

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

"Together we are better"

Weekly Focus

Friday 25th February 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the sun shining and blue skies over head, we reach another Friday at Knaphill! And what a week it has been. Our week started off with a bang on Tuesday with our celebration of Twosday (22.02.2022), which meant our community was sporting all the twos. From matching superheroes in nursery with Superman and Super girl, to stripes, two tone outfits, and all the colours of the rainbow, we certainly celebrated this palindrome (it can be read backwards and forwards) day. A huge thank you goes out to our community for their kind donations for this event—I look forward to hearing just how much we have raised for school resources.

As well as the fancy dress opportunity, our children had the exciting opportunity to meet with Commonwealth athlete Nerys Pearce, who led them in a sponsored workout to raise money for sports equipment. Nerys was injured in a road traffic accident which left her paralysed from the chest down. She wanted to remain active following her accident and since then has won medals in track and field, hand cycling, swimming, basketball and weightlifting. She represented Wales in Para-Powerlifting at the 2018 Commonwealth Games; joined the Armed Forces Para Snowsports Team; and set both British and World records in indoor rowing.

Working out with Nerys showed our children at Knaphill how much they can achieve if they put their minds to it, and they really enjoyed the chance to learn from a professional athlete about her experiences getting into sport.

The response to this amazing opportunity has been felt by all during this week. Children are sharing their understanding of what it means to show determination and a positive attitude towards challenges and obstacles they may face. Thank you to Mr Burrows for making this possible—his dedication to sports and opportunities for children is hugely admirable and we are very lucky to have him at Knaphill. As well as this being a wonderful opportunity for our children, it has also managed to raise an enormous £4552 so far. **This is far beyond what we could have ever have imagined and we are incredibly grateful to our generous community.**



Although it has been a wonderful week, today has been a particularly special day for me. Our celebration certificate assembly, which is always my favourite part of the week, featured a distinctive theme this morning—several members of staff had nominated a child in their class for their compassion and kindness. Compassion, which is one of our key curriculum drivers, is something we very much value at Knaphill. It was a proud moment to hear about a number of special individuals who are going out their way to ensure they positively impact the lives of others. As our drive for a compassionate community continues, it is heart-warming to know that several children are leading the way.



As we head into next week, the much anticipated Book Week is on its way. As seen in our overviews, there is much to look forward to and I know that the children are incredibly excited to spend a day at Magic School and Knaphill School of Witchcraft and Wizardry. This week is designed to ensure that all children have a love of books and reading and I know that the events will inspire just this. Thank you to the staff for all the efforts and support in making this happen - as we transform our school into a world of magic, it couldn't happen without every one of you.

Best wishes,
Miss Harbridge

KFOS Community Updates

Meet the Team:

This week, our 'Meet the Team' section of the weekly update is focused on Mr Burrow, our PE and sports Leader at Knaphill.

Hi everyone! I'm Mr. Burrow and I've been working at Knaphill for almost two years now. My main role is to teach PE to all the classes but I am also the teacher for the lovely Squirrel Class on Fridays. I am in charge of PE and Sport at both schools so apologies for bombarding you all with lots of letters asking for permissions and new events! My main goal at Knaphill is for everyone to love PE and Sport as much as I do, and it has been lovely to see everyone so engaged in the recent events that we have put on.

I consider myself quite international having lived in three countries before moving to Knaphill. I was born in Liverpool but unfortunately lost the brilliant accent when I moved to the Netherlands while I was young. I moved back to the UK for university before travelling across the globe for Thailand where I taught in Bangkok for two years. I thoroughly loved working in Bangkok, although teaching PE during monsoon season was often a challenge! I swapped the sandy beaches of Thailand for the windswept streets of Woking in 2020 and have loved every second of it. While the weather might not be as nice here, I have found all the staff, children and parents at Knaphill School to be very warm and welcoming.



With the Surrey Half Marathon challenge only 9 days away, it is all beginning to look very exciting! Today, our running team met for a photo opportunity, which will be shared in our local news paper on Tuesday. Keep an eye out next week!

As well as making sure that we are well represented in this Woking community event, this team effort is also designed to show the importance of sport and the achievements we can make.

To support this event, you can help us in two ways:

- By supporting our fundraising effort—<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/knaphillrunningsquad22?invite=true>
- Support the event on Sunday 6th March - meet at the Woking Park bandstand at 7:45am to celebrate!

Parking:

Please note that we have recently received several complaints from local residents, due to disrespectful parking outside school, including the blocking of drive ways and some aggressive language.

We do ask that our school community is respectful to local residents and that parking is as considerate as possible.

We are aware that morning traffic is a challenge for any school, but it is unfair to upset our neighbours in this way.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

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:



Noah (Seal Class)

A huge well done to Noah in Seal Class for all his effort in becoming the best rugby player he can be. Noah was very enthusiastic in sharing that he took part in a tournament at Guildford Rugby Club a couple of weeks ago and how much he enjoyed his experience.

Keep being the best you can be, Noah!

Reminder:

Please share any photos of amazing achievements for our weekly being the best we can be page. Any photos (and a short explanation) can be sent to our school office and will be added to this page.

Sports News

Very excitingly, Mr Burrow will be using this space to share our sports news each week—watch this space for an update next week.



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 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

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