

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been a sunny week and that has certainly brightened everyone’s mood in our community— this is also very well timed for our working party gardening morning at the Lower School tomorrow!

One of my most enjoyable moments of the week was when I joined Rabbits class outside for their maths lesson. All of the children were very keen to show me their throwing technique as they scored ‘tens’ and ‘ones’ points with the beanbags in hoops, and they could confidently explain how they had calculated their total score. As well as being outside, there have been many other powerful learning moments across the Federation.

Bringing history to life at Knaphill

As the end of term creeps towards us, many year groups have experienced history immersion days, which are designed to bring history to life, whilst helping children to develop empathy for people in the past.



Last week in Year 4, the children had a Viking Day. During this day, they took part in a range of exciting activities including playing a Viking board game, completing a Viking quiz and exploring a range of Viking artefacts. They also had a brilliant afternoon learning about Viking armour and weapons, battle moves, spear-wrestling, and acting out Ragnarok - a traditional Viking story about the end of the world!

In Year 3 today, the children arrived in their very best Stone Age costumes, ready to experience a day of history immersion. Not only did they look fantastic, with more than a little leopard print involved, but they were excited about their topic learning. By 9am, the children were gathered to embark on a mammoth hunt in our school hall—to me, this seemed like a enjoyable, although quite noisy experience. The rest of the day has been a big success and has helped children to deepen their history knowledge, whilst experiencing memorable learning.

Next week, Year 6 have their Victorian immersion day and I will look forward to sharing their learning too.

Mother’s Day Tea—Reception

We also had another first at Knaphill—our Reception team hosted a Mother’s Day Tea celebration this afternoon. This was the first of three community events, with a Reception Father’s Day breakfast and Grandparents Festival following in the summer term.

I must confess that I had tears in my eyes during the songs. The children sung beautifully and it was wonderful to see such a large group all together after such a long time. We hope that our Reception mums enjoyed being treated, and I would like to wish all of our mums in our whole community a lovely Mother’s Day on Sunday.



I hope everyone has a joyful weekend and that our children are ready for the last week of this term, which includes the return of the school disco and an Easter egg hunt.

I hope to see some of you at tomorrow’s working party event at the Lower School at 9am. Your help and support is very much appreciated! Please see the next page for more information.

Best Wishes,
Miss Harbridge



KFOS Community Updates

Exciting announcement– Mr McGill

As we try to broaden the experiences of our children at Knaphill, Mr McGill has a very exciting announcement...

I'm excited to reveal a brand new afterschool club for KFOS, our first ever Warhammer Alliance which will be starting after the Easter holiday.

The Warhammer hobby involves building, painting and playing table top games with miniature models. In this club I'll teach you to build and paint these models and then we'll play some awesome narrative style games with them. This afterschool club is going to be aimed at years 5 and 6 and if you are already aware of Warhammer or are into this hobby then this is definitely the club for you!

It is a great hobby and I know there will be a lot of questions about it, so I would like to offer an open invitation to both children and parents who are interested in the club to pop into our Nursery afterschool (any day) next week up to 4PM and you will be able to see the hobby and ask any direct questions that you may have before signing up. Please be aware that the Nursery will need to make sure that all of our children are handed over to their parents first. I look forward to seeing and inspiring you in the world of Warhammer.



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!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME; IT'S A LOVELY OPPORTUNITY TO MEET OTHER PARENTS AND CARERS!

Working together we can make a real difference.

Tea and cake will be provided!

If you are planning to attend– please complete this [Google Form](#).



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!



Hayley has achieved a silver 2nd place medal at her first orange ball tennis tournament at Winston Churchill school over the weekend.

Hayley has been playing tennis on Saturdays for over a year now and really enjoys the sport.

Well done, Hayley— keep up the great work!

Mujtaba (Dolphin Class) and Harry (4R) shared their achievements in our assembly today.

Mujtaba was chosen for player of the match in football and Harry's hockey team won bronze medals in the South East competition.

Fantastic work—keep working hard!



Mr Burrow's Sports News!

Hello everyone! I hope you're enjoying this lovely weather we are having. It has been great to see all the classes this week enjoying sport out in this glorious sunshine.

As we approach the end of term, there is no let up for sport at Knaphill and we begin our update with the Year 3 & 4 Cross Country event. Our super athletes competed against 12 other schools in a kilometer run around Goldsworth Park. I still don't think I've recovered from the excitement of the sprint finish between Will and Sebastian! Well done to everyone who competed, you did our school proud!

We also have a special shout out to Mr Mills who lead all of our Year 3s with an incredible Orienteering lesson. Using our large playground as the map, the children were zig-zagging all around to find the control points.

Stay tuned next week for updates on Year 5 and Year 6 football matches along with our whole school inter-house competition.

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

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 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

Friday 24th June—Year 5 Greek Day

Friday 8th 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 - Easter Hunt and Raffle

Friday 22nd April—Bag2School

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

Sunday 5th June—Queens Jubilee Street Party

Friday 1st July—Grandparents Festival

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