

# Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 1st April 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have reached the end of what has been a very eventful Spring Term at Knaphill. Although there are too many events to name, I know that we have made the most of each and every day at both schools. Since half-term, I have seen a move forward in our sense of community and this has been represented by many of the events that we have organised as a school and alongside our PTA.

### Knaphill's PTA:

I would like to take this opportunity to say a very big thank you to Natalie Black, the Chair of our PTA and all-round Knaphill Hero, as she has taken ideas, such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Valentine's Day stall and disco, and made them a reality. Natalie has made many events possible and has shown that our PTA wants to ensure that children make up for the life experiences they will have missed due to the pandemic. I know that Natalie also has a team of wonderful volunteers who have been there every step of the way, from standing in the rain collecting money to spending the day dressed as an Easter bunny, your time and effort has been very much appreciated.

Our PTA represents everything we want to stand for at Knaphill - that we are all one community and we are all determined to ensure that our children get the very best opportunities. I would also like to thank you, as our parent community, for supporting these events, your donations are gratefully received and much appreciated.

### Victorian—history immersion day (Year 6 Team)

On Wednesday, Year 6 were thrown back into the 19th Century and enjoyed the rigors of a Victorian education. They were subject to a range of activities: arithmetic; cursive handwriting with slate and chalk; woodwork or needlework; and drills. A traditional Victorian playtime entailed skipping, hula hoops and tug of war. The children became fully immersed in this experience and enjoyed playing the part of down-trodden Victorian pupils, but they all agreed that they are glad to be children in the 21st Century!



Once again, our curriculum has come alive in front of our very eyes, one of our educational aims at Knaphill.

## Year 1 Spring Performance

Well, I must say this was one of my favorite moments of the week (and probably term). Year 1 blew us away with their very polished and joyful spring performance. Every child sang beautifully and I am sure many of us were humming the “Spring Chicken” for the rest of the week. Not only should the children be congratulated on their wonderful performance, but we must thank the staff too—events like this take a lot of hard work and we could all see what had gone into making this a very special event.



Well done to our chicks (Rabbits) our daffodils (Hedgehogs) and our chocolate boxes (Squirrels) - as you sung to us in your last song, “we are all here together” and what better place is there to be?

## Easter Egg Hunt and Disco

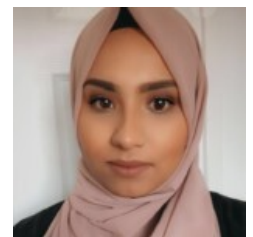
As already mentioned in the first part of our newsletter, our Egg Hunt and Disco, were a huge success. There is nothing quite like searching for eggs in the sunshine and snow and the Easter Bunny’s visit was definitely a treat. Our children were also very lucky to take home an Easter egg each, although I think the Easter bunny may have forgotten to deliver mine...

The disco also saw many children (and some very enthusiastic staff) bring out their dance moves. My highlight was the 200 children at the Junior disco screaming the YMCA—who knew this would be that anthem that brings us all together. Although I must apologise to all of our parents for the period of waiting in what was a blizzard. The Disco was a fantastic experience that will be happening again next year.



## Goodbyes...

Although we have had a lot of fun this week, We also say goodbye to two members of staff. Firstly to Mrs Khan, our 4K teacher, who is relocating after getting married at the end of last year. Mrs Khan will be very missed as she is such a kind person and well-loved by all of our children. We wish her the best of luck with whatever comes next! We also say goodbye to Mrs Rahman, as she begins her maternity leave. Mrs Rahman will also be missed over the next few months— she has done a fantastic job at working with some of our Year 6 children this year and has made a big difference to these children’s lives.



**And so, I reach the end of my final weekly update as Acting Head. It has been a rather busy few months, busy but rewarding in every way. I have enjoyed working with children across our whole community and I have benefitted from getting to know our families too. As I move to being based at the Lower School for the foreseeable future, I know that our Junior School is also in very safe hands with Mrs Woodruff and Mrs Harrison. Knaphill continues on its journey and the summer term will bring bigger, brighter and bolder things. Watch out Woking, the Knaphill Federation is the place to be!**

**Have a wonderful Easter break—hopefully the sun shines a little more!  
Best wishes,  
Miss Harbridge**



## Woodland Enclave—Working Party Saturday 26th March



**A message from Miss Rose:** A huge thank you to those parents and carers who were able to come along to our first Eco Working Party this year to help with some outdoor jobs around the school grounds. Your help has been invaluable and a perfect example of what our fabulous community can do! We are very lucky. Our Woodland Enclave, Year 1 area and Reception sensory garden look great and are being used by all our children at our school. A few extra pairs of hands made a very big difference to our outdoor environments! Thanks to everyone for all your hard work!



**I would also like to say a huge thank you. Saturday was the perfect example of what we can achieve when we work together for our community.**

**We will be having our next working party on Saturday 30th April—please let us know if you would like to join us at Knaphill Lower School.**

**As well as this, we have a bigger project to develop more green spaces in our aim to become more eco friendly at the Junior School.**

**If you would like to be involved in this project, please email Miss Rose directly—we are looking for some creative eco thinking and would be keen to work with local businesses and the children to do this.**



**brose@kfos.co.uk—Miss Rose**

A letter from our Eco Warrior, Miss Rose:

Dear All,

I am writing to ask you do something extremely important. We need you to take part in the Big Battery Hunt, which asks you to recycle your used batteries.

Did you know that over 600 million batteries are thrown away each year? That means that over 20,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites where they take over a hundred years to decompose. This is outrageous!

Our **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle** project is to start to recycle batteries. A battery can take up to 100 years to decompose and the chemicals in them cause danger to animals and plants. Do you really want that? But it doesn't have to be this way! You can do your bit to help our planet by going on a Big Battery Hunt to find all of our used batteries.

We decided to take part in the Big Battery Hunt, a nationwide battery recycling challenge sponsored by Duracell and the National Schools Initiative. Today, children will bring home a recycling box to collect their old batteries in and a leaflet which explains how to safely collect the batteries and which types we can recycle at school. When it's full they can bring it into school and empty it into our large containers for safe collection.

We will be automatically entered into the Big Battery Hunt prize draw. By helping us to recycle as many batteries as possible our school could win amazing prizes!

I hope you will agree that it is so important and so easy to recycle our used batteries. I'm sure you are just as excited as I am to go on our Big Battery Hunt to collect and recycle as many batteries as we can find!

Thank you,

Miss Rose





## Being the best we can be!



Samyra, who is in Year 1 in Squirrel Class, is really excited to get orange belt in Judo . She is very happy to go on to next level. A huge well done, Samyra – you have obviously worked very hard!



A big congratulations to Rivan for reaching staging 3 in his swimming coaching. He has been working very hard for it over the last year and we are extremely proud of his achievement. **Keep up the great work, Rivan!**

### Mr Burrow's Sports News!

In our final week of term, we have braved the temperamental British weather to have another successful week of sport. The highlight of the week being our football matches against Pirbright School. While others were busting their moves at the disco, our Year 5's and 6's were busting their best skills on the football pitch. We played two matches with our Year 5 boys and our Year 6 girls. Right before kick-off, we were hit with a blizzard which the children seemed to enjoy but I'm not so sure about the parents and the coaches! Despite the weather, both teams put on a terrific display of football. Our Year 6 girls played incredibly well and never gave up. Kira and Poppy scored great goals and a special shout out goes to our goalie Lyra who made some brilliant saves.

Whilst I was refereeing the girls match, all I could hear was the drama going on in the other pitch as our Year 5's completed a true rollercoaster of a match. With goals galore and superb defending, the parents were treated to an 8-goal thriller. Mr Craven wanted to give a special mention to the unstoppable pressing of Muhammed and the silky skills of Riley which helped their teammates massively.

And so that bring an end to our spring term that was filled with Commonwealth Athletes, freestyle footballers, and lots of cross country! I hope you all enjoy your break and I look forward to bigger and better things in the summer term.



## Dates 2021-22

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

### Summer Term Dates

Tuesday 19th April—back to school

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 1st July—Grandparents Festival**

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

Friday 22nd July– Last day of Summer Term

### **PTA Events**

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