

Knockbreda Nursery School November 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back! We hope that you and your child had a relaxing half-term break! We have a busy half-term ahead and we will continue to build on the good start made during September and October.

Thank you for attending our family drop in event last month, we hope you enjoyed visiting your child's classroom and finding out more about their learning at Nursery! Our home lending 'Busy Bag' packs have now been distributed and we hope that these will be beneficial in supporting your child's learning at home.

This month, Nursery extends a warm welcome to our Hungarian Erasmus student, Miss Katona who will be on teaching placement for three weeks at Knockbreda Nursery School. We hope that she enjoys her time with us.

Nursery's full timetable is up and running and this includes a variety of enrichment activities. These costs are not covered by our delegated budget, therefore we are only able to resource these opportunities thanks to your School Fund contributions and our fundraising activities. All pupils visit the Forest School once a week (Wednesday for Red Apples and Thursday for Green Apples), cooking activities take place on Wednesdays (Green Apples) and Thursdays (Red Apples), with PE and Music sessions taking place each Friday.

We are very grateful to all the parents and carers who have contributed to the School Fund, and thanks to your support all children are able to benefit and enjoy participating in each of these activities every week. Thank you!

Christmas Cards

This year, we plan to offer parents the opportunity to purchase a pack of Christmas cards individually designed by your child. Children will begin designing the cards on their return to school after half-term and samples and order forms will be available in November. Each pack will be priced at £5 and will contain 5 A5 colour copies of the Christmas card that was designed by your child. All monies raised will be allocated to School Fund to further enhance our play resources.

Themes and topics

This month we will begin a new topic 'When I grow up!' (including People Who Help Us). Through this topic, we will find out more about our community and the important roles within our community. *Should any of our parents/carers be willing to talk to the children about their working role we would love to hear from you, so please do not hesitate to make this known to your Class Teacher!*

We will also be learning about the season of Autumn, looking for colours in our environment and hunting for signs of Autumn in our school grounds. To enhance our learning, we will be enjoying an interactive workshop with the Owl Man.

During Anti-Bullying week (w/c 11 November 2019), we will be learning about respecting differences. We will be talking about friendship and how we can make new friends. In our 'Together Time' story sessions, we will be sharing many stories about friendship and thinking about how people are all different, yet the same in other ways.

In support of Children in Need on Friday 15th November, children are welcome to wear Pudsey ears to school and donate to this worthy cause. Nursery will have lots of Pudsey themed activities for the children to enjoy on this day!

As a follow up to our successful and enjoyable Rhyme Time topic in October 2018, Knockbreda Nursery School will be taking part in World Nursery Rhyme Week from 18-22nd November 2019. Each day the children will be learning a new rhyme during morning Welcome Time. Full copies of these five rhymes are detailed at the end of this newsletter.

- Monday 18th November: 'Baa, Baa Black Sheep'
- Tuesday 19th November: 'Down in the Jungle'
- Wednesday 20th November: 'Incy Wincy Spider'
- Thursday 21st November: 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'
- Friday 22nd November: 'Two Little Dickie Birds'

Important information

- As Knockbreda Primary School is being used as a polling station on Thursday 12th December 2019, School will be closed on this date.
- As follow up to our parent Curriculum Information session, Nursery staff have created a Parent/Carer support booklet to accompany each of the three Nursery terms. A paper copy of the Term 1 Support Booklet has been sent home in your child's tray. We hope you find this resource useful. Additionally, in conjunction with our Getting Ready to Learn initiative, home learning Busy Bags for each child were sent home just before half-term.

- Our Lending Library commenced on Friday 4th October 2019. If you would like your child to participate, please ensure that their red reading bag is sent each Friday. Please note that the reading bags **should only be brought to Nursery on Fridays (unless your child attends The Hub Club)** as they will not be checked by staff on any other days. In order for new books to be selected, Reading Bags must arrive in school by **8.40am** each Friday. It would greatly assist staff to administer the library if all Book Bags could be brought into the classrooms when children are being dropped off each Friday morning.

- A reminder that the 'Cash for Clobber' clothing bank is situated at the top school entrance gate. We welcome parents and neighbours to use this facility for recycling unwanted fabric items. Items that can be accepted include clothing, shoes, curtains, towels, sheets and blankets. As you know, we can also win a cash prize for Knockbreda Nursery as the school that collects the most clobber between now and June 2020 wins £500 – so let's keep collecting!

- Please communicate any unplanned, unexpected absences by completing and returning the 'absence from school' form on the first day of absence. This form is available on the school's website 'Parents' tab and the link is below.

Any planned absences (including late arrival into school due to medical or other appointments) should be communicated to your child's teacher in advance and the 'absence from school' form completed as above.

Diarrhoea and vomiting: As detailed in your child's induction booklet, children should be **symptom-free for 48 hours** and should be able to hold down food and fluids before returning to school. Please do not send your child to school unless they have been symptom-free for 48 hours as this places the staff and other pupils at risk of illness.

<https://www.knockbredanursery.co.uk/reporting-absence-from-school>

Health and Safety

To ensure the safety of our Nursery children, we would ask that you please close the gate when you leave the school site and that you do not permit your child to access the door release button. Thank you for your continued support.

Giving Machine

As we enter the busy Christmas time, a reminder that you can continue to help raise funds for Knockbreda Nursery School through free fundraising. We have signed up to www.thegivingmachine.co.uk which is a fundraising organisation designed to help charitable causes and schools raise money online. By signing up and shopping online via The Giving Machine, you will generate a free cash donation for us. Further details are available from the School Office if needed.

Eco Schools

Knockbreda Nursery School has achieved the Green Flag award and continues to work hard to maintain eco school status. Each year an eco committee is formed; this committee involves pupils, parents, staff and school governors. Our first meeting will take place on Friday 8th November from 9.15am – 9.45am in the Hub. Should you wish to attend this meeting, please email Mrs Benson to make your interest known. The eco committee meets once each half-term during school hours.

Community Get Together Events

As part of our ongoing commitment to outdoor learning, environmental awareness and our work towards eco school status, Knockbreda Nursery School is hosting Community Get Together events. Grandparents are particularly welcome! On Wednesday 13th (Red Apples) and Thursday 14th November (Green Apples), we invite the friends and family of Knockbreda Nursery School to join us during our Forest School sessions from 9.30-11.00am. Our Forest School sessions involve a range of outdoor activities including planting, gardening and seasonal activities. As part of these sessions, we will be planting some vegetables and also undertaking a campus litter pick. If you are a keen gardener and enjoy planting, we would love you to join us! Please make your attention to attend known to Mrs Benson and meet us in the Forest School garden at 9.30am. Please wear suitable clothing, bring gardening gloves and wrap up warm! On these dates, the eco committees from our Shared Education partnership schools (Knockbreda Primary School and St Bernards' Primary School) will also be joining us.

Rights Respecting School Award

As part of school's ongoing commitment to promoting the rights of the child, Knockbreda Nursery School will be supporting International Children's Day on 20th November 2019. This year marks the 30th anniversary of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child. To support Unicef and 'Mark the Day', Nursery children should come to school wearing a blue item. For example, instead of wearing their school polo shirt, they could wear a blue top or jumper. Or, they could wear a blue hairband or hair bobble. Staff will be introducing the children to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, through simple stories and activities.

We will be holding a first meeting of a Rights Respecting School Award steering group at 9.00am on Friday 8th November and would very much like interested parents to be involved. If you would like to attend this meeting, please email Mrs Benson to let her know.

ShoeShare

We are supporting Unicef by participating in the Shoeshare campaign in association with the Rights Respecting Schools Award and Clarks Shoes. The ShoeShare campaign collects old or unwanted shoes which are then sent for re-use. For every tonne of shoes collected, a donation is made to Unicef which goes towards education programmes around the world.

If you have any pairs of old or unwanted shoes, please drop these into the Shoeshare box in your child's classroom between **Wednesday 13th November 2019 and Wednesday 11th December 2019**. Shoes must be paired with a rubber band

and in relatively good condition (no holes or broken soles!). Further details will be sent home in your child's tray.

Shared Education

As part of our ongoing partnership links, the children from St Bernard's Pre-School will be joining us for our Forest School sessions on 6th and 7th November 2019. We look forward to welcoming them to our school, sharing our Forest School learning experiences and to making new friendships.

The Hub Club

Knockbreda Nursery School's Hub Club is now up and running and a great start has been made!

The Hub Club commenced in October 2019 and the children are having a wonderful time each day! Positive feedback from parents in relation to the Hub Club has been much appreciated. Activities include outdoor play, arts and crafts, board games and a healthy snack each day.

The Hub Club runs daily, term time only from 1-3pm and operates in line with all school closures and early finishes. There are a very limited number of places still remaining at The Hub Club; attendance is pre-paid and priced at £5 per hour. Should you wish to reserve a regular place for your child please contact Mrs Benson to check availability.

Diary Dates:

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 November	9.30 – 11.00am	Community Eco Activity Days
Friday 15 November 2019	9am	Children in Need Wear your Pudsey ears and donate to Children in Need! We will have lots of Pudsey themed activities taking place in Nursery!
18-22 November 2019	8.40am	World Nursery Rhyme Week: daily rhyme during morning Welcome Time
Wednesday 20 November 2019	9am	International Children's Day. To support Unicef and mark the day, come to school wearing something blue!
Friday 22 November 2019	9am	Visit from The Owl Man
Saturday 23 November 2019	10-12noon	Open Morning for Prospective Pupils
Thursday 5 December and Friday 6 December 2019	11-11.30am	Christmas Celebration events: Tickets are limited to two per family.
Red Apples: 5 December at 11am (with immediate collection afterwards/ no school meals)	Early close 10-10.20am	To accommodate the Red Apple performance on Thursday 5 December 2019, pupils in Green Apple Class should be collected between 10.00-10.20am prompt. School lunch will not be provided.
Green Apples: 6 December at 11am (with immediate collection afterwards/no school meals)	Early close 10-10.20am	To accommodate the Green Apple performance on Friday 6 December 2019, pupils in Red Apple Class should be collected between 10.00-10.20am prompt. School lunch will not be provided.
No Hub Club		
Thursday 12 December 2019	Closed	School closed for Polling Day.
Friday 13 December 2019	9am	Christmas Jumper Day; wear a Christmas Jumper and donate to Save the Children!
Friday 20 December 2019	Finish 10.40-11am	Christmas party and arrival of Santa! Wear your Christmas party clothes in Nursery! School closes for Christmas and will re-open on Tuesday 7 January 2020, as normal. School lunch will not be provided.
No Hub Club		
Thursday 23 January 2020	Early close 12.10-12.30pm	Open Afternoon for Prospective Pupils School lunch served as normal.
Hub Club in Forest School, invoice adjusted pro-rata.		

When I grow up.... Songs and Rhymes

When you and I grow up

When you and I
Grow up—Polly—
I mean that you and me,
Shall go sailing in a big ship
Right over all the sea.
We'll wait till we are older,
For if we went to-day,
You know that we might lose ourselves,
And never find the way.



Miss Polly had a dolly

Miss Polly had a dolly
Who was sick, sick, sick,
So she called for the doctor
To be quick, quick, quick;
The doctor came
With his bag and his hat,
And he knocked at the door
With a rat-a-tat-tat.



He looked at the dolly
And he shook his head,
And he said "Miss Polly,
Put her straight to bed."
He wrote out a paper
For a pill, pill, pill,
"I'll be back in the morning
With the bill, bill, bill."

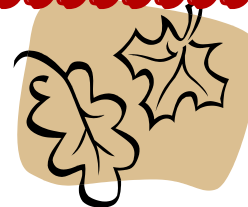
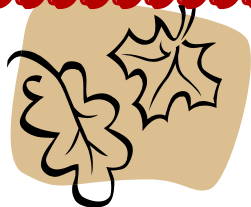
Five Little Firemen

Five little firemen standing in a row,
1 2 3 4 5 they go.
Jump on the engine with a SHOUT,
As quick as a wink the fire is out.
Four little firemen standing ... etc



Autumn Leaves

(To the tune of London Bridge)



Autumn leaves are falling down, falling down, falling down,
Autumn leaves are falling down, Welcome Autumn.
They are yellow, red and brown, red and brown, red and brown,
They are yellow, red and brown, Welcome Autumn.
Sweep the leaves and put them here, put them here, put them here,
Sweep the leaves and put them here, Welcome Autumn.
Jump right in and have some fun, have some fun, have some fun,
Jump right in and have some fun, Welcome Autumn.
Take the leaves and crunch them up, crunch them up, crunch them up,
Take the leaves and crunch them up, Welcome Autumn.

A mouse lived in a little hole

A mouse lived in a little hole,
Lived softly in a little hole.
When all was quiet as quiet can be, (ssh).
When all was quiet as quiet can be, (ssh).
OUT POPPED HE !



2 Little Hedgehogs under a tree

2 little hedgehogs under a tree,
1 called Lizzie and 1 called Lee.
Curl up Lizzie, curl up Lee,
Peek a boo Lizzie, peek a boo Lee.

I'm a Dingle, Dangle Scarecrow

When all the cows were sleeping,
And the sun had gone to bed,
Up jumped the scarecrow,
And this is what he said:

Chorus:

*I'm a dingle dangle scarecrow
With a flippy, floppy hat.
I can shake my hands like this,
And shake my feet like that.*



World Nursery Rhyme Week

18-22nd November 2019



Monday 18th November: Baa, Baa Black Sheep

"Baa, baa, black sheep have you any wool?"

"Yes sir, yes sir. Three bags full.

One for the master and one for the dame and one for the little boy who lives down the lane."

"Thank you," said the master. "Thank you," said the dame and "Thank you," said the little boy who lives down the lane.

"Baa, baa, white sheep have you any wool?"

"No sir, no sir no bags full.

None to mend the blankets, none to mend the frocks and none to mend the woolly gloves or holes in your socks."

Tuesday 19th November: 'Down in the Jungle'

Down in the jungle where nobody goes, there's a great big elephant washing his clothes.

With a rub-a-dub here and a rub-a-dub there, that's how an elephant washes his clothes.

He goes stomp, stomp, a boogie-woogie-woogie. Stomp, stomp, a boogie-woogie-woogie.

Stomp, stomp, a boogie-woogie-woogie. That's how an elephant washes his clothes.

Down in the jungle where nobody goes, there's a great big lion washing his clothes.

With a rub-a-dub here and a rub-a-dub there, that's how a lion washes his clothes.

He goes roarrrr, roarrrr, a boogie-woogie-woogie. Roarrrr, roarrrr, a boogie-woogie-woogie.

Roarrrr, roarrrr, a boogie-woogie-woogie. That's how a lion washes his clothes.

Down in the jungle where nobody goes, there's a great big monkey washing his clothes.

With a rub-a-dub here and a rub-a-dub there, that's how a monkey washes his clothes.

He goes ooh, ooh, a boogie-woogie-woogie. Ooh, ooh, a boogie-woogie-woogie. Ooh, ooh, a boogie-woogie-woogie. That's how a monkey washes his clothes.

Down in the jungle where nobody goes, there's a great big crocodile washing his clothes.

With a rub-a-dub here and a rub-a-dub there, that's how a crocodile washes his clothes.

He goes snap, snap, a boogie-woogie-woogie. Snap, snap, a boogie-woogie-woogie. Snap, snap, a boogie-woogie-woogie. That's how a crocodile washes his clothes.

Wednesday 20th November: 'Incy Wincy spider'

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the water spout.
Down came the rain and washed poor Incy out.
Out came the sunshine and dried up all the rain.
So Incy Wincy spider climbed up the spout again.

Incy Wincy spider climbed up the trees.
Down came the snow and made poor Incy freeze. Brrr.
Out came the sunshine and melted all the snow.
So Incy Wincy spider had another go.

Thursday 21st November: 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'

Row, row, row your boat gently down the stream.
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, life is but a dream.

Row, row, row your boat gently down the river.
If you see a polar bear, don't forget to shiver. Brrr.

Sail, sail, sail your boat gently out to sea.
Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily, back in time for tea.

Rock, rock, rock your boat gently to and fro.
Watch out, give a shout, into the water we go. Splash.

Row, row, row your boat, gently down the stream.
If you see a crocodile, don't forget to scream. Aargh!

Friday 23rd November: 'Two Little Dickie Birds'

Two little dickie birds sitting on a wall. One named Peter, one named Paul.
Fly away, Peter. Fly away, Paul. Come back, Peter. Come back, Paul.
Two little dickie birds sitting on a wall. One named Peter, one named Paul.

Two little fishes swimming in a lake. One named Jessie, one named Jake.
Swim away, Jessie. Swim away, Jake. Come back, Jessie. Come back, Jake.
Two little fishes swimming in a lake. One named Jessie, one named Jake.

Two little butterflies flying through the air. One named Colin, one named Claire.
Fly away, Colin. Fly away, Claire. Come back, Colin. Come back, Claire.
Two little butterflies flying through the air. One named Colin, one named Claire.