

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to another edition of our ever-evolving weekly update. We have lots of important information for you this week and many new dates added to the diary on the dates page. Firstly, we would like to draw your attention to our history immersion days for our Junior children, as featured last term as an area of focus in our update. We know these days really enhance our children’s understanding of history and help them to practise skills as historians. Secondly, we have more dates for trips, which we feel are important in giving our children shared life experiences, including a visit to the farm, beach and Windsor Castle.

Behaviour Ladder:

We know how important it is to set and maintain high expectations for our children and with this in mind, we have introduced a new behaviour ladder in school. We want to emphasise the positive and celebrate the excellent choices that our children make everyday and to that end we will be: praising good work, implementing a collective reward system in classes, communicate regularly on things that are going well, and use celebration assemblies to ensure children’s efforts and attainments are recognised and valued. To that end, we have also made clear what consequences are in place if children make the wrong choices as it is important that we provide strategies on managing situations which they find challenging and also make it clear that behaviours which impact the learning of others are not appropriate. We will explain more at our Meet the Heads meetings later in the term, which will then be followed by an explain it all video.

Knaphill Junior School: Mrs Woodruff

We have come to the end of another important week for our children and I would be doing a disservice if I did not mention the incredible conduct of our Year 6 children. This week has seen the administration of the first Statutory Assessments since 2019 and our children have responded to them with great maturity and diligence. I was so proud of their smiling faces as they came in and they maintained this throughout.

It has been wonderful seeing all the work that children are coming to show me and where possible, I am sending a copy home so that you are able to celebrate with them. Year 3 have been writing some incredible diary entries about life in Pompeii following the eruption of Mount Vesuvius using expanded noun phrases to ensure a vivid description. In Year 5 I have seen some fantastic descriptive writing inspired by Homer’s Odyssey where the children consider how vocabulary could be carefully chosen to enhance the reading experience. In Year 4, I have been impressed with the fractions work and how the children are confidently using representations to support with problem solving and reasoning.

The Year 3 Canopy

Next week, we will have builders on site to repair the Year 3 canopy. They will ensure that all health and safety procedures are followed. We know that this will cause some disruption however I am hoping that will be minimal and we will have that additional space in use in a week’s time.



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Knaphill Lower School: Miss Harbridge

As part of our work on learning behaviours, values and life lessons in assemblies at the Lower School, we use books to embed learning and to help our younger children to understand the context of abstract ideas. On Wednesdays, myself and Mrs Wood share a book that links to our assembly theme of the week. This week we shared ‘The Couch Potato’, a book that shares the message of a healthy lifestyle and how we should balance screen time with being outdoors. This fits very well with the launch of ‘Mile a Day’, which some Year 1 and 2 classes have started this week. As you can see from the photos below, children and staff can walk, jog or run each lap—our goal is to keep moving throughout and to improve a little more each day!



If you would like to listen to the story of ‘The Couch Potato’ read by its authors with your child, please see this YouTube link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rpn-n5FUTm4>



Next week’s theme will begin to explore the importance of our next curriculum driver— Compassion.

Head Teacher’s Award—a celebration of effort

It has also been a week to celebrate at KLS with an unprecedented number of Head Teacher’s Awards being given to children for the effort they have put into their learning. I have seen lots of examples of high-quality writing, including instruction writing in Year 1 and Jack and the Beanstalk in Reception. As well as that, several Reception children have also shared their creativity with me—a highlight was the resilience Hugo (in Dragonfly Class) showed whilst making a red raccoon. As well as receiving a Head Teacher’s Award, we now also take a photo of our children with their work, which is then shared on our ‘Being the Best we can be!’ wall.

Reminder from last week:

Meet the Heads— Knaphill’s Journey to Success: 25th May

We would like to invite you to attend a meet the Heads session with both Miss Harbridge and Mrs Woodruff on Wednesday 25th May.

To ensure we have as many members of our community attending as possible, we will run two sessions:

9:00—9:30 am

17:30– 18:00 pm

Both sessions will take place in the Knaphill Lower School Hall.

If you plan to attend, please complete this short form: <https://forms.office.com/r/RhFYxAEXzM>

**Best wishes,
Miss Harbridge and Mrs Woodruff**

KFOS Community Updates

The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. If you are interested in further information, please follow the link below for more information.

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/jobs/search/details?id=23517>



Surrey Positive Parenting Service

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Surrey Positive Parenting Service

Nurturing Programme

For parent's who's children display specific challenging behaviours



The 8 week Nurturing Programme for parents and carers. The building blocks of the Nurturing Programme

What is the Nurture Programme?

Children are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but looking after them can be stressful and challenging. The Nurturing Programme helps deal with those challenges so that you can have a calmer, happier life. It is an evidence based programme helping us to think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel.



The Building Of the Nurture Programme



What does it cover?

Over the 8 week skills building group, you will look at lots of different topics, including:

- Understanding** why children behave as they do
- Finding** ways to develop co-operation and self-discipline in children
- Recognising** the feelings behind behaviours (ours and theirs)
- Learning** the importance of looking after ourselves

Exploring different approaches to discipline

Practical Information

There are eight - 2 hour - face to face sessions in a venue close to where you live. The sessions will be delivered by two Family Links trained group leaders. You need to come to all 8 sessions as they fit together like a puzzle.

The sessions include a 'stretch break', parents are welcome to bring their own refreshments to the group. Refreshments are not provided by the service due to providing a covid secure environment.

How Nurturing Programme parent groups have helped other parents

I am a much more confident, positive and understanding parent. I feel much more able to cope now.

We are having less family arguments and the household is a lot calmer.

The group was fun. It's the only hour I have for myself each week.

The atmosphere was really relaxed. No-one judged anyone and everyone was listened to and respected.



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.

Being the best we can be!



Some of the boys from year 2 entered their 1st football tournament at Woking football club and made semi-finals and placed 3rd overall after unfortunately only losing to penalties. A huge well done to our awesome footballers: Jenson, Logan, Archie, Jack M, Jack S, Jack G, Malakai and Mujtaba!

Jack and Logan also brought their medals in to share with both schools during our celebration assembly this morning! **Great job and well done to the whole team— you have made us proud!**

Xavier (6S) has made it through two years of the selection process for Surrey county cricket performance program. His speciality is left arm leg spin bowling. He also represents Weybridge cricket club where he is a member of the under 11 performance team, and has been nominated as their most improved player for two consecutive years. Xavier's weekends are always full of cricket matches and training sessions. After school you will often find him practicing with his catching net in the garden.

I think we may be seeing Xavier playing for England one Day!



Connie (4K) has completed her rainbow swimming award and was very proud to share how pleased she was with the achievement! **Fantastic work, Connie!**

A very special mention goes to Leticia in Year 4, who has managed to raise a whopping £3000 for the National Autistic Society. This is a huge achievement and a great demonstration of kindness and compassion.



Mr Burrow's Sports News!

Mr Burrow's news is looking a little empty today and that is because he is currently off with some of our Junior children as they compete in a football competition. We haven't heard the result yet but we hope they have managed to show lots of skill and teamwork.

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

Monday 16th May – Wednesday 18th May – Year 5 Residential

Thursday 19th May—Reception Farm Trip

Wednesday 25th May—Year 2 - Minibeast Exhibition

Meet the Heads - Wednesday 25th May (9-9.30 and 5.30– 6)

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June – Half Term

Monday 6th June - Year 1 trip to Windsor Castle

Monthly Knaphill Fun Run - can we beat 855 laps? Friday 10th June

Tuesday 14th June—KS class photos

Friday 17th June—KLS class photos

Friday 24th June—Year 5 Greek Day

Monday 27th June—Online Safety Day (children and parents)

Friday 1st July—Grandparents Festival

Friday 1st July- Year 6 Egyptian Day

Thursday 7th July—Year 3 Roman Day

Friday 8th July – Inset Day (Lego Land Day)

Thursday 14th July—Reception trip to West Wittering Beach

Friday 22nd July– Last day of Summer Term

Sports Days—times TBC

Tuesday 21st June - Nursery Sports Day

Thursday 23rd June- Junior School Sports Day

Friday 24th June- Lower School Sports Day

PTA Events

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

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