

Knollmead News

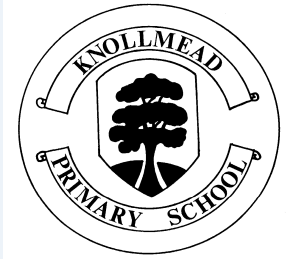
Knollmead Primary School

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Pr ud to be part of Knollmead



2018 has been a another great year for Knollmead, with superb results across the school for a second year in a row, placing us at the top of the borough and in the top 4% nationally for progress in reading and maths; the quality of teaching and learning continues to improve further all the time through the hard work, skill and dedication of the staff and the curriculum provides excellent opportunities for all the pupils. Your ongoing support and the pupils' willingness to learn and challenge themselves has been wonderful to see, and I am incredibly proud of what we have all achieved.

Oh behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year.



Let's celebrate!

In 2019 Knollmead Primary School will have been part of our community for 60 years. To mark this wonderful anniversary we will be holding a 'Celebration Tea Party' on Friday 11th January from 2pm in the school hall. Former students and teachers have been invited to join us and the Mayor, Councillor Thay Thayalan and Mayoress, Mrs Lata Thayalan, will also be coming along.

However, we would also like you as parents and carers to have the opportunity to see the children perform and look at some of the memorabilia from the past. Therefore you are invited to join us on **Thursday 10th January at 2.45 pm** in the school hall. Please return the reply slip recently sent out if you are able to join us.

Christmas Performances

Thank you to everyone who came along to the children's Christmas performances. We are sure you will agree they were truly wonderful and there are clearly some budding West End performers in the making! A huge thank you to the children for working so hard on their singing and speaking and the staff who show such dedication to ensure the children shine bright like the stars they are!



Christmas Fair

Many thanks to all of you who attended the KFA Christmas Fair on Friday 14th December. It was a lovely event with lots to see and do. Father Christmas made a special stop off, to the delight of the children, and the hall was buzzing with Christmas cheer.

A special thank you to the KFA members and all of you who came forward as volunteers to help in the preparation and running of the event - it was greatly appreciated.

The fair raised just over £1000 which is fantastic!

Budding chefs

On Wednesday Year 4 had fun making pasta salad. They had designed a salad that had lots of their five fruit and vegetables a day in it and then did a taste test of their friends' salads to score them for appearance, taste and healthiness. It was lots of fun and they were very good at washing up afterwards.





Mathletics Hall of Fame

Congratulations to this fortnight's Mathletics highest scorers:

Jannaiey (UKS2), Shadi (UKS2), Varush (UKS2) Dziugas(LKS2), Maja (KS1)& Maria (KS1)

This week's maths challenge is...

Spot the mistake



Janet and John used a calculator to find $8642 + 9328$

Janet said 'The answer is 17970'. John said 'The answer is 1897'.

One of them has typed the numbers incorrectly. Who made the mistake? Explain how you know? Which answer is correct? How would you use inverse to check it?

Elf antics!

Reception class's little visitor, Sprinkle, has been up to more antics in class and around school. Although the children had constructed him a lovely little home, he decided to have some naughty fun and climb to the top of our Christmas tree—can you spot him? If that wasn't enough he then decided to hitch a ride on our reindeer. We will be sad to see him go but the children all wrote diaries about his visit that he will take with him to show Santa!



No nuts please

Please remember that Knollmead operates a 'No nuts' policy. There are children and staff who suffer from nut allergies and exposure to nuts would make them very ill. Please be mindful of this when preparing packed lunches and avoid foods containing nuts or nut derivatives. Thank you.



Vocabulary Corner

"Goldilocks Principle"

Try not to overdo it. Professor Nell Duke recommends applying the "Goldilocks Principle" when trying to teach your child new words: not too many words at one time and not too few. A rule of thumb is to choose five unfamiliar new words for your child to learn each week. See how often everyone in the family can use those words in everyday conversation.

(From <https://www.parenttoolkit.com/academics/advice/english-language-arts/helping-your-child-build-a-strong-vocabulary>)



Year 3 Dance Festival

Last week our year three children attended a fantastic and inspiring dance festival. They all enjoyed sharing ideas, choreographing and performing a special dance that they had been rehearsing this term. They performed beautifully on stage at the Chessington School in front of a large audience and enjoyed showing off their skills. Well done Year 3!



Deadline draws nearer...

Just a little reminder that parents with children in Nursery who will be eligible for starting in Primary School—Reception Class—must apply for a place by **15th January 2019**.

The application should be made on line at: https://www.kingston.gov.uk/info/200342/apply_for_a_school_place

Please let us know as soon as possible if you need any help completing the form so that a member of staff can help you.

Dates for your diary



- Friday 21st December 2018
- Tuesday 8th January 2019
- Thursday 10th January 2019

School Closes at 1pm

Return to school at 8.40am

60th celebration performance for parents

