



November 2023 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for your continued support during our first half-term as we worked out our new routines and settling in. We appreciate that drop-off and collection times are very busy and it is not always easy to discuss any matters relating to your child at those times. If you have any concerns that you would like to discuss with your child's class teacher, please just contact us by email or telephone and your class teacher will arrange a time to speak to you.

Nursery's full timetable is up and running and this includes a variety of enrichment activities. The cost of these activities is 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 will visit the Forest School at least once a week and a number of visitors have been booked for the terms ahead. 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. Thank you!

Mrs Welsh Maternity Leave

We would like to congratulate Mrs Welsh on her wonderful maternity news. Mrs Welsh will start her maternity leave at the Easter holidays in March 2024. The recruitment process will commence shortly and we will of course update you once the successful candidate has been appointed.

Christmas Nativities

This year we are excited to welcome you into school to watch our Christmas Nativities. The Red Apple class Nativity will be on Tuesday 19th December at 11am with immediate collection afterwards. On this day the Green Apple class will finish at 10.30am. The Green Apple class Nativity will be on Wednesday 20th December at 11am with immediate collection afterwards. On this day the Red Apple class will finish at 10.30am. Lunches will not be served on either day and there will be no Hub Club on these dates.

Due to limited space in school, there will be two tickets per child available and these will be distributed in the week before the performances.

Christmas Cards

This year, we plan to offer parents the opportunity to purchase a pack of Christmas cards individually designed by your child. Towards the end of November, individual samples and order forms will be made available for each child. Each pack will be priced at £5 and will contain five A5 colour copies of your child's own Christmas card. All monies raised will be allocated to School Fund to further enhance our play resources.

Donations of Clothes/Fancy Dress

As we are coming up to Christmas, a lot of families may be sorting out the wardrobes and visiting charity shops with clothes that no longer fit. If you have clothes that are clean and in good condition but no longer fit we will gladly take them off your hands to enhance our Home Corners and Fancy Dress areas. Examples of items we are looking for (doesn't matter how big or small); shirts, skirts, hats, bags, sunglasses, shorts, baby clothes/ blankets, any fancy dress costumes, shoes, long beaded necklaces and bracelets. We can make use of lots of different things so please donate if you can!

Themes

This month we will be learning many nursery rhymes through our Nursery Rhyme Time week. We will also be learning about the season of Autumn, owls, hedgehogs, badgers and fire. We will be looking for Autumn 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 'World of Owls'.

During our Anti-Bullying week (w/c 20th November 2023), 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. This also links towards our Rights Respecting School award and the UNICEF cores and values. We will be celebrating World Children's Day on Monday 20th November. This will be a non-uniform day where we encourage children to wear something blue to school!

In support of Children in Need on Friday 17th November, children are welcome to wear Pudsey ears or something yellow to school and donate to this worthy cause. Nursery will have lots of Pudsey themed activities for the children to enjoy on this day!

Knockbreda Nursery School will be taking part, as part of our topic Nursery Rhyme Time, in the World Nursery Rhyme Week from 13th -17th November 2023. Research has shown that the ability to use rhyming words in nursery rhymes can have a positive influence in future reading success. 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 for you to enjoy together at home.

They are:

13th to 17th November 2023

Jack & Jill
Hickory Dickory Dock
Head, Shoulders, Knees & Toes
Row Row Row Your Boat
Wheels On The Bus

www.worldnurseryrhymeweek.com

WORLD
Nursery Rhyme Week

More information regarding Nursery Rhyme Time week can be found here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p06pqbf>



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Important information

- 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.
- 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 under the '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>

Picky Eaters

Following on from the Parent Meetings it was brought to our attention that parents would like advice on how to encourage 'picky eaters'. Below are some helpful websites. As always if you are concerned about your child, please speak to your GP.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/baby/weaning-and-feeding/fussy-eaters/>

<https://www.feedeatspeak.co.uk/blog/2021/30/positivemealtimelanguage>

<https://www.srnutrition.co.uk/category/child-nutrition-blog/>

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.

Getting Ready To Learn

This year we will be running two Getting Ready To Learn projects in which we invite parents to take part. Getting Ready to Learn focusses on raising parent's awareness of how they can support children's learning at home throughout the pre-school year.

The two projects are; Big Bedtime Read and Education Works in Preschool.

The Big Bedtime Read focusses on raising parents' awareness of the importance of reading to children and on encouraging them to read regularly to their children each night. It includes an emphasis on establishing good bedtime routines and on maximizing opportunities throughout the day to engage children in early reading experiences.

This is encouraged through the use of our Lending Library situated in the cloakroom.



During the busy pre-school day, children engage in a wide range of well-planned and stimulating activities, designed to develop specific skills and concepts. Early Years' practitioners skilfully support children's development across 6 areas of learning; monitoring their progress and adapting experiences to meet individual needs. Education Works in Pre-school aims to enable settings to raise parents' understanding of the preschool curriculum and develop their role in supporting children's learning.

We invite you to attend our preschool curriculum meeting on Wednesday 22nd November 2023 at 12- 12.30pm.

To give us an indication of numbers, Please email info@knockbredanursery.co.uk to advise if you plan to attend.

Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Our Open Morning is taking place on Saturday 9th December 2023 between 10.00am – 12noon.

Prospective parents are very welcome to visit us on that day to see around our friendly and welcoming school, meet our staff and find out more about life at Knockbreda Nursery School!

For anyone who is unable to join un on 9th December, there will be another opportunity to visit us on Tuesday 9th January between 2.00pm-3.00pm

If you have any friends or neighbours who are considering Knockbreda Nursery for their child next year, please spread the word!

Diary Dates:

Date	Time	Event
Monday 13 th November – Friday 17 th November 2023	All Day	World Nursery Rhyme Week.
Friday 17 th November 2023	All day	Children in Need. Non uniform day- wear something yellow or spotty! Wear your Pudsey ears and donate to Children in Need! We will have lots of Pudsey themed activities taking place in Nursery!
Monday 20 th November 2023	All day	National Children’s Day. Non – uniform day. Celebrate by wearing something blue.
Friday 8 th December 2023	All day	Christmas Jumper Day; wear a Christmas Jumper or something festive and donate to Save the Children!
Monday 11 th December 2023	Morning	Shared Education visit to St Bernard’s to watch their Nativity show.
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	Morning	Shared Education visit to Knockbreda Primary School to watch their Christmas show.
Friday 15 th December	Morning	Christmas Recycling Elf visit. A story to encourage recycling; especially at Christmas.
Tuesday 19 th December 2023	All day	Christmas show for Red Apples. 2 adults are invited to attend. Green Apples to attend Nursery 8.30am-10.30am. Show to start at 11am. No school meals and Hub Club will be closed.
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Thursday 21 st December 2023	11am finish.	End of term party. Non uniform day. There will be no school meals and Hub Club will be closed. School closes for Christmas at 11am and will re-open on Thursday 4 th January 2024 as normal.

Songs and Rhymes for November

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.



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.*



NOVEMBER

November comes
And November goes,
With the last red berries
And the first white snows.
With night coming early,
And dawn coming late,
And ice in the bucket
And frost by the gate.
The fires burn
And the kettles sing,
And earth sinks to rest
Until next spring."
- Elizabeth Coatsworth