

8/11/2024



The 'Knypersley News'

Learning together, learning for life!



A message from Miss Leese...

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week the children have returned following a very busy and jam-packed half term. Behaviour for learning has been exceptional and all children have left with huge smiles on their faces each day which has been a joy to see.

Next week we will be taking part in Anti-Bullying week. The year's theme is: Respect. There will be themed assemblies lead by myself and the Knypersley Knights leadership team. We will ensure all children are reminded of 'BOO' and how to report disrespectful behaviour and we hope to ensure all children gain a good understanding of what respectful behaviour is.

Please take time over the week to share our child-friendly Anti-Bullying leaflet that was created by Mrs Jervis and the Knypersley Knights—<https://www.knypersley.staffs.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/Child-Friendly-Anti-Bullying-Leaflet-2024.pdf>. We would also like to invite children to take part in our 'Odd Sock' non-uniform day on **Friday 15th November** to help raise awareness of everything from - celebrating diversity, acceptance, and including everyone.

This week our Year 3 children have been to visit the Pottery Museum. They had a brilliant morning learning all about pottery making and the history of pottery within the local area. I would like to thank Year 3 for their fantastic behaviour, attitude to learning and for the level of respect they all showed to our hosts. Well done Year 3 and thank you to the staff for the organisation and planning to ensure learning could be brought to life.

Have a great weekend we hope to see many of you representing Knypersley First School on Sunday during the community Remembrance Parade (please see spotlight for more information).

Thank you all,

Miss Leese and Team Knypersley

Important dates coming soon...

11/11/24 Anti-Bullying Week

12/11/24

Year 2 curriculum workshop 1.45/5.30pm

14/11/24

Year 4 Multiplications workshop 1.45/5.30pm

15/11/24 Odd Sock Day (non-uniform)

22/11/2024

Christmas Markets

WB 25/11/2024

Faith in Focus Week

29/11/2024 Fay's Dance Show—3:55pm

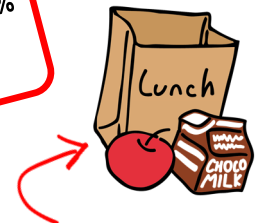
All above dates are taken directly from our school calendar. If you would

Class	Attendance
Creative Caterpillars	94%
Busy Bees	92.6%
Class 2	95.1%
Class 3	94.7%
Class 4	95.5%
Class 5	94.8%
Class 6	97.2%
Class 7	97.2%
Class 8	98.2%
Class 9	92.3%



This Week's winner is: **Class 8**

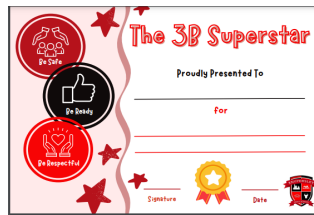
Our whole school attendance target is 96.5%
This week, our school attendance was: 95.2%



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 2** of the new **Sept-Feb** menu.

Rewards and Celebrations



Class 2- Darcie-Robyn

Class 3- Albie

Class 4- Nellie

Class 5- Alayah

Class 6- Oliver

Class 7- Ben

Class 8- Tom

Class 9- Hugo

Nursery- William

Creative Caterpillars- Elsie

Busy Bees- Imogen

Class 2- Scarlett

Class 3- Bobby

Class 4- Brooke

Class 5- Elsie

Class 6- Whole Class

Class 7- Whole Class

Class 8- Bobby

Class 9- Polly

Nursery- Harper M

Creative Caterpillars- Koa

Busy Bees- Gracie

Class 2- Noah

Class 3- Kiernan

Class 4- Archie

Class 5- Blake

Class 6- Isla

Class 7- Amelia N

Class 8- Aaleeya

Class 9- Elliott



House Points



Achievements Outside of School...



CHOOSE

RESPECT

#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK
11TH - 15TH NOVEMBER 2024

#WakeUpWednesday

#WakeUpWednesday aims to equip every trusted adult with the knowledge and skills they need to keep up with the latest information, implement best practice and heighten their awareness of issues around three core topics; online safety, mental health & wellbeing; and climate change & sustainability.

Relevant to all parents and educators, from early years through to secondary school, our #WakeUpWednesday resources can be accessed both on desktop and via our #WakeUpWednesday app, providing instant and easy access to world-class expertise in the areas they need the most anytime, anywhere.

<https://nationalcollege.com/institutions/national-online-safety>

In line with Anti-Bullying week next week I would like to direct you to watch '[An Introduction to Online Bullying](#)'. This is a quick 2 minutes video that can help to support/ prevent Online Bullying.



Faith in Focus Week 2024

Faith and Focus, is the week commencing **25th November**. Faith in Focus week is a great opportunity for pupils to engage further in the RE curriculum and to build relationships with the faiths in their community. Our overall intent for RE is to recognise uniqueness, be inclusive, engage and inspire, promote aspiration and create citizens of the future. We are looking for any volunteers during this week, who would be willing to share their faith with Knypersley First School pupils, to promote our intended outcomes. If you would be interested in sharing your faith with our pupils, please reach out to Miss Massey via Arbor. This could be coming into school, recording a video message or sharing faith artifacts.

Thank you for your continued support.

Knypersley in the Spotlight...

PTFA Meeting—ALL ARE WELCOME!

We welcome members to join our fantastic PTFA team. Our next meeting is **Tuesday 12th November** at **5:30pm** at school. We look forward to welcoming you and your ideas—Main focus of meeting: Winter Fundraising Events.

Odd Sock Day

In order to show our support for Anti-Bullying Week in school we would like to invite you to take part in a non-uniform day

Friday 15th November.

On the day we ask that children come into school in non-uniform and odd socks Odd Socks are worn on the day to represent everything from - celebrating diversity, acceptance, and including everyone.

This is not a charity event it is an awareness event. As promised following feedback on our annual parent's questionnaire we have reduced pressures on parents to provide funding for a large range of events throughout the year. Our chosen charities for fundraising remain as: British Heart Foundation/ PTFA, so there is no need to bring pennies to join in



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.

[Staffordshire Connects | Service listings](#)

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

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators ENCOURAGING CHILDREN TO CHOOSE RESPECT

Sometimes, differences between children can escalate into bullying, potentially impacting their mental health in a way that can persist into adulthood. While it's natural to disagree sometimes, teaching children the importance of respect is essential – especially in difficult situations. This guide provides strategies for encouraging considerate behaviour, even during a dispute, to foster a kinder, more inclusive environment for everyone.

1 LEAD BY EXAMPLE

As adults, we play a crucial role in modelling respectful behaviour for children: they observe and learn from our actions every day. Be mindful of the way you interact with others in front of children. Keep in mind that you should always approach others with an attitude of mutual respect, even if you disagree with them. Demonstrating this behaviour can influence young people and help them to handle their own conflicts in a healthy way.

2 AGREE TO DISAGREE

Make sure children know that it's fine to have differing opinions – and that disagreeing with someone doesn't mean you can't get along or respect each other's point of view. Help them understand that sometimes we can 'agree to disagree'. Using active listening skills when doing this can also help to build empathy and understanding of others.

3 PROMOTE ACTIVE LISTENING

Teach children about the importance of active listening; that is, making a genuine effort to listen to the other person's perspective without interrupting, before responding in a way that shows you understand their viewpoint, even (or perhaps especially) if you disagree with it. This makes people feel respected and allows for a better comprehension of their point of view, which in turn can make it easier for you to communicate your own opinions to them.

4 ENCOURAGE THE USE OF "I" STATEMENTS

If a child finds themselves in a disagreement with someone, it can be useful to encourage them to use "I" statements during the discussion. Framing their thoughts and feelings using statements like "I feel ..." or "I think ..." can help them avoid an accusatory tone and encourages them to take responsibility for their own emotions.

5 FOCUS ON BEHAVIOUR, NOT CHARACTER

When disagreements happen, encourage children to focus on critiquing and addressing the specific actions or behaviours that caused this upset, rather than attacking the person's character. For example, "I didn't like how you interrupted me" is better than "You're so rude". This can help children avoid hurting someone's feelings, which is likely to inflame the situation.

6 STAY CALM AND TAKE BREAKS

It's perfectly normal to feel upset during a disagreement – especially if it's getting heated. Remind children that if they feel overwhelmed, they should try to take deep breaths or even go for a short break to help them stay composed. If a conversation becomes too intense, remind them it's OK to suggest continuing it later or in a different setting. This can prevent things getting out of hand, allowing cooler heads to prevail.

7 START CONVERSATIONS ABOUT RESPECT

Talk openly to children about what respect means – to you and to them. Discuss how they might show respect to each other, to friends, to strangers and even to people we might disagree with. You could use examples of considerate or inconsiderate behaviour in books, films or TV to open discussions about the importance of giving others due regard.

8 SEEK COMMON GROUND

When a disagreement has occurred between children, they may find it hard to move past it. You can support them in finding a more positive way forward by helping identify areas of agreement or common ground with the other party. This can help to build bridges between differing opinions and foster a more cooperative atmosphere, as well as preventing those involved from demonising each other.

9 AVOID MAKING THINGS PERSONAL

It's important that we make it clear to children they must avoid name-calling, swearing or derogatory remarks in a disagreement with others. Respectful language sets a positive tone and helps keep the conversation productive. Reminding children to stay calm and take breaks – as mentioned previously – can help them avoid getting too emotional and saying or doing something hurtful.

10 REFLECT AND LEARN

After a child has had a disagreement, encourage them to reflect on the experience and think about what they can learn from it. What did they handle well? How might they improve their communication skills to handle conflicts more effectively in the future? You could use role play, writing and drawing pictures, or hypothetical examples to further develop their skills in showing respect during a disagreement.

Meet Our Expert

The Anti-Bullying Alliance (ABA) co-ordinate Anti-Bullying Week each year. ABA is a unique coalition of organisations and individuals, working together to achieve their vision to stop bullying and create safer environments in which children and young people can live, grow, play and learn. They welcome membership from any organisation or individual that supports this vision and support a free network of thousands of schools and colleges.

ANTI-BULLYING ALLIANCE

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REMEMBRANCE DAY

11AM • 10 NOVEMBER

- lest we forget -

PLEASE JOIN US AS WE TAKE PART
IN THE BIDDULPH
REMEMBRANCE DAY PARADE.

WE WILL GATHER OUTSIDE OF SAINSBURYS AT 10AM.
PLEASE WEAR SCHOOL UNIFORM AND A WARM COAT.
WE WILL THEN TAKE PART IN THE COMMUNITY REMEMBRANCE PARADE
DOWN TO THE MONUMENT WHERE WE WILL JOIN TOGETHER IN A MINUTES
SILENCE TO PAY OUR RESPECTS AND TO LAY A SCHOOL WREATH

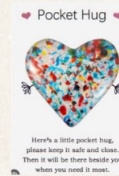


JOIN US FOR A

CHRISTMAS MARKET

FRIDAY NOVEMBER 22ND
3:30PM ONWARDS

The PTFA have been working hard to ensure that the Christmas Markets are a huge success!
They would like to share a selection of the stalls that will be participating on the day...



Stalls will be priced at 50p, £1 or £1.50.

Where possible please support staff by having the correct change available for payment. There will also be contactless payment codes available too!

- Cold Cups, Keyrings, Pens/ Bookmarks
- Dee Bee Designs - handmade jewellery
- Nikki - handmade scrunchies, rompers and much more
- M&S Conway - Marshmallow Snowman
- Katrina - Therapeutic items for children and young adults

Alongside the market stalls will be a wide variety of games, craft activities and many more exciting events!

Knypersley's Autumn Bookshelf!



Nursery



Reception



Year 1



Year 2



Year 3



Year 4