



Knypersley News

Learning Together, Learning for Life

10.2.2023



Dear Parents and Carers, Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we continued with our 'secret readers' who once again provided inspiration to our children by promoting a love of reading! Thank you so much for joining us.

Our senior leaders met this week to look at a range of case studies showcasing success stories where pupils and their families have worked in partnership. Our Local Advisory Board also met this week where they approved policies for reading, spelling, admissions, handwriting and Special Educational Needs (SEN). All are now available via our school website.

Curriculum subject leaders also met with myself to plan their next steps for the remainder of the year. You will note, each week in our newsletter, we are providing a 'subject in the spotlight' to provide an overview for the subject, highlight the leader and signpost additional information. We hope you feel more informed about the whole curriculum as we continue to roll this out.

Next week, will be Faith In Focus week where the children will be learning about a range of Faiths and cultures from across the world which also reflects British society today. The children are very excited about their planned activities.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Mrs Cooper and Team Knypersley.

Award Winners

Class	Author	Achiever	Rockstar
Nursery			Millie S
BB		Marnie	Poppy
CC		George	Ava
2	Alyssia	Betsy	Toby
3	Amber	Rauri	Rosalyn
4	Jenson	William	Kinleigh-Mai
5	Jaxon	Jack	Francesca
6	Quinn	Alfie	Emily
7	Tyler	Toby	Tristan
8	Lewis	Maddie	All of class 8
9	Liam	All of class 9	All of class 9

Attendance In Focus

Overall 94.8%

Busy Bees	95.3%
Creative Caterpillars	93.8%
Class 2	94.9%
Class 3	93.4%
Class 4	95.0%
Class 5	94.4%
Class 6	96.5%
Class 7	94.4%
Class 8	94.5%
Class 9	94.3%



Out of school awards for swimming, brownies, football etc celebrated today

Jaxon, Freddie V, Harrison, James—football trophies, Freddie P—swimming award, Hetty R—swimmer of the month, Elliot—Football—Manager award Player of the match, Louie—Beavers investiture

ParentPay

Please ensure all debts on your ParentPay account are cleared at the end of every week.

A reminder that any debts over £20 could result in loss of use of the school facilities.

It is important to set up your ParentPay account as useful whole-school information is sent out this way.

Arbor

Currently 86% of parents have logged onto Arbor.

Please ensure you log on to Arbor as this is where you can book onto clubs, see finishing times and pick up points and change contact details such as telephone numbers or address.

Early Years

A spotlight on our foundation stage curriculum

Uniqueness

Personal, Social and Emotional Development is at the heart of everything we do! We provide high quality environments in which children can thrive. Our focus is on developing the whole child, nurturing interests and celebrating uniqueness.



Resilience

Communication and Language is a driving force throughout all areas of our curriculum. We aim to develop strong communication skills for all children so that they express their thoughts, feelings and ideas effectively and with confidence.

An ambitious level of vocabulary is promoted.



Independence

Children develop their physical skills through gross and fine motor challenges. Children master a range of skills needed to access the wider curriculum including drawing, writing cutting and sticking. Our curriculum promotes physical activity and healthy lifestyles, creating good habits for the future.

Having a go!



Own Ideas

Through Literacy based learning, children develop a love of reading and are inspired to be writers. Children explore a different text each week which is used to drive our provision. Phonics and reading are introduced in our nursery with the Little Wandle program and children continue on this journey into reception and beyond.



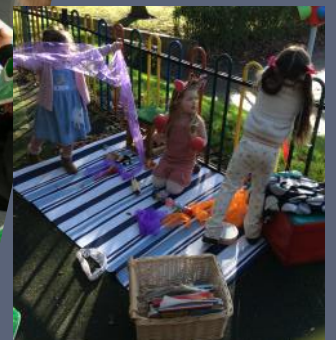
Mathematic skills are taught through diverse and engaging activities. Children are challenged to master the small steps towards mathematical fluency. They develop their vocabulary through hands on experiences and the opportunity to work with others. Children explore numbers and their composition, basic calculations, patterns, shapes and measures.

Making Connections

Children are taught to be creative, have their own ideas and to express themselves in a range of ways. They explore different materials to construct and to develop their artistic skills. They learn to talk about their creations.

Children participate in role play, music and dance. They have many opportunities to perform either as a solo or in a group.

Creativity



Children explore the natural world and talk about the changes that they see. They develop their own curiosity and investigative skills.

Diversity is celebrated and children learn about different cultures and communities, including our own local area. The wider world is brought into the classroom through stories and the use of technology.





FEBRUARY HOLIDAY CLUBS

Come and join us for some sports, games and activities from February 20 - 24.

Our action-packed program gives children the chance to remain active, develop skills and make new friends within a safe and secure environment.

We are inclusive!

We value the importance of accommodating children, aged 4-12 years old, who come to us from different backgrounds. Everyone is challenged and provided with an enjoyable experience.

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READ OUR REVIEWS



Each day will be themed alongside our regular sports & activities.

Monday Football Masterclass

Tuesday Scoot Skills

Wednesday Football Masterclass

Thursday Olympic Festival

Friday Mini-Medics

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IMPORTANT NEWS

Monday 13th March 2023- Year 2 Sats Information evening for Parents at 5.30pm in the main hall.

This will be a very important opportunity to find out about the assessment arrangements and expectations for the end of Year 2. Ideas will be given for how you can support your child at home.

...of community involvement and village responsibility of looking after each other. It's just changing."

The parish council has written to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council about its concern, saying it believed the same issue was affecting communities all over the country. It hoped authorities could work together to find a way to keep a close eye on vulnerable residents.

'Enough' says councillor

responded to Coun Baddeley's comments: "I don't think she's ever spoken to me in my whole time on the council. I find it quite an odd thing to say without presenting any evidence for it."

He added: "Having young councillors is a good thing because we're not afraid to stand up for our beliefs. It's important to get more young people into council because otherwise it can end up being mostly retired people — and it shouldn't just be for retired people; the town has more than that."

"It's not an easy thing to do when you already work full-time, so anything that can be done, like having more meetings in the evening rather than the day, would be beneficial. I don't feel that young, but when the other youngest councillors are around 40, it is quite young. The average age shouldn't be 60."

leave space for politicians

...always thought that anyone who does it more than once is hogging the limelight from someone else. It wasn't something I wanted to do, but it dawned on me that if I did it in 1999, I'd be the first mayor of the new millennium," said the Labour councillor.

He counts among his achievements the building of the town's skate park near Knypersley Cricket Club.

Coun Jackson had concerns about the three-tier political structure in the Staffordshire Moorlands and was worried that whereas once the district council would take the lead on many issues and the lower-tier town council would focus on smaller-scale problems, this was no longer the case.

Making their mark with 'generous' defib cash



Standing by the new defibrillator are Mrs Brittain and Mr Fearn with some of Knypersley First's mini first aiders.

A family with generations taught at the same school has been thanked for their "generous" donation towards its new defibrillator.

A road marking firm was also thanked for contributing towards the lifesaving device at Knypersley First School.

Staff made a splash with the fundraising by having wet sponges thrown at them last year.

Assistant headteacher Carolyn Egerton said: "We would like to say a huge thank you to Beverley Brittain, who attended our school as a child, as did her children and grandchildren; and WJ Roadmarkings, of Silverdale, Newcastle-under-Lyme, for

its contribution as part of its Thinking Community project."

The firm's project is about "inspiring as many lives as possible within the communities we live and work".

The children of Alan Fearn, who works at WJ Roadmarkings, attend Knypersley First and he nominated the school for Thinking Community funding.

Speaking about the school's defibrillator, Ms Egerton added: "We hope that we will never need to use the defibrillator, but we feel very lucky to now have one on site, should we ever need it."

(Photo: Knypersley First School).



Soaking up the funds: School staff also raised money by having wet sponges thrown at them.

THE Karen

MP for the Staff

I would like to... column by saying... am honoured and... have been reselected... Conservative candid... the Staffordshire M... constituency at th... general election. My... I, as always, will al... our best to help with... issues you write to... and as your local M... continue to be a loud... the Moorlands both h... Parliament.

One of the current... the situation at Biddu... I am aware of the I... was sent to parents... appreciate that both... and students, toget... the community as a v... concerned. I will b... a meeting next week... school and the trust a... what I can to help.

As your MP, I am... with many issues co... education and schoo... Moorlands and as... having meetings with... headteachers, staff a... councils, am able to... concerns directly... education secretary... ministers.

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Dates for 2022-23
Spring Term— Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Faith in Focus week	
Reception admissions closing date	15/1/23
Year 2 class assembly (9:15am)	17/1/23
Y4 School Council representatives- Biddulph Youth Council	25/1/23
Year 4 parent engagement times table day	27/1/23
Young Voices	1.2.23
Number Day	3/2/23
Forest School parent and child session (Year 1)	3/2/23
Safer Internet Day (Evening Safer internet session for parents)	14/02/23
PTFA Spring disco	16/2/23
Close for Half term	17/02/23
INSET	27/02/23
Pupils return	28/02/23
Parents Evening 2	WB 06/03/23
World Book Day (Steve Smallman)	02/03/23
Year 4 Standon Bowers	6.7.8/23
EYFS, Y1, Y2, Y3 parents evening	8/9/3/23
PPM's	WB 13/03/23
Year 2 SATS—parent information meeting (5:30pm)	13/3/23
Y4 parents evening	15/16/3/23
Book fair	17-22/3/23
Year 3 Daffodil Service	21/3/23
Year 4 Standon Bowers sharing event	22/3/23
Spring Term reports out	29/03/23
PTFA Movie Night	30/3/23
Easter Bonnet Parade EYFS (am)	31/3/23
Forest School parent and child session (Reception- pm)	31/3/23
Close for Easter	31/03/23
Return from Easter	17/04/23

Staffordshire County Council Term dates 2024

[School holidays and term dates - Staffordshire County Council](#)

Dates for 2022-23 Summer Term

Allocation of Reception places	17/4/23
Wind In The Willows- Theatre For Schools (pm)	24/4/23
Year 1 assembly	28/4/23
May Bank Holiday	01/05/23x
Closed for the coronation of HRH King Charles	8/5/23
Year 2 SAT's	Between 2nd - 26 th May 23
Forest School parent and child session (Year 3)	19/5/23
PTFA Summer Disco	25/5/23
Closed for May half term	26/05/23
INSET 3 - report writing	05/06/23
Pupils return	06/06/23
Phonics Screening	WB 12/06/23
Multiplications Testing Y4	05-23/06/23
Year 2 parent engagement- curriculum	16/6/23
Health and Sports Week	WC 19/6/23
Y2 sports (pm)	19/6/23
EYFS (am LL/ BB and CC/CC pm)	20/6/23
Y3 sports (pm)	21/6/23
Y1 sports (pm)	22/6/23
Y4 sports (pm)	23/6/23
PTFA summer fair (pm)	30/06/23
Forest School parent and child session (Year 4)	2/7/23
PPM's	03/07/23
Reports out	06/07/23
Welcome To induction meetings (2023/2024) Y1	WB 10/07/23
Welcome To Induction meeting Y3	11/7/23
Welcome To Induction meeting Y4	12/7/23
Welcome To Induction meeting Y2	13/7/23
Sports Awards	Tbc
Nursery Graduation	12/07/23
Y4 Leavers Concert	20/7/23 (evening) 21/7/23 (am) Family picnic (pm)
Pupils close for Summer	21/07/23
INSET 4	24/07/23
INSET 5	25/07/23