

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

"Together we are better"

Weekly Focus

Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

This week's update could only possibly focus on one thing—the wonderful opportunity that all children enjoyed throughout the week... our mobile rock climbing walls. On Monday, I challenged the children to demonstrate our value of courage and they most certainly did that! I must say a huge thank you to Mr Burrow, also our first teacher to receive a celebration certificate for his effort in organising this week, for his creative thinking and determination in ensuring that our children have access to new sports and experiences.

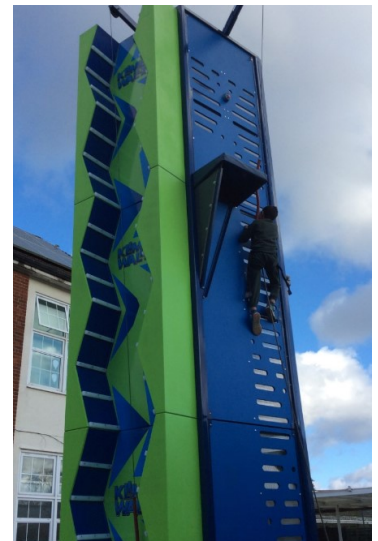
Mr Burrow has told us: "This week, Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill Junior School had the opportunity to take part in a climbing experience in our very own playgrounds. The children were greeted by a 7 metre climbing wall and everyone had the chance to scale it to the summit. The wall at Knaphill Lower School had four different faces, each presenting the children with a different climbing challenge. All the teachers were very impressed with the skill, strength and courage shown by all our children and would like to say a massive well done to everyone who got on the wall. Several children were awarded the celebration certificates for their courage and resilience—we are incredibly proud!"

The Junior School had a new climbing wall and gave our children a different challenge to face. Could they face their fears and take the leap of faith? Along with two difficult climbing walls, the children also had to take a leap off a platform 7 metres from the ground. A special shout out goes to Freddie in 3E who displayed incredible courage at the top of the platform and managed to take the leap of faith. Freddie was able to overcome his fears and showed that he wasn't to be beaten!

The climbing wall was brought to our school to help teach the children about courage, one of our school values and a key driver of our curriculum, but what really struck us most was how supportive and compassionate our children are. No matter how high our children climbed, they were met with a large round of applause from their classmates. Anyone who was afraid was encouraged by their friends to have a go. These are the values that we want the children to show, and it was great to see them in action.



Once again, I would like to say a big thank you to Mr Burrow. His final words summarise exactly what we have seen in our community this week - our children are compassionate and our children are courageous.



Next week, is a very important week at Knaphill as we focus on supporting children's mental health and exploring the importance of online safety through our Safer Internet Day on Tuesday.

I hope that everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,
Miss Harbridge

KFOS Community Updates

Meet the Team:

This week, our 'Meet the Team' section of the weekly update, focuses on our Pastoral Team. Working across both sites, we have Miss Frost and Mrs Phillips - they are essential figures in ensuring that children are happy and well-supported with their emotional needs.

Miss Frost: After changing a career in Nursing, I began working at Knaphill Lower School when my daughter joined our wonderful Early Years setting. Fourteen years later, and I'm still here! During this time I have worked in a variety of roles. I have the privilege of being able to work across the year groups, and get to know so many of our children. I have in turn become familiar with many families within the school community, which is useful when working as a PFSW! I am passionate about mental and emotional wellbeing and have been an ELSA and 'Drawing & Talking' practitioner at Knaphill Lower School since 2017. I am keen to have parents and carers share any concerns or worries about their children with me. I love reading and keep breaking my promise not to buy any more books! As well as having many books, I also seem to have a ridiculous amount of shoes! I enjoy listening to Jazz music, much to the annoyance of my daughter and foster child!



Mrs Phillips: Having served as a Police Officer for 13 years, I took a career break when I had my two children. I then decided that I wanted to work within a school setting, so I volunteered at my children's school as a parent helper. I loved this so much that I decided this was the future career for me and haven't looked back since! I have worked at Knaphill for several years. I began my journey as a teaching assistant across the different year groups, but my passion has always been in the pastoral care field, so I decided to re-train as an ELSA (Emotional Literacy support assistant). ELSA's are trained and regularly supervised by the Educational Psychologist in the local area. My main aim is to help children feel happy in school and help try and remove barriers to learning. An ELSA can help with self-esteem, social skills, emotions, anxiety, relaxation techniques and more. I then undertook the necessary training to become a deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead (DDSL) and Pastoral Family Support Worker (PFSW). I strongly believe that the best outcomes for young children occur when parents/carers work in partnership with our school. Your first line of support for learning related issues should always be your child's Class teacher who may decide with you that Pastoral family Support is appropriate. In my spare time, I am kept very busy with football, as both of my sons play regularly. I have a 'crazy' Cockapoo named Charlie who I am hoping to train as a therapy dog in the future.



Knaphill will be once again entering a team into the Surrey Half Marathon, 5K and kids run. However, this year... **WE WANT IT TO BE THE LARGEST TEAM YET!**

- We want families - parents and children, aunties, uncles, grandmas and grandads.
- We want members of staff and their families too.
- To get the ball rolling, I have committed to running the 5k distance and to train for that, I have vowed to run every day in February. After all, we believe in a healthy body, healthy mind at Knaphill.

To register your interest, please complete this Google Form:

<https://forms.gle/pCZDcPNfnbtPY49u6>

Book Fair Reminder:

We have an exciting event happening across the whole school...a Virtual Book Fair! This is a great opportunity to buy books at fantastic prices, there are 1000's at only £2.50 including many top titles from baby books through to teen books. There are many great non fiction books to support topic learning this term. All orders placed during our book fair will be delivered to school for free and our school will be able to earn a free book for every five £2.50 books purchased by the parents/carers.

Do not order yet (or you'll be charged for delivery) but you can have a look at the amazing titles at www.booksforbugs.co.uk

Dates 2021-22

Exciting News!

Year Leaders are currently creating an overview document that will detail the trips and opportunities for each year group for the rest of the year. More dates for the diary will be with you very soon.

Spring Term Dates

Monday 7th – Friday 11th February – Mental Health Week

Friday 11th February – Year 3 Trip (Butser Farm—Stone Age Topic)

Monday 14th – Friday 18th February – Half Term

Monday 21st February – INSET Day

Tuesday 22nd February – Sports for Schools Workshops

Tuesday 1st March – Owl Visit (KLS)

Wednesday 2nd March – Owl Visit (KJS)

Monday 28 February – Friday 4th March – World Book Week

Tuesday 8th March – Friday 11th March – Year 6 Residential

Friday 18th March – Year 4 Viking Day Workshop

Friday 25th March – After School clubs finish

Monday 4th April – Monday 18th April – Easter Holidays

Summer Term Dates

Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May – Year 6 SATs

Monday 9th May – Friday 13th May – Year 4 Bikeability

Monday 16th May – Wednesday 18th May – Year 5 Residential

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – Half Term

Monday 6th June – Friday 10th June – KSI Phonics Screening check

Friday 8th July – Inset Day

Friday 22nd July – Last day of Summer Term

Finance Business Partner Vacancy—Bright Futures Learning Trust

We are looking to appoint a Finance Business Partner to join the team of our successful, growing Trust.

The role is based at Knaphill Federation of Schools. The successful candidate will be responsible for all financial aspects, including long and short term planning, monitoring spend and ensuring best financial practices which secure value for money and contribute to good financial health for the whole Trust.

For more details and an online application form, please click [here](#) to view the vacancy advertised on eTeach.

Closing date for applications: midday 21st February 2022, with interviews likely to take place the following week

An early application is recommended as candidates will be assessed and shortlisted as their application is received. We reserve the right to interview ahead of the closing date and withdraw this advert.