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Weekly Newsletter



Friday 26th March 2021

Staggered drop offs and pick up for those who bring their child to school will continue: 9:05—9:15 and pick up between 3:05—3:15.

Again parents / carers are required to wear a mask on entering the school premises and you must keep two meters apart.

Thank you for all of your continued support.

Home Testing Kits: The link to order home testing kits is here

<https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>. Available to all households who have children attending school. It is not a requirement that you test your child, it is completely voluntary. If your child displays Covid symptoms, you should book a PCR test and inform school straight away.

A reminder that we break up for the Easter holidays on Wednesday 31st March at normal finishing time 3.05pm-3.15pm and return on Monday 12th April.



Knowsley Central have achieved the IQM Award

The *IQM* inclusive school award recognises the ongoing commitment by schools to provide the very best education for all children irrespective of differences. You can read the report below:

<https://iqmaward.com/news/knowsley-central-achieves-inclusive-school-award/>

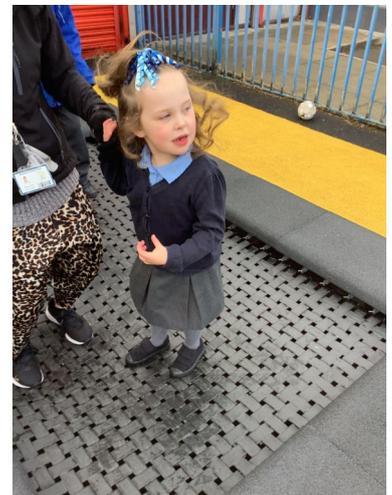
Final date for Easter Goody Bags orders is Monday 29th March. Unfortunately no order can be accepted after that date.

Holiday Dates 20/21	Break Up	Return
Easter Holidays	Wednesday 31st March 2021	Monday 12th April 2021
May Half Term:	Friday 21st May 2021	Monday 7th June 2021
Break up for Summer	Friday 16th July 2021	
Holidays Dates 21/22		
Inset Day (Staff)		Wednesday 1st September 2021
School Starts for Pupils		Thursday 2nd September 2021
Oct Half Term Hol:	Friday 22nd October 2021	Monday 1st November 2021
Christmas Hol:	Wednesday 22nd December 21	Wednesday 5th January 2022
February half term:	Friday 18th February 2022	Monday 28th February 2022
Easter Hols:	Friday 8th April 2022	Monday 25th April 2022
May half term Hols:	Friday 27th May 2022	Monday 13th June
Break up for Summer	Wednesday 20th July 2022	

Blossom Class



This week in Class Blossom we have had lots of fun! We have been exploring the outside area on the trampoline and swing, story time and sensory massage. During workstation tasks we have been developing our independent skills and colour matching. Well done Class Blossom!

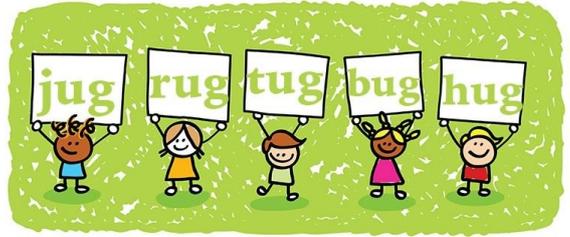


Holly class enjoyed our trip to the forest this week!
We went for a woodland walk to find the Gruffalo,
listened to the story, had a lovely
picnic lunch and played lots of  games!



The Reading Corner: The Importance of Rhyme

Research has shown that rhythm and rhyme play a very important role in the development of early literacy skills. This is because children's early literacy skills are about listening and speaking rather than reading and writing. These first two skills lay the foundation for better readers. It also paves the way for later learning phonics and sight words.



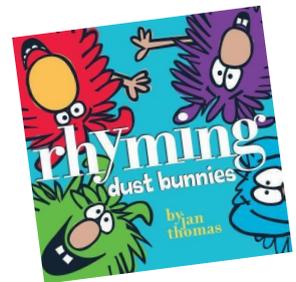
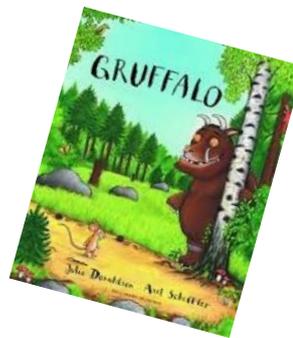
What's so great about rhyme? By singing and re-telling familiar rhymes and rhyming stories we teach our children: - auditory discrimination, listening skills, a rich range of language, concentration skills, oral storytelling / poetry skills and phonemic awareness.

What can you do at home? Here are a few tips about how you can encourage and develop rhyming at home:

- Sing and tell rhymes/ chants and songs as part of every day life during normal routines e.g. while getting dressed, eating breakfast, walking to the park, having a bath.
- Read rhyming books together (see book suggestions below)
- Share nursery rhymes with your children
- Play rhyming games with your children

Good rhyming books for your children include:

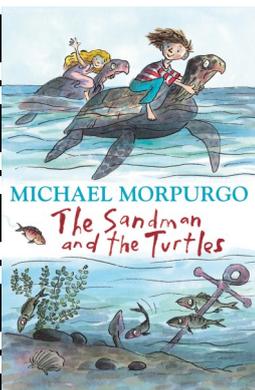
- *Edward the Emu* by Sheena Knowles
- *Ned the Knitting Pirate* by Diana Murray
- *The Pout-Pout Fish* by Deborah Diesen
- *Rhyming Dust Bunnies* by Jan Thomas
- *The Gruffalo* by Julia Donaldson
- *Barnyard Dance* by Sandra Boynton
- *Big Red Barn* by Margaret Wise



For more tips and rhyming book suggestions please visit:

<https://blog.allaboutlearningpress.com/teach-rhyming/>

Our Favourite Class Reads!! Class Redwood



In Class Redwood we loved reading the books of **Michael Morpurgo** and in particular '**The Sandman and the Turtles**'. It was good to imagine being Michael on holiday in Wales, and especially exciting to see what happened when The Sandman came to life.

Other Michael Morpurgo books we like are **Shadow** and **Why the Whales came!**



Guidance from Knowsley Council: Reminder about when and where to get tested

Regular testing for COVID-19 is essential in order to detect people who have the virus – with or without symptoms. Importantly, they can then self-isolate and stop passing on the virus to other people.

Remember if you have symptoms or if you, anyone in your household or support bubble tests positive for COVID-19, you must self-isolate for 10 days to prevent the further spread of the virus.

Over the last few months, there have been different testing options introduced, so here's our guide to when and where to get tested depending on your circumstances.

If you have COVID symptoms

If you have any of the COVID symptoms (high temperature, new or persistent cough or a loss of taste or smell), stay at home and book a test through www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or ring 119. There are 3 testing sites in Knowsley for people displaying symptoms (in Huyton, Kirkby and Stockbridge Village) and you will be offered the first available appointment at a test centre. Please note, you need an appointment to attend these testing sites.

If you don't have symptoms and can't work from home

There are 7 SMART test sites operating across the Borough offering testing (through Lateral Flow Tests). You don't need to make an appointment, but please only visit these sites if you do not display any symptoms. For the locations and opening times, [click here](#).

Remember a positive test means you have COVID-19 and you (and others in your household, support bubble and close contacts) need to self-isolate for 10 days.

If you live or work with children

If your household includes school children or people who work with school children, you can collect rapid (lateral) tests from Huyton, Kirkby and Stockbridge Village to carry out regular testing at home. These sites are open from 1pm until 8pm 7 days per week – no appointment is needed but please only attend during the specified times.

You can find your nearest site here: <https://find-covid-19-rapid-test-sites.maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/>

Secondary school testing

From 8 March when all pupils started to return to the classroom, testing was offered to secondary school pupils. The first three tests would be undertaken on the school premises and then your school will issue home testing kits for you to continue with regular testing at home (twice weekly).

Positive result from a test carried out at home

If you receive a positive test result from a test you have carried out at home, you are required to book a confirmatory test through www.nhs.uk/coronavirus or ring 119.

This is not required if you receive a positive test from either the SMART testing site, a test conducted on school premises or a test carried out at the symptomatic testing sites.

Importance of testing

COVID-19 is easily transmitted from person to person and many people can have COVID-19 without having any symptoms. That's why regular testing is essential – it will identify people who have the virus so that they can self-isolate and stop passing it on to others.