

Ravenscroft Newsletter

December 21st 2023



Festive greetings to all of our families

What a half term this has been: there has been so much learning and so many exciting events taking place. My spotty box is full of the names of children who have been caught doing the right thing and living out our Ravenscroft HEART values – children being a super role model, showing kindness, excellent work, fantastic progress, honesty and so much more. I am so proud of all of our children.

We have enjoyed so many Christmas events over the last few weeks from three nights of Christmas Grottos and crafts, to our Christmas Movie Night. Our staff worked so hard to make all of these events run so smoothly and ensure that our children have the best experiences. Thank you also to our Year 6 children who did such a fantastic job as our grotto elves and selling goodies and running the craft stalls. We received so much lovely feedback around what super jobs they all did – thank you Year 6.

It was such a joy to watch all the children in their performances, so happy and confident and they all did so well remembering their lines and lyrics – such magical performances.

Today we say a sad goodbye to Mrs Scully who has been a valued member of the team for 17 years. We will miss her warmth, kindness and calm nature. We wish Mrs Scully a long and happy retirement, filled with fun, relaxation and lots of opportunities for memory making. We hope that we will see Mrs Scully in the new year.

Finally, I want to say a huge thank you to you all for making me feel so welcome over this last term. I have now had the opportunity to meet most of our families and have enjoyed getting to know you all. If we haven't chatted yet, then I'm sure that our paths will cross in the new year. Please do pop in and see me or catch me on the gate. Thank you also for all of your kind words, positive feedback, cards and gifts – I am truly touched by your thoughtfulness and generosity. I hope that you all have a lovely break and enjoy making new family memories – these times are so precious. Best of wishes for the festive season. Look after yourselves and each other.

Mrs Coleman



Santa Dash

A huge well done to all our children and staff for taking part in this year's Santa Dash, we raised £98.05 for Save The Children. None of it would have been possible without all of the kind donations from you all - thank you!



Towerhill Community Christingle Service

Some of our school choir had the opportunity to perform at the Community Centre Christingle service. Their singing was beautiful, their behaviour was excellent, and their Christingle's looked fantastic. Well done children!



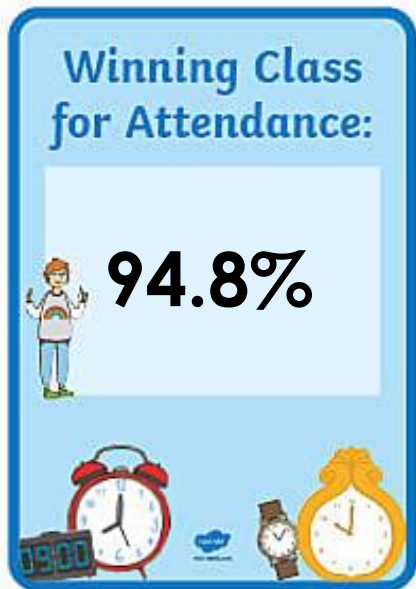
Christmas Colouring Competition

Congratulations to the two winners and two runners up in our Christmas colouring competition. Winners bagged themselves tickets to Bubbles World of Play and a selection box and runners up took home a selection box. Well done to all children in school who took part; there were a lot of fantastic entries, and it was super hard to select the winners.



Attendance

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
94.8%	93.9%	92.1%	92.0%	94.6%	93.3%	91.5%



Attendance

Our whole school attendance for Autumn Term is 93.2%. This is an improvement on this time last year which is really positive but there is still a way to go to reach our school target.

Reminder – our attendance target is 97% We have 36 children with 100% attendance and 122 children who have met or are exceeding our school target of 97%. A huge well done to all of these children.

Indoor Athletics

Congratulations to our Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 Athletics Team's, who both came 3rd in the competition.



Kirkby Gallery's biennial exhibition of contemporary craft – Our year 3 & 5 children enjoyed the crafted exhibition where they got to meet local artists and take part in the workshop.

Parents of pre school children
It's time to apply for a school reception class place
September 2024 Intake

Knowsley residents - Apply online by visiting www.knowsley.gov.uk
CLOSING DATE 15TH JANUARY 2024

- If your child's date of birth falls on or between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, now is the time to apply for a reception class place in school for September 2024.
- There is no automatic transfer from nursery - everyone must apply between 12 September 2023 and 15 January 2024 by completing the application form of the Local Authority in which you live.
- Knowsley residents should apply by accessing the online application portal via the Knowsley website www.knowsley.gov.uk.
- It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure they have read the admission policy of each school they are considering applying for and provided all the information required to support their application - this may include completing a supplementary information form with some individual schools where requested.
- For full information about the application and allocation process and admission policies for individual schools, visit the school admission pages at www.knowsley.gov.uk and access the Knowsley Primary Admission Composite Prospectus.

For further advice, contact Knowsley School Admissions Team
Email: schooladmissions@knowsley.gov.uk
Tel: (0151) 443 5143 / 5142 / 3372

Reception School Applications

Applications are open to apply for a school reception for September 2024. Reception place deadline is 15th January 2024. You can complete the application online at knowsley.gov.uk If you need any help or further information around this, please speak contact the school office.

Community events and activities

See, Sew, Save

Free 10-week sewing course at Kirkby Gallery



Tuesdays, 10am-1pm. 23 January to 26 March 2024.

Learn a selection of stitches and hand sewing techniques to transform garments, repair and repurpose old favourites.

Bring along some pieces of clothing you would like to mend or embellish, and any treasured scraps, buttons or trimmings you have kept for a rainy day. We'll provide the needles and thread, as well as refreshments and hot soup for lunch.



To book your place(s), please call 0151 443 4936 or email galleries@knowsley.gov.uk

Friends of Kirkby Gallery & Prescot Museum is offering free activities for adults to improve their mental health and wellbeing through sewing and skills development. The free programme of activities has been supported by Knowsley Council's Winter Wellness Grant.

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Norwich Way, Kirkby, L32 8XY



Kirkby Gallery
& Prescot Museum

St Andrews Family Christingle Service



Come and enjoy this special time of year with this lovely service

Sunday 17th December
3.30pm

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Cost of Living Support

<https://ravenscroftcp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Cost-of-Living-signposting-2023.pdf>

Towerhill Community Centre Programme

<https://ravenscroftcp.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/11/Towerhill-Community-Centre-Activities-for-Winter-1.pdf>

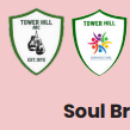
At Towerhill Amateur Boxing Club



Monday
Youth Club 17:00 - 20:00
Football 17:00 - 18:00
Boxing 18:00 - 20:00



Wednesday
Youth Club 17:00 - 20:00
Boxing 17:00 - 20:00
Homework Club 18:00 - 20:00
Community Outreach 17:00 - 19:00



Thursday
Youth Club 17:00 - 18:00
Boxing 17:00 - 19:00



Soul Brothers Young Men's Community 18:00 - 20:00



Friday
Youth Club 17:00 - 20:00
Football 17:00 - 20:00
Homework club 18:00 - 20:00
Cookery Club 17:00 - 20:00



Saturday
Youth Club 10:00 - 13:00
Homework Club 12:00 - 13:00
Youth Activities



Sunday
Youth Club 10:00 - 14:00
Teen Souls 10:00 - 13:00
Street Dance 13:00 - 15:00
Youth Activities



Saturday

Art Clubs

at Kirkby Gallery, 10.30am-12.30pm



Looking for something to keep your young artists busy?

At Kirkby Gallery, we have two art courses on offer for young people under 18 years of age:

Our **little BIG Art club** is a fabulous opportunity for young people aged 7-13 to try new and exciting techniques, have fun and make new friends. Central to the course is gaining confidence in drawing and learning new ways of further developing their creativity.

We also now run the **Young Makers Group**, designed for young people aged 14-17 who wish to develop their practical art skills further and their knowledge of artists past and present.

Both courses are led by professional artists and run 10.30am till 12.30pm. It costs just **£75** for the **10 weeks** and all art materials are included in the course price. **Booking is essential** as places are limited.

Please note, the fee must be paid in full prior to the course starting. For new members, the first session works as a taster, so if they do not wish to complete the course, there is nothing to pay up front; if they do carry on with the course, the £75 must be paid before the second week.

Our next courses start up again after Christmas, on Saturday 20 January and run until Saturday 23 March 2024.

For further information please email: Tina.Ball@knowsley.gov.uk

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Spring Term 1 2024 Diary Dates

Mon 3rd January: Return to school

Tue 9th Jan – Fri 12th Jan: Year 5 Bikeability Sessions

Thur 25th Jan, 3.30 – 4.30pm: Autism Spectrum Condition (ASC) Workshop (further details to follow in the new year)

Fri 2nd Feb: NSPCC Number Day (details to follow)

5th Feb – 9th Feb: Children's Mental Health Week

Fri 9th Feb: Break up for half term

School Nurse Drop In Session

On the following dates the school nurse will be on site. These dates are drop-in sessions, so no appointment needed, you can just turn up.

Friday 5th January

Friday 2nd February

Parent Maths Course

Thank you to all the parents who came along for the past six weeks to the weekly maths sessions with Knowsley FACE. Your support with your children has been brilliant and made the course a great success.

Uniform Reminder



This is a polite reminder that all children should wear black shoes to school each day and trainers are not acceptable. Can you please ensure your child/ren have appropriate shoes for January?
Thank you.



Return
We will return to school
Wednesday 3rd January
2024

