

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 11th March 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I am afraid to say that we have had another very busy week at Knaphill, so you are getting a triple-page spread with lots of photos!

Firstly, I would like to share the outcome of our recent consultation to reduce the PAN (Published Admissions Number) from 90 per year group to 60. Following the consultation, the KFOS Governing Board have confirmed that the Knaphill Federation of Schools will not be reducing the PAN for the September 2023-24 intake and will continue to offer 90 places.

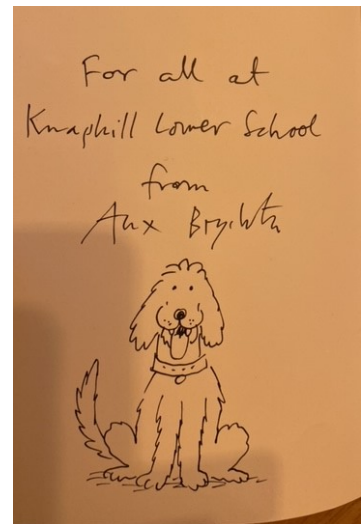
I feel very passionately about this as I believe that Knaphill is on the path to providing some of the best education in our local area. It is my aim that we fill all spaces and become the first choice of school for any reception aged children.

A message from Miss Rose:

I am a friend of Alex Brychta, who famously illustrates the Oxford Reading Tree books, and he has very kindly signed some of the books for our children and sent a message to our younger children at KLS.

I think all our children and parents know the characters he has created. Who hasn't enjoyed the tales of Biff, Chip, Kipper and Floppy?

Thank you, Miss Rose—this is another lovely opportunity. Hopefully he Alex comes into school soon.



Surrey Half Marathon:

Although Sunday was a rather chilly day, that didn't stop our wonderful running team for representing Knaphill in all three Surrey Half Marathon races!

- 31 children completed the 2k Fun Run
- 13 Adults completed the 5k
- 3 Adults completed the Half Marathon

Having trundled my way through the 5K race, I can say that it was a brilliant event. It was a pleasure to spend time with our families who took part and I was proud to see the determination and resilience of all runners. GO KNAPHILL!

Please see the sports page for individual names and race photos!



With 47 runners this year—we are aiming for over 100 for the 2023 race!

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Year 6—Team Awesome!

A highlight of my week was spending time on Thursday with our Year 6 children, who chose to stay behind at school for a week of activities. Team Awesome (as I like to call them) visited Sainsbury's for a stop at the café to gather their ideas over hot chocolate, before buying ingredients for their own recipes. Once returning to school (via the park in the sunshine), they made their own pizzas and crazy cupcakes. This team showed what it was to work together, but also kindness in sharing their creations with the staff and their families. I will say that I was pretty full after tasting 12 small slices of pizza, but it was worth every bite!



Polar Explorers Workshop—Year 2

To support their topic on Polar Explorers, the children completed a workshop earlier this week. As you can see from the photos, they loved every second. Opportunities like this really help the children to gain further depth of knowledge and understanding.



Ducklings in Reception - how eggciting!

As part of Reception's learning about growth and change, we had some eggs arrive on Tuesday. Just a day later, they all hatched and now we have a group of tiny ducklings living with us. The children have very much enjoyed observing these creatures and can explain lots about them already!

Please see the next page for a photo collage from our Year 6 Residential to Stone Farm in Devon. As you can see from the photos, they had an fantastic time and have made memories they will never forget!

Wow! What another busy week!

Best wishes,
Miss Harbridge



Stone Farm Study Centre

Year 6 Residential Visit 2022



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.



Mr McGill:

I joined our fantastic Nursery in 2014 and it has been a great privilege to support all of our children in their Early Years development by bringing a happy, fun and exciting start to the beginning of their education. It is always a great joy to see the wonderful progress our children make as they get ready for school.

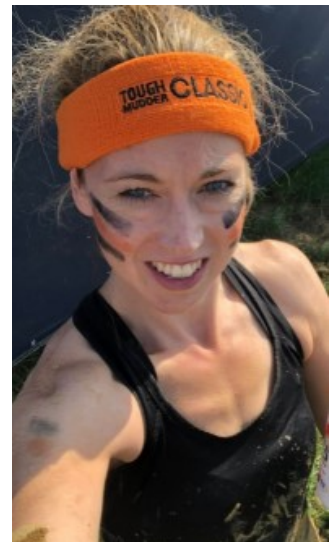
While I enjoy reading and cooking, I am known best for being very creative and artistic. My favourite hobby is Warhammer, in particular I enter regular painting competitions and paint the tiny miniatures to extreme levels of detail. I'm always pushing myself to new limits and always aiming for gold!

Watch this space for how Mr McGill will be sharing his Warhammer hobby with the children next term!

Mrs Keyser:

During the holidays, whilst I was at University, I worked in the nursery where I went to school and I have always known that I wanted to work with young children. Following this, I gained my Early Years Teacher Status and then went on to have three children of my own. I began working at Knaphill Lower school when my son joined our lovely Reception four years ago. I have always loved working in the Early Years as we help children to have memorable and special formative years. I am passionate about ensuring that all children have the very best start to life, which means working closely with their parents and families so that the children feel secure and happy transitioning from home into our care. One particularly enjoyable aspect of working at Knaphill has been being able to teach across the classes and watch the children blossom from Nursery children to confident year 2s, ready to embrace the move to the Junior school.

Outside of teaching, I am kept busy by my very sporty son and two daughters! In any spare time that I have I am a keen sportswoman; I enjoy running, partaking in extreme obstacle course races, and aerial acrobatics.



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!

At Knaphill, we focus on being the best we can be by putting in efforts, lots of practicing, learning from our mistakes and not giving up! Have a look at how our children have done this outside of school this week:

Surrey Half Marathon Runners

Katie Dance
Beth Walding-Field
Rob Webster

5K Runners

Gopalakrishnan Soundappan
Alexandra Candasamy
Victoria Harbridge
Katie Rushton
Rebecca Whelan
Kate Kett
Caroline Grennan
Jack Graham
Anna Graham
Judith Milne Home
Andrew Milne Home
Harish Krishnamurthy

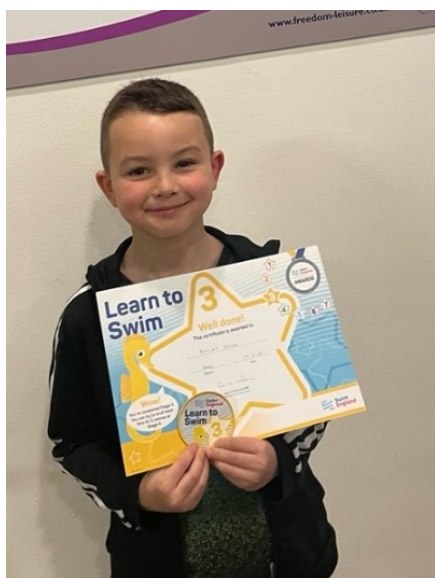


2K Kids Runners

Jack Candasamy
Findlay Dance
Oliver Middleton
Lenny Kett
Oscar Zeila
Mason Lawrie
Tyler Bester
Jason Bester
Esther Wells
Lucy Field
Malek Jandali
Myla Lawrie
James Kett
Ethan Herbert
Jazzmyn Herbert
Annabel Walsh
Connie Walsh
Jess Grennan
Tarshith Harish
Lauren Dudley
Melissa Kan
Rivan Soundappan
Neel Aravind
Caitlin Black
Amy Marcham
Yoshith Harish
Ella Black
Yuvraj Choudhary
Aryan Ashok
Amudan Ashok



Being the best we can be!



Bailey (3E) has made excellent progress in his swimming classes, practicing really hard to perfect his front crawl in and outside of his lessons. His determination resulted in moving up to stage 4.

Scarlett (4K) has worked really hard this term practicing some tricky steps which has gained her an international dance award for Tap with Cremona school of dance.

Just like her brother she has been putting enormous amounts of effort into a range of swimming techniques which has paid off with her now in stage 5.

Well done to both Bailey and Scarlett for their determination and hard work!

Mr Burrow's Sport News!

What a week! There is lots to get through this week, so I'll try to keep it short so I don't take up the entire newsletter!

On Tuesday, our Year 5 & 6's competed in the Wasps Cross Country Championships. Our athletes had to run all the way around Goldsworth Park against over 100 different runners for 12 schools. They all did incredibly well and what pleased me most was that they all crossed the line with a smile! That's nowhere near the end for cross country either, we have the relay races next Tuesday, followed by the Year 3 & 4 races the week after so keep an eye out for the results in the next few weeks.

At the Lower School, we had a very special visit from Jamie Knight, the record-breaking freestyle footballer. He taught all of our children (and teachers!) some incredible new football tricks such as the Rocket Launcher, the Blind Heel and even the Finger Spin! We even got the pleasure of witness Jamie's unbelievable skills in person as he performed his world-famous football skills routine to all the children. Ever since the workshop, we have seen the children practicing their skills in the playground, which is brilliant to see.



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

Friday 18th March – Year 4 Viking Day Workshop

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

Friday 25th March – After School clubs finish

Friday 25th March—Reception Mother's Day Tea @ 2pm

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 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 (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