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*Our Vision: Through Education with Imagination, we will Challenge, Achieve, and Excel.*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone enjoyed their week away from school last week and it has been great hearing about all the things children have done and the places they have been.

We enjoyed taster sessions from Sportkidz this week and we had pupils from Dalziel working with our P5 pupils on Eco activities. Unfortunately our karate taster sessions were cancelled this week but hopefully we will be able to reschedule.

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.

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



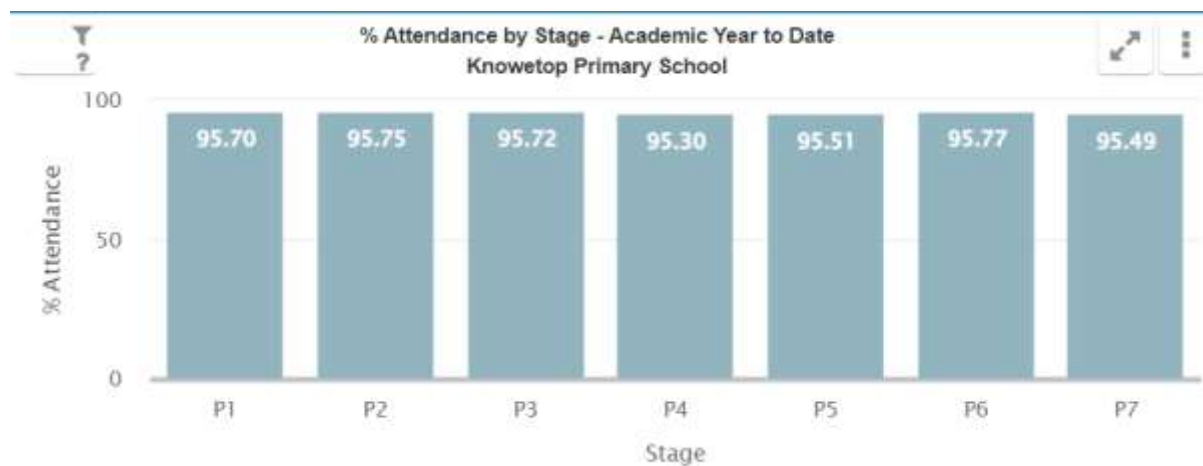
Mr Gordon Murray  
Head Teacher

### Child Protection Officer

Knowetop Primary's Child Protection Officer is Gordon Murray, Head Teacher. If you have any child protection concerns you wish to raise, please contact on 01698 274951 or email [nlmurrayg2@northlan.org.uk](mailto:nlmurrayg2@northlan.org.uk).

## Attendance

Below is a summary of our attendance figures for this session so far. Our target is 94% for the year so we are doing well for now. In line with our new council policy, all pupils who have an attendance rate below 90% have received a letter this week notifying parents of this. If there is anything the school can do to help, try and improve attendance then please get in touch.



## Additional Support for learning

All pupils who are currently receiving additional support through interventions have received a letter through email notifying parents of this. As any more supports become available, a letter will be issued so that you are aware of any further intervention which has been put in place. As you can appreciate resources are stretched so supports will change as the session progresses.

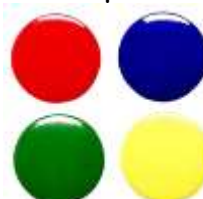
## ASDA Cashpot Update

Another super week from our ASDA shoppers. Thank you for all the support.



## House Badges

Our house points are fully up and running now and we look forward to seeing who the first weekly winners will be at next week's assembly. All Primary 1 pupils will be issued with a small house badge next week of the colour of their house. If other children throughout the school have lost theirs then they will be available for purchase at 50p each.



## Playground Activities

We have lots of pupils wishing to start clubs during lunchtimes to share skills which they have which we are encouraging. However, unfortunately everyone can't run clubs at the same time. We have taken some of the ideas suggested by pupils and are going to start with four activities in the next few weeks. These are Drawing and Colouring, Loom Bands, Chess and Comic Book Creation. Our House Prefects will set these activities up for children to take part in and we will see how it goes. This is in response to some of our pupil evaluations about lunchtime. Many children wanted more variety of activities. Children also wanted our own astroturf area, which we are currently pricing and gardening opportunities. If you have anything at home which would be of use to us such as chess boards, loom band equipment or materials for drawing and colouring, then we would make great use of them and would appreciate the donation.

Thank you to our prefects for helping to set up these activities.



### P2 and P4 Multi-sports

The multisport after school clubs for Primary 2 and Primary 4 start next week. All children who have a place in the club have been notified.



### Cheesy Buns

Back due to very popular demand, Cheesy buns will make a welcome return to The Big K next week. They will be available on Tuesdays and Thursdays at playtime and children can purchase if they have money in their iPay account. Our new catering manager, Amanda is doing a super job of trying to get more children and staff to come along to the Big K and try something new.

### Our Values



We have been revisiting our school values during assemblies and so far, have covered Kind, Nurturing, Open-Mindedness and Willing. Our values were devised a few years ago by pupils and here is a reminder.

We are

- Kind
- Nurturing
- Open-minded
- Willing
- Enthusiastic
- Trustworthy
- Original
- Passionate

Our Values award winners this week.





Knowetop Parent Council

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

Co-Chairpersons: Mrs Ali Holmes and Vacancy

Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder to get your team and tickets sorted for the quiz night! Still some available at [www.knowetop.co.uk](http://www.knowetop.co.uk)

As always, your support is greatly appreciated at these kind of events and all the profits are gratefully received by the school 😊. We are also looking for raffle donations so please hand anything in to the school office by Thursday 7th November. Thanks again and hope to see you there!!

Thanks, Ali 😊

### **Get into Teaching Event**

Please see below for information regarding an information session about getting into teaching. The sign-up link is at the bottom for anyone who wishes to register.

University of Strathclyde: Get into Teaching Event



# University of Strathclyde

Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> October 4.30pm – 6.30pm

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