

Knollmead News

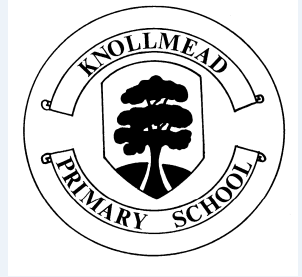
Knollmead Primary School

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From Mr Tan

A warm welcome back to school after the Christmas break and I hope that you all had an enjoyable holiday.

We have a packed term ahead, full of exciting activities and trips that we are sure your children will enjoy.

Years 3 and 4 have already been on a trip to the Sea Life Centre to launch their Cornerstones topic, and the staff were very impressed with their behaviour and the way they represented the school. I know that Years 1 and 2 are looking forward to exploring the Natural History Museum at the end of the month for their topic.

Don't forget that Parents' Evening is on Tuesday 7th and Thursday 9th February and I look forward to seeing you there.

Reminders

Scooters—We have noticed that there are several scooters that have been left, for some time, in the bike hut.

If you have used the bike hut in the past, could you please come and check for any missing scooters.

Thank you, Carys and Julius (Junior Travel Ambassadors)

Cold Weather—Now that the weather has turned colder (and wetter!) can we remind you to make sure that your children should come to school appropriately dressed with coats, hats and gloves (all named). We encourage the children to play outside in all weathers. Thank you.

Clubs

Thank you to everyone who has completed the club application forms; we have had an overwhelming response. Reply slips will be sent home in book bags today.

Welcomes

We are delighted to welcome two new members of staff to Knollmead this term.

Mr Rebbitt will be working on the reception desk in the mornings and helping out in Coral and Crystal classes on some afternoons.

Miss Underwood has joined us as a Teaching Assistant and is currently working in Year 4.

Favourites Day—Thursday 19th January

Don't forget to remind your child/ren that they can choose from a special menu on Thursday 19th January. This meal is free to all children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 and to those children in Years 3—6 who are entitled to a free school meal.

Favourites Day
Thursday 19th January

Burger in a Bun with Chips

Baked Beans & Carrot Sticks

Strawberry Ripple Ice Cream

Fresh salad selection, home baked bread, vegetarian or pasta option, alternative fresh fruit and homemade yoghurt with selected toppings.

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

Year 3/4 Trip to the Sea Life Centre

On Friday 6th January, Years 3 and 4 took a trip to London to visit the Sea Life Centre for their new topic, 'Blue Abyss'. It was very exciting getting on the train and the children had lots of fun learning about sea creatures and all the different species than live in the ocean. They even got to touch a starfish!

Well done to all of the children as they were very well behaved and represented Knollmead brilliantly.

Below are some of the children's memories:

"When I stroked the starfish it was so soft." - Liyannashree

"I liked it when we walked over the sharks." - Janojan

"When I walked through the glass tunnel I saw the turtles." - Racksha



Funding Campaign—A request from local Headteachers.

Happy New Year! We would like to start 2017 by making the Government take note of the impact of the funding and recruitment crisis in our schools. They need to hear your voice. Listen to the words of some of the local parents who have already signed our petition. Add your voice now, and share with others. Thank you.

"If, like me, you believe that good education is one of the bedrocks of a decent society, please sign and share."

"Reducing the net funding for schools [is]...not sustainable. We should be spending more on education not less"

"If we don't invest in children's education what kind of future do we expect for our country?"

"When headteachers warn that education is at a tipping point due to funding then they must be listened to."

Sign the petition here:

https://www.change.org/p/ministers-education-gov-uk-justine-greening-act-now-on-funding-before-our-children-s-education-is-compromised?source_location=petition_nav

Cleaning Vacancies



ENGIE, our cleaning services provider, are recruiting for three cleaners to work at Knollmead Primary School commencing 17/01/17. School cleaners will work evenings, 15:30 -17:30 Monday- Friday during school term time, with variable hours during school holiday periods.

For more information and to apply for the role, please contact Daniel Gilroy, Schools Manager at ENGIE, on Daniel.Gilroy@engie.com

or call on 07855962608.

Upcoming dates for your diary

Monday 16th January

Extra curricular clubs start

Thursday 19th January

Special Menu Day

Tuesday 24th January

Years 1 & 2 to Natural History Museum

Wednesday 25th January

Choir Performance at Rose Theatre

Friday 27th January

Year 4 (Pearl) Class Assembly (2.50 pm)

Tuesday 7th February

Parent Consultations (2.20 pm—5.30 pm) **School to close early at 2.00 pm**

Thursday 9th February

Parent Consultations (3.50 pm—7.00 pm)

Monday 13th February—Friday 17th February

Half Term

