



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 23rd September 2022

Important Notice: Attendance & Punctuality

School will not authorise holidays in term time for any pupils.

If your child will be absent from school it is important that you contact the school via telephone or school App as soon as possible to report your child's absence even if you have informed the school you still need to inform the school. Please also supply any appointment letters or cards. School begins at 8:55am and children should be in class and ready to learn at this time.

We offer a breakfast club which operates from 8:30 each morning. **Attendance is key to your child's education.**

- Snack money is £1 per week sent into school in an envelope with your child's name, if you prefer you can pay for each term in advance which is £7 per term, thank you.
- Please ensure your child has a PE kit in school.
- Could parents please ensure that all footwear is black,
- For those children who may need a change of clothes please ensure that they are sent in every day.
- Can you please let Mrs Brown know if any medical conditions / medication has changed over the summer holidays.
- Please ensure your child's name is written in all uniform, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles etc.
- **Please inform the school office if you have changed your mobile number or address so that we can update our records.**

FRIENDSHIP AWARD

The pupils and staff are identifying acts of kindness throughout the school.

This weeks award goes to:

Blossom: Mason
 Apple: Anthony
 Juniper: Mason
 Maple: Layton
 Willow: Joseph
 Holly: Jacob M
 Chestnut: Finley
 Mulberry: Kian
 Redwood: Lacey
 Rowan : Lauren

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 30th September—School photographer

Friday 30th September—Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 1.30pm-2.30pm, if you would like to attend this please can you let school know so that we have an idea of numbers, thank you. Cake donations will be gratefully received for Fridays cake sale.

Meet and Greet Parent Meeting

Now that the children are settling into school it is an opportunity to meet with their class teacher.

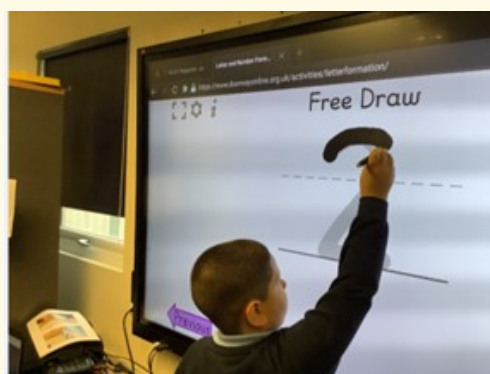
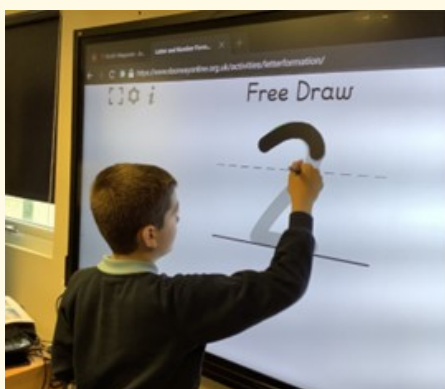
	Mon 3 rd Oct	Tue 4 th Oct	Wed 5 th Oct	Thur 6 th Oct	Frid 7 th Oct		This Weeks Attendance	%
						Holly		
						Chestnut		
						Mulberry		
						Redwood		
						Rowan		
						Whole School		
9.15 10.15	Redwood	Mulberry	Holly	Maple	Blossom			
10.30 11.30	Chestnut	Rowan	Juniper	Willow	Apple			

This Weeks Attendance	%
Blossom	93.8
Apple	90.0
Maple	95.9
Juniper	97.5
Willow	96.3
Holly	78.8
Chestnut	87.5
Mulberry	97.5
Redwood	95.0
Rowan	81.3
Whole School	91.3

CLASS OF THE WEEK

CLASS MULBERRY

This week in Mulberry Class, we have been up to lots of fun activities, We have been using technology to help us with our maths. We have also been using magnetic letters and playdough to help us with our phonics sounds, We have enjoyed colouring and figit toys to help us relax.



Maths for Life: Shape



Children learn about shapes in school in lots of different ways. Learning about shapes is an important part of their mathematical development. There are many different ways in which you can explore shape at home with your child. See some examples below.
Activities include:

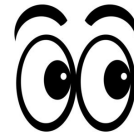
- Providing the opportunity to experience/handle a variety of different shaped objects around the house.
- Using shape sorters/shape posting activities
- Shape inset puzzles
- Printing with different shaped objects and paint such as potatoes
- Having a shape hunt/shape match around the house
- Talking about shapes in the environment, e.g. square window, circle tyre,
- Building with various shaped bricks.

Remember to use lots of words when supporting your child and reinforcing shape language.



Have you got your Maths Eyes on!!

This is the next Maths Eyes photograph which will be shared with your children in their classes. To give them a head start, you can practise some questions with them at home. Questions you can ask them could include 'what shapes can you see? ', 'What colours can you see?' 'How many balls can you see?' 'Which colour is biggest?' 'Which colour is smallest?'the possibilities are endless! . Look out for maths wherever you go!



Celebration



Gerard and Jamie were the certificate winners at this week's assembly for acts of peace. Well done boys!!





Cost of living support

We know that the extra costs of food and essentials and the rising domestic energy prices are adding significant pressures to household budgets for many people in Knowsley.

But there is help and support available to help you with essentials such as food, help with energy costs (prepayment and credit meters).

As well as the support outlined below, Knowsley Council has allocated funding from the Government's Household Support Fund to provide food vouchers to pupils who have been means tested and are in receipt of free school meals. This will fund the October, December, February and April school holidays, providing support to over 8,500 pupils.

Vulnerable residents who are being supported through the council's Adult Social Care or Children's Services teams are also receiving bespoke support aligned to their identified needs.

Food is available to Knowsley residents through:

Knowsley Foodbank – either by obtaining a referral voucher from a partner (including GPs or Citizens Advice), or by calling the Knowsley Food Support line on 0151 538 8243. [View a list of their distribution centres.](#)

Through a network of community partners working with the council through the Knowsley Better Together Hardship Fund. Contact details, opening hours and further detail of these individual offers can be found by visiting the [Knowsley Better Together Hardship Fund](#) page on the council's website.

The food offer is available across the borough as follows:

- **Halewood – Torrington Drive Community Association, St Nicholas and St Marys Church**
- **Huyton – Swanside Community Centre, Incredible Edibles, Homestart, HIYA**
- **Kirkby – Southdene Community Centre, Centre 63**
- **Stockbridge – Stockbridge Tenants Forum**
- **Prescot – Al's Arc, FOESP (Friends of Eaton Street Park)**
- **Borough-wide sites – Knowsley Foodbank, Flourish and Succeed**

Residents in need can access any of these services. Many partners also run a social supermarket, or food club which offers food and essentials to residents at reduced prices, helping to keep the cost of the weekly shop down. Where residents are struggling to afford to use these options, these partners can provide food for free.



ACE Programme

What is the ACE Programme and who is it for?

It is a 10 week programme for any parent who experience or live with ACES for themselves and their children.

The programme focuses on providing individuals with information and practical tools to develop their own resilience and the protective factors necessary to minimise the impact of ACEs on themselves and their children.

What are ACES?

ACES are stressful or traumatic experiences, including abuse, neglect and a range of household dysfunction such as witnessing domestic violence or growing up with substance abuse, mental illness or parental discord.

Aces can affect anyone. In the UK, just under half of adults surveyed have been exposed to 1 ACE. Around 10% have been exposed to 4 or more.

Living with ACEs results in developing coping and lifestyle strategies that are based on the effect of trauma

How do ACEs affect children?

Reduce ability to learn, remember and figure things out

- Increase stress hormones
- Lowers tolerance to stress that can result in behaviours like fighting and defiance
- Increases difficulty in making friends

Exposure to ACEs can increase the risk of:

- Teenage pregnancy
- Substance use
- Smoking
- Poor mental wellbeing
- Domestic abuse
- Long term physical and emotional poor health, including heart disease and cancer
- Suicide

Programme starting Thursday 6th October 10.00—12.00

Venue Prescot Fire Station

For more information or to book a place please contact :

Sharon Fitzgerald 07825117499 sharon.fitzgerald@knowsley.gov.uk

FLU VACCINATIONS

Influenza Vaccination Campaign 2022

Annual Flu Nasal Vaccinations took place on Thursday 22nd September, if you have missed the flu vaccination session in school there are other dates available for you to book, please see below dates :-

25th October 2022	10.00am—4.00pm	Halewood Health Centre Roseheath Drive Halewood L26 9UQ
26th October	10.00am– 4.00pm	Manor Farm PCRC Manor Farm Road Huyton L36 0UB

If you have any queries regarding the nasal flu vaccine for your child, please contact the Immunisation team on 0151 676 5141.

Halloween Disco/Film

Thursday 20th October 3pm-4.15pm

50p per ticket



Children are to come into school in their school uniform and they can get changed into their dressing up outfit after school.
Children must be collected from school at 4.15pm prompt, thank you



Holidays Dates 22/23	Date School Closes	Date School re-opens
School Starts for Pupils		Monday 5th September 2022
October Half Term :	Friday 21st October 2022	Monday 31st October 2022
Christmas:	Wednesday 21st December 2022	Wednesday 4th January 2023
February half term:	Friday 10th February 2023	Monday 20th February 2023
Easter Hols:	Friday March 31st 2023	Monday 17th April 2023
May half term Hols:	Friday 19th May 2023	Monday 5th June 2023
Break up for Summer	Friday 21st July 2023	