

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 28th January 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As we almost reach the end of January 2022, another week has flown by at Knaphill! Unfortunately, I have had to isolate this week, but that hasn't stopped me from hearing about all the learning that has taken place across both sites. Some year group have shared their highlights this week:



Mrs Wood (Year 2): Year 2 were very excited about their Transport Day at school this week, during which they were able to bring their own modes of transport to investigate. From scooters to bikes, our young engineers were able to use this discovery time as a basis for designing their own vehicles. I look forward to seeing what they create!



Saffie (Year 5): There have been lots of highlights in Year 5 this week. This included an interesting Science investigation where we were challenged to use different processes to separate mixtures of materials. But my favourite subject this week has to be English, as I found our drama lessons really enjoyable! This is because everyone was involved, and no one was left out. We had so much fun, but learnt lots at the same time about our characters' thoughts and feelings. The freeze frames were absolutely splendid and we were really creative!

Mrs Evans (Year 3): We really enjoyed our Science lesson this week. Stone Age boy gave us a problem to solve - he needed a new axe and wondered which rock would be the best to use. We investigated the hardness of sandstone, chalk, granite, slate and marble by scratching them making sure that the test was fair. We found out that granite was the hardest so we wrote a letter back to stone age boy to tell him what we had found out.

Mrs Everitt (Reception): We have recently transformed our Reception Classrooms with new furniture from Early Excellence. Elisha (Dragonfly Class): I am so happy today, I love our new classroom, it is the best... I love the shelves because you can see all the things!

It doesn't stop at drama, Science, bikes and new classroom furniture, next week sees some very exciting opportunities for all children in the Knaphill Community. As shared earlier this week, we will launch our Curriculum Driver of Courage by conquering our mobile rock climbing walls next week. As someone who is a little scared of heights, I know this is going to be a personal challenge for some children, and an unforgettable memory for many. We are very lucky to have this opportunity at Knaphill as we help children to discover a world of new sports, such as rock climbing, and we challenge them to reach daring new heights.

Best wishes—Miss Harbridge

Healthy Body, Healthy Mind

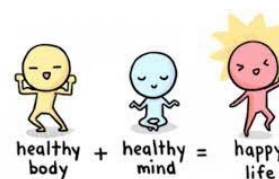
Growth mindset and metacognition—sessions for parents

[Monday 31st January at 7pm](#)

[Tuesday 1st February at 9:30am](#)

To confirm your attendance at these sessions, please complete the Google Form below:

[Google Form](#)



KFOS Community Updates

Meet the Team:

This week, our 'Meet the Team' section of the weekly update, focuses on our Special Educational Needs and Senior Leadership Team. Working across both sites, we have Mrs Tolley and Mrs Chereau:

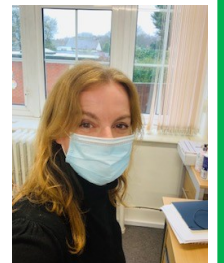
Mrs Tolley– Deputy Headteacher

From a very early age, I knew that I wanted to be a teacher and spent a lot of time teaching my dolls when I was younger. I want to make a difference and it is such a huge privilege to teach children and to watch as they develop and grow. It's so great to play a part in helping the next generation prepare for life in the modern world – I'm looking forward to seeing all that the children achieve in the future. One area of education that I am hugely passionate about is working with children who have special educational needs. I always want to be their advocate and to provide the very best for them.

Very excitingly, my husband and I are expecting a little girl in April. We have got the nursery ready and we are savouring our good night's sleep, as we know that the days of this are numbered! Outside of school, I enjoy spending time with my family and friends, exercise (though this is becoming more of a challenge at the moment!), reading thriller books and getting creative in the kitchen.

Mrs Chereau– Special Needs Coordinator (SENCO)

After teaching for some years in Croydon and Sandhurst, I took an extended break to bring up my own 3 children. In 2013, as soon as my youngest child started school, I decided it was the right time for me to return to school too! I started off as a teacher at the lower school, before becoming SENCO, and eventually ended up working across both sites, once the 2 schools were federated. I love working at Knaphill Federation of Schools and have enjoyed seeing so many of the children grow and develop, as they move up from Reception to Y6. Outside of school I am a mum to 3 lovely girls, all of whom were Knaphill pupils, with very fond memories of their time here. I enjoy walking, reading and cooking in my spare time.



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/pCZDcPNfntPY49u6>



Design opportunity for budding artists, eco warriors and future space engineers:

Are you 4-11 years old? We're launching our competition to find a logo to go on rockets launched from UK spaceports in 2022! To enter, design a logo that showcases the role of small satellites in measuring climate change.

Website:

www.logoliftoff.org.uk

It would be wonderful to enter some designs from Knaphill!

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