

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 29th April 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been an excellent first full week back at the Federation sites and both children and staff have been incredibly busy. The Summer term is already filled with exciting activities (as you can see from our dates page and Mr Burrow’s update) and we are constantly reviewing this to ensure all children have access to high quality extra curricular activities.

Please don’t forget that we have our second “Green Working Party” tomorrow (Saturday 30th April) from 9 – 12 pm. Even if you can spare an hour, your time and energy is very much appreciated. As of today, we have 25 bags of compost and bark ready to go, so with our green fingers at the ready, we expect to see the next stage in the transformation of our school grounds.

Timings for the school day

We know how important it is for learning time to be maximised and with this in mind, we wanted to remind you of the timings for the school day at both sites

Knaphill Lower School	Arrival window 8:45 - 8:55. Doors will close promptly at 8:55.	Collection time 3:00—all children
Knaphill School	Arrival window 8:30—8:50. Gates close promptly. at 8:50	Collection time 3:05 Year 3 and 4 3:10 –Year 5 and 6



Lower School site—If a child arrives after 8:55, they are marked as late and registers close at 9:30.

Junior site—If a child arrives after 8:50, they are marked as late and registers close at 9:20.

Knaphill Junior School: Mrs Woodruff

Mrs Harrison and I have had the most wonderful two weeks at School and have been quite overwhelmed by all the lovely words by parents and families on the gate. We have been busy walking around the school to see the children learning and it has been super to reward and celebrate some of the excellent work we have seen. We are so proud to be members of the Knaphill community and look forward to meeting even more of you on the school gate at the beginning and end of the school day.

Lunchtime arrangements

As you know we are working with Surrey County Council to ensure that our Servery is up and running as soon as possible to ensure a smooth and purposeful lunchtime experience. Unfortunately, this has now been pushed back until the end of May and as such we are maintaining lunchtimes in the classrooms with a dedicated play-time for children in key stages. We know this is not ideal however we are so proud of the children and how supportive they are being by showing real patience at this adaptation.

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Knaphill Lower School: Miss Harbridge

And here we are again, another week, another update—time certainly flies when you are having fun! As shared last week, we are working on high expectations at the Lower School and how this translates into classroom behaviour. After all, good behaviour for learning leads to better outcomes and a great learning environment for all. Having visited classrooms this week, myself and Mrs Wood have seen children displaying our ‘5 Fabulous Things’ with pride and confidence.

To build on this further, we launched our ‘Fabulous Walking’ on Monday, although we did have to teach Mrs Wood what this looks like in our whole school assembly. Luckily, the children were able to advise her that running inside school was dangerous and that we need to walk with confidence and care. Since Monday... Wow! I have been astounded by our walking in school—already our environment seems calmer, smarter and the best learning environment for all. If you want to check what ‘Fabulous Walking’ is, please do ask your child, they will give you a fabulous demonstration.



Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS) Programme—Phonics:

Going back to January, we started a new phonics programme, Essential Letters and Sounds (ELS). Having been recognised during our Ofsted report as an area to improve, we understood the need to develop our phonics offer, which meant considering a new way of approaching these lessons. Therefore, just weeks later, led by Mrs Everitt, our staff all completed training, we bought resources, and we began our learning journey to improving our phonics lessons for our children. Fast forward to now and I can see the difference that ELS has made. Having watched lessons this week, children are knowledgeable about using their phonics sounds and they are becoming confident in applying this in their reading and writing. Our teachers have fully embraced this change, including robot arms and stretching words, and they are delivering lessons that support our children’s needs. For more information, please visit the ELS website: <https://essentiallettersandsounds.org/>

We will also be aiming to provide more training for reading and how phonics plays a crucial part in developing confident readers.

As we almost reach the end of Ramadan, we would like to wish our community a very happy Eid and we hope that you enjoy celebrating with your friends and family on Monday or Tuesday next week.

We also hope that everyone has an enjoyable Bank Holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you on Monday!

Best wishes,

Mrs Woodruff and Miss Harbridge



KFOS Community Updates



Year 3 trip to Chertsey Museum

This week, Year 3 visited Chertsey Museum to deepen their historical learning and develop the characteristics of a historian. Each class visited on a separate day and participated in a range of activities including pottery, role play linked to the Romans and working with artefacts to develop a greater understanding of historical arte-



facts. All the children prepared a clay pot which they were able to bring home and share with their family.

Year 4 Trips

Year 4 will shortly be sending out communication about upcoming events. The children will be visiting Sayers Croft and we will be planning a 'Staycation' at the school later in the term with lots of exciting activities planned. Please keep your eyes peeled for more information coming shortly.

Science Fair

Well done to all the children who took part in our special Virtual Science Fair to celebrate British Science Week. I was so impressed with the scientific skills used in all the investigations carried out. However, I was particularly impressed with Oscar in 3R's investigation into growing cress in different liquids. Oscar's scientific question was great: observable, measurable and - most importantly - edible!! The way he explained his method was clear and concise. I also loved that he showed regular updates of his observations over time. Oscar's result gave a very clear message too - nothing beats drinking water to help us grow. Well done, Oscar.



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!

A huge well done to two dancers this week, Amy in 4R and Sophia in Penguin class.

Amy completed her Level two ballet certificate and Sophia managed to achieve a distinction in her first modern dance exam.

Well done to both of you—keep it up!



Mr Burrow's Sports News!

Hello everyone! Sport is well and truly back at Knaphill this week as we begin our new after-school clubs! This term we are offering more clubs than ever which is giving our children incredible opportunities to participate in a huge variety of sports. We have over 150 children attending the clubs which only a handful of spaces left to fill which is incredible achievement and shows how passionate all our teachers, parents and children are for sport.

Next week we are celebrating the launch of the Daily Mile at Knaphill Schools by hosting a fun run on our field. This will take place next Friday at 15:30. It would be amazing to see lots of children, parents and teachers channelling their inner Mo Farah around our track. Stay tuned for a letter early next week with all the information for the event.

Please see the next page for a poster for this event!

Lastly, I have just been in touch with the Freestyle Footballer, Jamie Knight, who is visiting our Junior Schools next Wednesday. Jamie told me how excited he is to come and teach his skills to all the children in Year 3 – Year 6. Jamie was so impressed with the skills of our Lower School children during his previous visit and cannot wait for Wednesday!

1 MILE FUN RUN

MAY 6 • FRIDAY
STARTS AT 3:30PM
on the Knaphill School field



See you there!

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

Saturday 30th April from 9am—12pm— Green Working Party (Knaphill Lower School)

Friday 6th May at 3:30— Knaphill Family Fun Run

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 24th June—Year 5 Greek Day

Friday 1st July—Grandparents Festival

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

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