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The 'Knypersley News'
Learning together, learning for life!



A message from Mrs Rourke...

Dear parents and carers,

What an action-packed half term we have had including visits out, visitors coming in, clubs, forest schooling, discos, charity events & themed days.

This week our Young Voices Choir raised the roof off the AO Arena! Thank you SO much to Mrs Sigley, Mrs Johnson and Mrs Naughten who have organised and practised with our Knypersley choir to make this fantastic event possible. I'm sure you agree - it was truly an amazing event. Please have a look on Twitter and @YoungVoices for all the photos and videos.

Our spotlight this week celebrates our swimming grading overview. Many children this half term have achieved their next swimming levels and we are so very proud of the progress that has been made within swimming session!

Thank you to all of our Year 2 parents and carers who braved the wet weather today to join us in their final forest school session. We enjoyed seeing all of the lovely pictures appear on our Twitter account! A short feedback survey has been sent via Arbor following today's session, thank you in advanced for your time with completing this.

Today also marks Mrs Becketts final day with us at Knypersley First School. We thank Mrs Beckett for her dedication and loyalty to our children and families over the last 30 years! I am sure that you will join us in wishing Mrs Beckett all the very best as she takes her next steps towards new and exciting opportunities! We would also like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Faulkner for supporting Class 6 with a smooth and timely transition. The children are thriving and learning continues to be outstanding.

Have a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing you back on **Tuesday 20th Feb.**

Best wishes from Mrs Rourke and Team Knypersley.

Important dates coming soon...

19/2/24 INSET DAY

20/2/24 Pupils return

28/2/24 til 1/3/24 Standon Bowers Yr 4

7/3/24 World Book Day

12/3/24 Daffodil Service
Year 3 parents 9.15am

14/3/24 Standon Bowers
parents evening 6pm

15/3/24-20/3/24 Book fair
3.30pm in the Hall

21/3/24 Class photos



Class Attendance

Creative Caterpillars	94.1%
Busy Bees	93.8%
Class 2	93.8%
Class 3	94.5%
Class 4	96.5%
Class 5	96.1%
Class 6	96.5%
Class 7	94.7%
Class 8	96.9%
Class 9	95.5%

This Week's
winner is:
Class 8



Please follow the following link <https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/lunch-menu/> to find our school lunch menu.

On our return we will be following **week 1** of the new **January-July** menu.

www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk In the Spotlight

We will be taking the opportunity weekly to shine the spotlight on selected areas of our school webpage. This week we want to take the opportunity to direct you to our [school calendar](#).

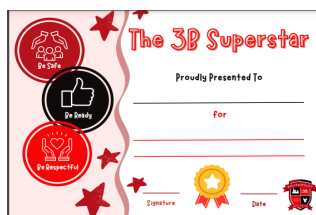
We have ensured that all events have been added to the calendar inline with our dates for the whole year. We do encourage you to check the calendar often as we do plan extra surprises along the way.

Thank you

Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%.

This week, our school attendance was: **95.33%**

Rewards and Celebrations



Class 2- Aleese

Class 3- James

Class 4- Hadi

Class 5- Rio

Class 6- Albert

Class 7- Frankie

Class 8- Cory

Class 9- George

Nursery- Poppy

Creative Caterpillars- Bobby

Busy Bees- Hunter

Class 2- Olivia

Class 3- Abigel

Class 4- Ava H

Class 5- Harry

Class 6- Lilly

Class 7- Neo

Class 8- Alfie

Class 9- Darcy

Nursery- Willow

Creative Caterpillars- All of the class

Busy Bees- Dillie

Class 2- Carter

Class 3- Elsie

Class 4- Thea

Class 5- Sienn

Class 6- Ethan

Class 7- Payton

Class 8- Katie

Class 9- Olivia



Achievements Outside of School....

This week our House Team winner are....



We have signed up to the education staff wellbeing charter because staff wellbeing matters



This week Knypersley celebrated Safer Internet Day. We looked at how technology can make a difference and how we can manage its influence.

Make sure you sign up to National Online Safety using the link below to gain access to lots of e-safety resources and training fully paid for by our school.

<https://nationalcollege.com/enrol/knypersley-first-school>



Knypersley in the Spotlight...

Spring Safeguarding Newsletter

We have added a new safeguarding newsletter to our website with lots of useful information and updates, including the new guidance from the government on PREVENT.

Please click here to find out more:

<https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/01/Spring-Safeguarding-Newsletter-2024.pdf>



Your 2024 Book Fair is confirmed

Friday 15th March—Wednesday 20th March from 3:30pm in the school hall.



Staffordshire Connects is a valuable resource that we use frequently in school for direction to agencies that can support both professionals but also families too!

This week I would like to direct you to the 'services' section. Within this section you will find a range of offers within our community for you to attend for a range of age groups.

<https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/results.page?term=ST8&sorttype=distance>

There are many offers for the up and coming half term holiday!

Families' Health and Wellbeing

School Nurse Community drop in



For parents/carers of 5-19's and young people not in education

2nd Monday of the Month
1.30-4.30pm

The School Nurse is here to help your child feel healthy, happy and safe during their school years and to get the best from their education. If you have any concerns about their health and wellbeing please drop in to chat.

Biddulph Children's Centre
Albert Street
Biddulph ST8 6DT

We provide a confidential and friendly service

www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/health-visiting-and-school-nursing



KNYPERSLEY FIRST SCHOOL

Swimming

LEVEL OVERVIEW



Purple Level

I can: climb in the pool safely

Swim: 1 width of the pool with no aids, 1 width back paddle no aids, submerge my face in water and identify an object and 1 width using a kick choice with no aid.



Red Level

I can: push and glide front and back without aids, swim through a submerged hoop.

Swim: 1 width on my front with my face in the water with no aids, 1 width dolphin legs with/without aids, 1 length backstroke legs with/without aids.

Orange Level

I can: demonstrate a mushroom float (no aids).

Swim: 1 width recognisable front crawl, 1 width recognisable back stroke, 1 length on back no aids using kick of choice.

Push and glide on front rotate to back, push and glide on back rotate to front



Pink Level

I can: demonstrate backstroke legs/arms with/without aids, scull head first 5 metres

Swim: 1 continuous length on front any stroke, 1 length backstroke, 5 metres dolphin legs no aids front and back, demonstrate rhythmical breathing for front crawl.



Blue Level

I can: demonstrate backstroke legs/arms with/without aids, scull head first 5 metres

Swim: 1 length front crawl and 1 length back stroke continuous, 1 width underwater starting with a sink push and glide, 1 length butterfly legs front and back.

Answer 2 water safety questions and perform all 4 swimming strokes over 1 length.

Crimson Level

I can: perform to a recognisable level all swimming strokes over 2 lengths and answer 4 water safety questions

Swim: scull 1 length head first, scull 1 length feet first, 2 continuous lengths front crawl, 2 continuous lengths back stroke.



Our Spring Bookshelf!



Nursery



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3

