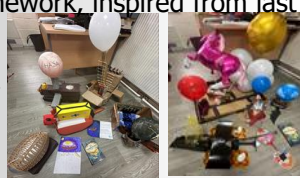
Photographs

All class photograph orders must be sent into school by the 4th March at the very latest.



Year 5

Year 5 made some fantastic sky ships for their homework, inspired from last half terms class read 'Brightstorm' by Vashti Hardy.



EYFS Wishlist donations

We would like to thank everyone who has donated items to help with the EYFS garden revamp. If you have not done so and would still like to donate then please drop any donations to the Nursery/Reception class door or speak to a member of staff. Thank you



National Tortilla Day

Tomorrow is National Tortilla Chip Day. Who doesn't love a good tortilla? These crispy triangles of deliciousness are a sensation, whether you eat yours plain, dip them in salsa, or simply load them right up. Did you know, tortilla chips have become so popular that they even beat burgers and hotdogs in the competition! So load those tortillas up and Celebrate!

YEAR	ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK:
NURSERY	93.0%
RECEPTION	92.1%
Y1	99.1%
Y2	93.1%
Y3	96.6%
Y4	94.0%
Y5	95.0%
Y6	95.8%
TOTAL	94.8%
YEAR TO DATE	95.9%

What Do I Do Outside School?

A big well done to Anne from Y2 . Anne donated her hair on behalf of the Little Princess Trust. The trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children who need them for one reason or another. Anne has raised over £500, such a wonderful thing you have done!



FOCUS OF THE WEEK

Rock Kidz

An amazing day once again with Rock Kidz UK. We had a fantastic time rocking out and taking bullying down!



Your School Needs You!!

Come and join our PTA, and help raise funds for the children! Mr Kenny is Chair of the PTA and would love you to come and speak with him on **5th March at 3.10pm** in the school hall. Currently we have a small group of members, but for more events to take place for the children we need more members. Please come along - From helping on the day of events or to help in the planning and preparation, any help would be appreciated. Lets get some events booked in!

I Need Help
Guys...



Message From Knowsley Council

Elections will be taking place in Knowsley on Thursday 2 May 2024. This includes local elections as well as the election of the Combined Authority Mayor and the Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner.

To vote in these elections, you must be registered to vote by 11.59pm on Tuesday 16 April 2024. If you've never registered, have moved address or changed your name, register to vote online at www.gov.uk/register-to-vote Once you are registered, there are a number of different ways you can vote:-

Postal vote: *If you are not already registered for a postal vote, you need to do so by 5pm on Wednesday 17 April 2024. You can apply online for a postal vote by visiting the Government's website. You will be asked to provide your National Insurance Number. If you are already registered for a postal vote, you don't need to do anything. You will be contacted by the Election Team when your postal vote is due for renewal.*

Voting by Proxy: *If you are unable to vote in person and would like someone to vote on your behalf, you can apply for a proxy vote. The deadline for applications is 5pm on Wednesday 17 April. You can request a proxy vote application by contacting Knowsley's Elections Team on 0151 443 2222 or by emailing elections@knowsley.gov.uk*

Voting in person at a Polling Station: *If you are voting in person on Thursday 2 May, please remember to bring a valid photo ID with you. If you don't have a valid ID, you can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate up until 5pm on Wednesday 24 April. Apply online on the Government's website.*

If you are unable to register to vote online, or need assistance in registering for a postal vote, proxy vote or Voter Authority Certificate please contact Knowsley's Elections team on 0151 443 2222 or by emailing elections@knowsley.gov.uk Further details about voting in the upcoming elections, including a full list of the accepted forms of voter ID, can be found at www.knowsleynews.co.uk

Dress up day for world Book Day on the 7th March (see message on MCAS app)

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns or worries about a child please contact the Designated Safeguarding Lead Mr Kenny and Deputy Safeguarding Lead Mrs Gibson-Burkert. Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and all people in the school community have a statutory duty to act on any concern. You can always ring Mash on 0151 443 2600.



WORDS OF THE WEEK

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SEND

We have our SEND Parent Surgery available on Thursday's from 1:45 onwards, to book a 15 minute slot, please email Mrs Humphreys on Send@BlacklowBrowSchool.co.uk Or contact the school office



All wraparound care is to be booked through the MCAS parent app. Our numbers are capped, so please remember to book, as we may not have availability on the day. If you have booked an afterschool sessions and no longer require it, please email the school office ASAP. Thank you

Dates for your diary

23rd February: JCA payment due
7th March: World Book Day (dress up)
18th March: Y5 swimming Mon-Thurs
25th March: Y3 swimming Mon-Thurs
20-22nd May: Y4 Dolly Hall Trip
26-28th June: Y6 JCA Trip

If children are not collected at the normal pick up time of 3pm OR are late being collected from an afterschool activity, they will go into afterschool which is chargeable as follows:

½ hour from school close time= £3 per day
1 hour from school close time= £5 per day
anything after 1 hour up until 5.30pm = £12.50 per day
(Late after 5.30pm - £1 for every minute late)