

# Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 18th March 2022

**Dear Parents and Guardians,**

The sun is shining over Knaphill and it is beginning to look like spring is on its way. We have had what is fast becoming ‘a normal week at Knaphill’ - there has been lots going on and much excitement across both sites.

Firstly, we have had British Science Week, which has been led by Mrs Harmston and supported by Miss Stockwell. This has given our children an understanding of science in action and experiments have been happening in all classrooms across the school.

**Science Week—from our wonderful Science Leader, Mrs Harmston**

Knaphill School have had a fantastic week becoming Science Boffins to celebrate British Science Week and this year’s theme of ‘Growth’. It has been lovely to see the children engage and participate in every activity, particularly the Science Google Classroom where children have had fun guessing their teachers from their baby photos and designing the World of 2122 as they imagine it might look. Lots of children are also taking part in the Virtual Science Fair and we are excited to see updates on the Google classroom stream as they come in! On Wednesday, we were visited by Boffin John, who captivated the children with his engaging and, most importantly, fun displays. As promised, the day ended with a bang: the children were lucky enough to witness a Rocket Launch! We weren't put off by the rain, however the wind did blow our rocket a little off course which created lots of excitement amongst the children and adults!



As well as having a science week at Knaphill, we have also had a Viking Day for Year 4. According to the team, it has been much enjoyed by all children and photos will be included next week. Like our other themed days, the children have really benefitted their topic coming to life.



I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone who supported our Travelling Book Fairs across both sites during the last fortnight. It was a worthwhile opportunity for exploring what new books are on offer and we will very much benefit from all the extra books we can buy for the Federation.

As an organisational point, I would like to confirm that our end of term finish time on Friday 1st of April is:

- 14:25 for Knaphill Lower School
- 14:30 for Knaphill Junior School

Lastly, on Friday last week, we said goodbye and good luck to Mrs Tolley as she starts her maternity leave and awaits the arrival of her first baby. Having worked very closely with Mrs Tolley, I know just how excited she is for beginning her time as a mum. I also know how much she will miss Knaphill! We must thank Mrs Tolley for all the time she has given this community and we hope to see her back very soon with her little one.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Miss Harbridge

## Stone Farm Study Centre



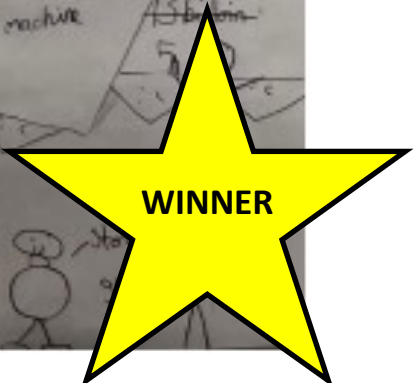
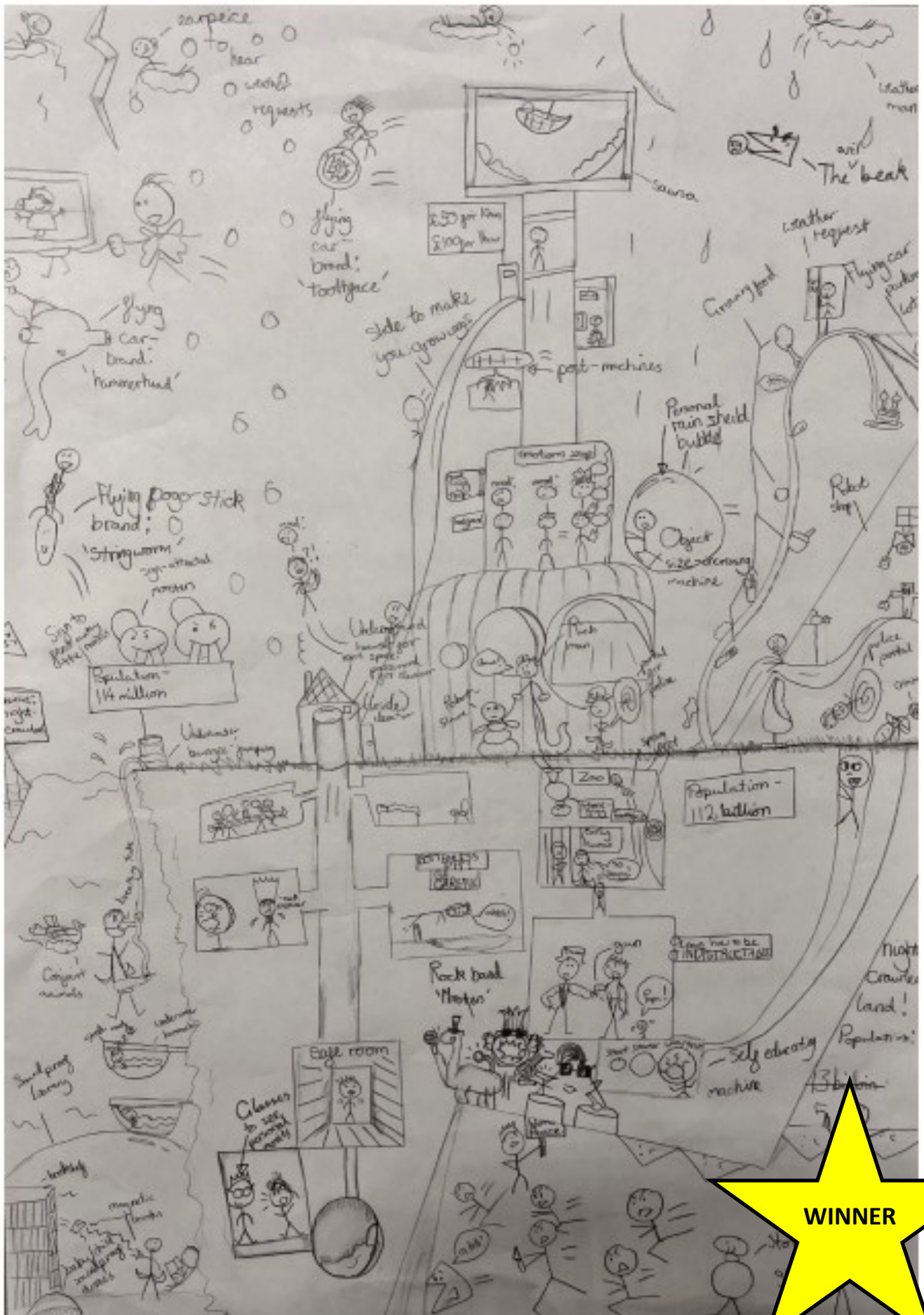
### Year 6 Residential Visit 2022

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed an exciting visit to Stone Farm in Devon this week. Staying on a working farm has certainly been a unique experience, with children having opportunities to feed the goats, swans and pigs; handle and name the new born chicks; brush the Shetland pony Thunder; milking a quite realistic cow called Daisy and getting the rabbits into the pen.

During the week children have also enjoyed a visit to the Eden Project, exploring the biomes and learning about rainforest survival. Yesterday we went to Plymouth Aquarium and saw a huge range of marine life as well as a fascinating workshop about the conservation of the coral reefs including a VR session.

Asking the children about their favourite part of the week, Emily and Sarah decided the Aquarium was their best part because of the VR headset as you could see so much underwater that they'd never seen before. Maisie loved spending time with the rabbits saying, 'rabbits are the cutest animals in the world'. Lincoln shared 'these were the best four days of my life'.

To celebrate the theme of 'Growth', the children designed the World of 2122 as they imagined it might look. Here is a fantastic design from Lydia in 6S.



## KFOS Community Updates

### Meet the Team:

**This week, our 'Meet the Team' section of the weekly update is focused on some of our wonderful nursery team. This team starts off the experience of Knaphill children in such a nurturing, fun and positive way.**

Hello, I am Miss Rose. I have been working at Knaphill Lower School as a class teacher, since 2015. I have taught in Reception and I am currently teaching in Nursery. I am passionate about the Early Years curriculum and understand the importance of our children's early development for their future learning journey. I strive to create a happy, safe and fun learning environment for all children.

I grew up in a small village on the edge of the Sumava National Park in the Czech Republic. My love of nature and the outdoors started at a very early age, some of my happiest childhood memories involved tree climbing and den building. I have spent more time outdoors, than in and realise now how lucky I was to experience that sense of freedom and adventure. Training to be a Level 3 Forest School Leader has been a fantastic opportunity. I am thrilled to be able to pass my love of the natural world onto the younger generation. The great outdoors is so important for improving our health and well-being. The freedom of being outside allows our creativity and imagination to flow, it is so important in childhood to lay the foundations for the rest of our lives.

At home, I am a mum to 2 children and 5 pets (2 bunnies, 2 gerbils and 1 lizard). I love to spend time with my family, baking and being active outdoors.



**Knaphill Lower School would like to invite you to join in our Working Party on Saturday 26th March from 9am until 1pm.**

**Please come and join in!**

**We need your help!**

Whether you have a particular interest or talent such as planting pots and hanging baskets, weeding, trimming brambles, cleaning a pond or if you are keen to just have a go, your contribution will have a big impact on the school environment.



No experience needed, you just need enthusiasm and wellies!

### Knaphill Governors:

Please see the below email for our KFOS Governing Board. We are very lucky to have very supportive and engaged governors at Knaphill, who are determined to ensure the very best for your children. If you want to get into contact for any reason, please see the contact details below.

Marleen Naessens—chair@kfos.co.uk

## Being the best we can be!

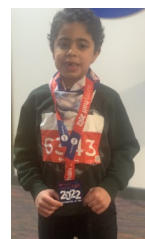


Oscar Pinchbeck (Butterfly Class) would like to share his achievement.  
Today he was awarded his white and orange belt in Judo.

**I can see just how proud Oscar is—keeping working hard, Oscar, you'll get that black belt before long.**

I would also like to say a big well done to Sebastian (3R) and Mourad (Squirrel Class) who also took part in the 2K Kids Run, a couple of weeks ago. Somehow I managed to miss them off of our sports achievement page—*head teachers make mistakes too!*

I know how hard both of these runners competed. Mourad didn't give up, even after a little trip at the beginning and Sebastian actually ran the fastest time for our group. Keep up the running and well done to both of you!



## Mr Burrow's Sports News!

We have had an exceptionally busy week for sport at Knaphill Federation of Schools this week. Firstly, on Tuesday we entered the WASPS Cross Country Relay Race for Year 5 & 6. Our two teams were tasked with running around the 1km track at Goldworth Park. Everyone in the team showed incredible determination and teamwork with a special shout out to Andrew in Year 5 who ran the track twice for his team! A big thank you must go to Mrs. English, Miss MacDonald and Mrs. Quinton who very kindly offered to come and help with the event.

On the very same Tuesday, we entered into Surrey Championships for Dodgeball. Our Year 6 team travelled all the way to Redhill to compete against 11 other teams. Our team managed to duck, dive and dodge their way to a bronze medal having only lost one match throughout the whole day! A big congratulations to all the team and the super coaches, Mr Alderton and Mrs Yahia.

At the Lower School, 10 of our Year 2's took part in a 'First Steps to Leadership' training course. The aim of the course was to develop our children as leaders and teach them some fun new activities that can be used at break times and in PE lessons. The instructor was very impressed with our Year 2s who displayed incredible teamwork and great enthusiasm throughout the training.



## Dates 2021-22

New events are being added every week—these will be in red so you can add them to your diary!

### Spring Term Dates

Tuesday 22nd March & Thursday 24th March—Parent's Evening

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March – After School clubs finish

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March—Reception Mother's Day Tea @ 2pm

**Saturday 26th March—Gardening Working Party—KLS (see community page)**

**30th March—Year 6 Victorian Day (Info coming soon)**

**Thursday 31st March—Year 1 Spring Celebration**

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Holidays

### Summer Term Dates

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATs

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Year 4 Bikeability

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Year 5 Residential

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Half Term

Friday 24th June—Year 5 Greek Day

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Inset Day (Lego Land Day)

Friday 22nd July– Last day of Summer Term

### **PTA Events**

Friday 25th March—Mothers Day Pizza & Cookie Kits

**Thursday 31st March—School Disco for KLS and KS**

Before the Easter Holidays (date tbc) - Easter Hunt and Raffle

Friday 22nd April—Bag2School

Saturday 21st May / Sunday 22nd May—Family Camping

Sunday 5th June—Queens Jubilee Street Party

Saturday 2nd July—Summer Fair

Friday 22nd July— End of Year Colour Run

Thursday 15th September— Happy Circus

### **Inset Days 2022-23**

1st September

2nd September

31st October

3rd January

20th February

7th July