

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

"Together we are better"

Weekly Focus

Friday 4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so I will let our Book Week photos do most of the talking for me this week. Having entered the world of witchcraft and wizardry, there certainly has been a special kind of magic in the air.

At the Lower School, this all started on Monday with a very enthusiastic and entertaining rendition of Julia Donaldson's *Room on a Broom*. For the first time, our wonderful teachers entertained the children by starring in their own play. Not only did this bring the magic to life, but it also showed children just how much our staff love children's literature.

A huge thank you goes out to our wonderful actors and to Mrs Wood for her organisation and role in this production!

The fun didn't stop there though, in fact, it had only just started! Tuesday saw the opening of the Knaphill Lower Magic School. During the day, children had the opportunity to live their lives as little witches and wizards. In the Woodland Enclave, I was joined by my witchy friend, Miss Rose, and we entertained the children with a lovely story, 'Once Upon a Dragon's Fire'. Not only was this a charming story, but it also had an important message. A message that asked children to challenge prejudice and to understand that a spark of magic can come from reading a story.



This story time was extra special as we sat in our story telling circle, whilst keeping warm next a real fire, which Miss Rose managed to transform into rainbow colours using the magic words— actual magic happened before our very eyes.

Magic school also included a visit from real life owls. The children were amazed by these creatures and will forever remember the day that owls swooped across the hall, just inches above their heads.

For the rest of the week, children have continued to find themselves immersed in a whole world of books. Children returned to school on Thursday night in their pyjamas for chocolate milk and cookies, whilst listening to some stories. The children very much enjoyed this opportunity and it is another memory to treasure.

I would like to say a big thank you and well done to our Lower School staff for making this week happen. It takes a team of very special people to make magic happen and our community is lucky to have you.





Just as at the Lower School, our Junior children have also had a fantastic week – one that won't be forgotten for a long time. Starting something that will continue to be yearly tradition, Book Week was bigger and better than ever before.

On Monday, the children received their letters from Professor Dumbledore, with the announcement that they would be starting at Hogwarts in two days time. Knowing they had to attend Platform 9 and 3/4, excitement was very much in the air.

And so, on Wednesday 2nd March, Knaphill School of Witchcraft and Wizardry opened its doors.

Upon entering through Platform 9 and 3/4, the children were summoned to the Great Hall for their very first Sorting Hat Ceremony! The Sorting Hat truly came to life and the children (and some adults!) were bestowed their House Team. Meanwhile, unbeknown to the children, Hedwig and his friends were enroute. The children thoroughly enjoyed meeting the owls and were blown away by the swooping and soaring of Tango, Whisper and Murphy - the naughty eagle owl. We all certainly learnt a lot about owls and a valuable lesson about how we can respect our wildlife. A real highlight had to be the individual photoshoots with Whisper, the barn owl! It was a real hoot!

As if the owl experience wasn't thrilling enough, the children took part in an array of magical lessons: The History of Magic Class, Potions Class, Quidditch and Transfiguration (crafting).

After an exhausting day of enchanting experiences, the children relaxed with a warming glass of Butterbeer. Some even commented that it was better than the real thing!



Once again, a big thank you to the staff at our Junior School—I know just how much extra work this has taken and your commitment to ensuring it is the best possible experience for our community is something to be proud of.

As we go forward, this is what our Federation is all about. School, for our children, should be memorable, exciting, inspirational and something that shapes lives.

What's next... there is a world of possibilities... just you wait and see!

Best Wishes, Professor Dumbledore



Being the best we can be!



Liba Zubair (5L) wants to share her achievement that she is very proud of. Liba won the Royal academy Lego architecture challenge 2021 and is looking forward to participating again this summer.

The jury were really inspired by the creativity of the project and the sensitivity that it showed when it came to people living together. We particularly loved the inclusion of spaces we don't often see like kitchens and spaces for pets. The backdrop was also a wonderful addition of atmosphere!

A huge well done to Liba - what a wonderful skill!



Tom in 6S would like to share his Go Karting trophy that he received at a recent karting party.

Well done, Tom - perhaps we have the next Lewis Hamilton at our school!



A very big congratulations goes to Chloe for her first gymnastics competition. Chloe demonstrated our school value of courage in being so brave in competing in her first ever gymnastics competition.

She loved every minute of it. Here is a picture of her with her participation medal and certificate.

Well done, Chloe - you really have shown that you are being the best you can be!

Harry joined Woking Hockey Club at the start of September and quickly decided he wanted to be a goalkeeper. He now practises and trains twice a week, with a match on Sundays.

Last Sunday his team (the boys U10s) took part in the Surrey Cup, and won (top team out of 6). Next time they're heading to the regional tournament. **Well done, Harry—good luck at your next tournament!**



Sports News with Mr Burrow

Hello everyone!

We have an exciting week for PE and Sport across both schools coming up! On Tuesday, we have a group of Year 5s competing in the WASPS Cross Country Championships. This is an annual competition against different schools in our area. We wish them all the best of luck and we are sure they will do us all proud.

In the Lower School on Wednesday, we are very lucky to have Jamie Knight visit. He is a freestyle footballer and will be teaching all our children from Nursery to Year 2 some football skills. Please be sure to ask your child to show their best keepy uppies after the event! Maybe you could send us some photos of them trying. Check out Jamie's website for more information: <https://knightfreestyle.com/>



Please ensure your child is wearing trainers at the Lower School on Wednesday. Don't worry Years 3 to 6, Jamie Knight will also be visiting you in the Summer Term so keep your eyes peeled for that!



Knaphill's running team for Sunday's Half Marathon, 5km and 2km event, feature in the newspaper this week.

Don't forget to join us at 7:45am on Sunday for support!

GO TEAM!

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

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

PTA Events

Friday 25th March—Mothers Day Pizza & Cookie Kits
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