

Newsletter 17th March 2021

The children have settled back really well and have enjoyed seeing their friends and school staff. Thank you for following our safety procedures, for wearing a face covering, keeping 2m apart and sticking to the staggered drop offs and pick-ups. When picking-up can you please leave site straight away and make sure your child/children refrain from playing on school playground equipment especially the Nursery slide, I will speak to the children in my TEAMS assembly on Friday which is our weekly celebration of achievement. The names for class rewards, attendance winners and the Headteacher award are uploaded onto the website every Friday afternoon so please take a look.

We have a couple of Easter events in school next week including class Bingo and craft activities. We finish on Friday 26th March and will be staggering the finishing times, they will be as follows:

Y4-Y6 pick up 1:45- 1:55pm

Y3 pick up 1:55-2:05pm

N-Y2 pick up 1:50- 2:05pm

We return to school on Monday 12th April 2021

Below is a message from the LA and information about a free art programme available to pupils early next term and free keep fit sessions

After what has undoubtedly been the most challenging year most of us have ever experienced I think we all appreciate the simple joy of classrooms filled with children more than ever before!

As a little thank you to all pupils, staff, parents and carers, we've produced a short video for you to use in your virtual assemblies and which can also be shared with parents and carers in your email newsletters.

We hoped to capture a positive mood as children return to school, whilst also acknowledging how difficult the past few months have been for everyone – and recognising the incredible resilience and determination that everyone has shown. With a little help from some willing film stars from Park Brow Primary, we hope that's what this short film achieves... we know the children featured in the film speak for many of their peers across the borough and the country.

You will find the film on the Council's YouTube Channel here:

<https://youtu.be/KUU5YsLpWxo>.

Once again, thank you so much for all the efforts you have made and continue to make in order to make our schools a safe and welcoming place for our children. Knowsley can be extremely proud of each and every one of you.

Best wishes,
Cllr Margaret Harvey
Cabinet Member Children's Services

Practising Portraits – free art programme

Practising Portraits is aimed primarily at young artists aged 5 to 11 but can also be enjoyed by those up to 16, or even adult beginners. The classes can be used by teachers in school with their pupils or enjoyed by families at home. Gill will be starting with the basics and sharing her best techniques and tips over 7 weeks from 14 April onwards to build confidence and create the perfect portrait. Every Wednesday you will receive a Practising Portraits information pack via email, with instructions, reference images and links to films of Gill demonstrating how to capture a likeness, step by step. Gill will show examples of her work and portraits by other artists and tell you about them. She will set tasks and pose questions, giving you time to pause the film so that you can try it yourself or have a discussion, then pick up where you left off.

Please follow the link below for more information on how to take part.

<https://mailchi.mp/7a4b310ab061/practicing-portraits?e=b311a4daf1>

Healthy Knowsley Service – Free Keep Fit Sessions

We have a free family fitness course delivered for 1 hour a week for 6 weeks by a sports coach over Zoom or MS Teams that families can access to get them fit and healthy during lockdown in their own home. The sessions are fun and get the families to join in and be active together. Some families have done boxercise, HITT, played games and had a lot of fun taking part together.

The sessions will be delivered late afternoon into early evening (so that working parents and children in school can take part after school).

The criteria for taking part in the 6 week course is the family must have a child aged between 7-11 years old. Older and younger siblings can also take part. They have to live in Knowsley or have a Knowsley GP.

If you are interested in taking part in these sessions please contact school.

Thank you.