



Knowetop Primary School

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Our Vision: Through education with imagination, we will challenge, achieve, and excel.

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year and that children are glad to be back at school. It has been great this week catching up with all our pupils and finding out all about their holidays.

I am delighted to tell you that we received confirmation yesterday that our recent Rights Respecting Schools visit was successful, so Knowetop Primary are now officially a Gold Rights Respecting School. I am very proud of our incredible pupils and staff for this amazing effort. Thank you to all in our wider school community for supporting all the efforts in working towards this recognition.

Please keep up to date with all our pupil achievements and news featured on our Twitter feed [@KnowetopPrimary](https://twitter.com/KnowetopPrimary)

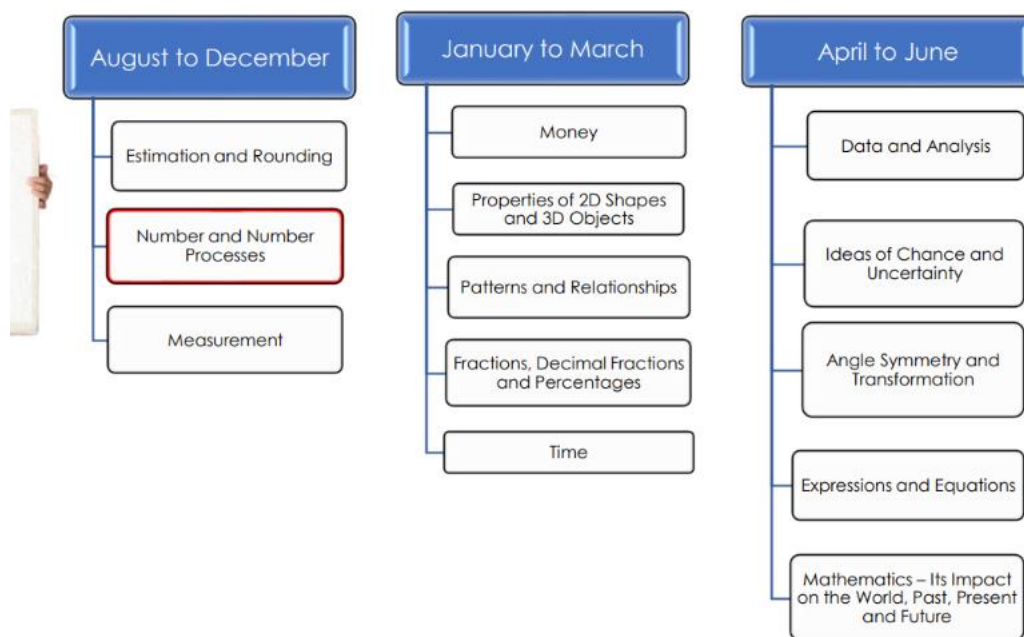
I hope this newsletter keeps you well informed and if there is anything we can do to help, please do not hesitate to get in touch.



Mr Gordon Murray
Head Teacher

Maths Factor Update

From now on, teachers will adjust the position on Maths Factor to reflect topics being covered in class. They won't assign specific lessons each week but the concept being taught in class will be the same as Maths Factor position so children can work through at their pace. Maths Factor only covers number concepts so if the class is covering measure, shape etc then the position won't be adjusted until the next number topic comes up. Here is an overview of our Numeracy and Maths topics for the year so you can see when key concepts are taught.



Digital Mornings

In order to encourage more pupils to use Maths Factor regularly, we are going to open our Digital Technologies room from 8.30am every morning from Monday onwards. This will be open to all Primary 5-7 pupils if they wish to come in early. Children should come to the front office from 8.30am where they will be taken to the Digital Tech room and will be supervised by a member of support staff or member of the leadership team. The aim is for children to complete one lesson in the morning before school starts and if they finish in time, they can rejoin friends in the playground. If they run slightly over 9am then they can go straight to class. We just wanted to provide an opportunity for children who may struggle to get time to complete Maths Factor at home due to various clubs and activities. The time can also be used to complete IDL sessions.

Attendance

We continue to have strong attendance figures, but our overall school attendance was down to 92% for December. Our percentages so far this session have been.

September - 97%

October - 95%

November - 95%

December - 92%

As a school our target is to stay above 95% so we will continue to work hard to maintain this standard. If children fall below 85% then we will be in contact with families to see if there is anything we can do to support getting children to school. If you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance, then please get in touch if there is anything you would like to discuss.

Gold RRS Award

We told children today about their success with the Rights Respecting Schools programme and had a gold balloon drop during assembly to celebrate. More pictures and clips have been shared on Twitter. There will be an official celebration with members of North Lanarkshire Council which we will plan in the next few weeks.



Primary 7 Residential Trip

We will have an online meeting for Primary 7 parents regarding the residential to Lendrick Muir on **Tuesday 23rd January**. A P7 Lendrick Muir Team has been created on Microsoft Teams and all children attending have been added to it.

Primary 6 Residential for next session.

We are currently researching views on our residential for Primary 7 pupils next session. A link will come to all current Primary 6 parents within the next week to collect views on preferred options for this for session 2024/25.

Primary 1 Enrolment

Please see below for a final reminder of enrolment times for next week. All parents attending are required to bring a council tax notice and a copy of their child's birth certificate. Please pass on this information to any friends and neighbours you know who will be joining us.



Primary 1 Enrolment

All parents/ carers who have a child due to start school in August 2024 should come along and register children on one of the following dates.

Monday 15th January 1-2.30pm
Tuesday 16th January 1-2.30pm
Wednesday 17th January 1-2.30pm
Thursday 18th January 1-2.30pm

Please make sure you bring your child's birth certificate and current council tax notice.

We look forward to meeting everyone and if you have any questions please contact us at
Enquiries-at-knowetop@northlan.org.uk



NLC Supply Teacher

I wanted to make everyone aware that NLC have reopened their supply list for teaching staff. We are finding it challenging at times to get supply for particular days. If you know anyone who is looking for work or perhaps works in another authority part time, please let them know about this opportunity.

<https://www.myjobscotland.gov.uk/councils/north-lanarkshire-council/jobs>

Glasgow Grosvenor Raffle

We have had a kind donation for an overnight stay in the Glasgow Grosvenor for one night including dinner and breakfast. Please see below for full details.



If you would like to be in with a chance of winning this prize, then you can by sending in £2 per entry this week. You can send money into the office with your child next week and they will be issued a ticket with a number on it. The draw will take place on Friday during assembly. The funds raised will go to support leavers hoodies and yearbooks for Primary 7 pupils. As always, we appreciate any support you can give.

After-school Clubs

We will have more opportunities coming soon including dance, multi-sports, and rugby. We will keep you updated with these as Mrs Smith continues to liaise with Active Schools.

Mr Stewart is also planning more football experiences for other year groups with Glencairn Primary. These are likely to take place during the school day on Wednesday afternoons but we will keep you updated on when these will be.

Knowetop Uniform Shop

Items can be requested from the shop through their Facebook page **Knowetop Uniform Shop** or by emailing suzannemagowan@hotmail.co.uk. All items are pre-loved or nearly new and are completely free to anyone who wishes. Help us to reduce, reuse and recycle at Knowetop.



Knowetop Parent Council

<https://www.facebook.com/KnowetopPC>

Co-Chairpersons: Mrs Ali Holmes and Mrs Laura Arthur

We had our first Parent Council meeting of 2024 last night and confirmed a few events for the remainder of the session. Please see below for dates of these events.

Dates for your Diary

Friday 15th March will see the return of Rule the World, the amazing Take That tribute band at Club100! Please spread the word and follow the link to buy tickets...

<https://form.jotform.com/240072177352350>

Wednesday 27th March - Spring Disco. More details to follow but this will be the last disco of the year.

Wednesday 22nd May - Family Bingo Night. An evening of epic entertainment and family fun! Join us for bingo and more! More details to follow so keep an eye on the Facebook page and updates on the newsletter.

As always we will be looking for volunteers to help behind the scenes and on the night so please get in touch with us to let us know when and where you can help. knowetoppc@gmail.com

Thanks, Ali and Laura