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Weekly Focus

Friday 10th June 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

As the first week back draws to a close, we wanted to say how proud we were of the children as they returned to school from the half term break

Knaphill Junior School: Mrs Woodruff

This week marks the beginning of the last half of the summer term. The children have showed that they are living by our school values. This month we will be focusing on the value of courage. During out assemblies, we have been considering what makes us feel brave and how we can harness this bravery to ensure success in our



lives. In our assembly, we watched the inspirational Joseph Wang speak eloquently of his perspective of bravery and how he overcame challenging situations to learn a new lan-

guage and thrive in a new community. To watch this with your family, please click on the link: <u>https://</u> <u>www.youtube.com/watch?</u> <u>v=3LZTeQ5ngCE</u>



This week we have seen lunchtimes return to normal on the junior site with the opening of The Servery. Children have

impressed us with their ability to adapt to the new routine and it is wonderful to see them enjoying lunchtimes with their friends.

This week, 6 of our Year 4 children visited Westfield School to participate in a More Able Writers Day, it provided a fantastic opportunity to develop and deepen their skills and build links with different children from other schools.

Our Year 3 children were victims of a Roman invasion when Boadicea descended upon them. This inspired some fantastic writing and superb dramatic presentations.

Drop off and Pick up

We are working on a new drop off and pick up routine to enable the community to be able to come on site to drop off their children if necessary. We feel that this will be a more welcoming approach for parents and children at the Junior School.

Online Safety Workshop

We are planning to deliver an online safety workshop for parents in order to be able to support their children as they navigate the challenges this presents and support their children to use social media responsibly. More information on this to follow.





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Knaphill Lower School: Miss Harbridge

It has been lovely to welcome back our children after an exciting Jubilee Weekend and half-term. The children have returned with renewed energy and I have been very impressed by the behaviour for learning I have seen this week when I have visited classes. I was particularly impressed by our Year 2 children this week during their

guided reading sessions—they were able to show independence, ownership of their own learning, and were confident to read me their books with fluency.

It was also a very exciting start to the halfterm for Year 1 as they started to week by heading off to Windsor Castle. The children were buzzing with excitement and were able to tell me lots about the



knowledge they gained for the first hand experience of visiting a real life castle. This trip is a great way for them to start their history topic, which is based on castles and will move on to focusing on the life of Queen Elizabeth and the change that the world has seen in the last 70 years.







Making reading a habit:

In our assemblies this week, we have continued our theme of compassion and kindness. On Monday we looked at the book 'Be Kind' by Pat Zietlow Miller. This was a way of exploring how our small acts of kindness can have a ripple affect, leading to kindness being spread. As an action from this, classes are completing an acts of kindness calendar to record their kindness for June. Next week we will being looking at courage as our next curriculum driver. To view this book at home, visit this link: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KzeZNyBp2NA</u>



Attendance:

It is extremely important that children are in school and their attendance remains as high as possible. Just to remind parents/carers that, in line with other Surrey schools, if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.

Best wishes, Miss Harbridge and Mrs Woodruff

What has been happening at school this week.



Some of our Year 4 children attended a More Able Writers day at Westfield School. *The children who attended were: Rudi (4R), Maliyah (4R), Aamna (4K), Abishai (4H), Amelie B (4H)*

It was a really good workshop with author Colin R Parsons. Five year 4 pupils attended and wrote a short story titled The Gamer. So nice for them to let their imaginations flow, and write! They were all brilliantly behaved and represented the school: very proud of them! He has a

website, if anyone wants to purchase his books: <u>www.colinrparsons.com</u>

Year 3 were visited by Boadicea this week to inspire their writing. The Year group have been studying the Romans as part of their curriculum theme and this immersion has definitely bought it to life! Do you recognise our visitor?





Esther (5L) and Rosanna (5G) planned and ran a fantastic cake stall to raise funds for the Ukraine Red Cross. We are so proud to see our children showing their compassion for others and also transmitting this into action. Well done to their family for supporting them and for the community who came out and supported them.

Some of Year 4 visited Sayers Croft today and experienced some amazing activities such as abseiling, pond dipping and high ropes.







KFOS Community Updates



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.

Marleen Naessens-chair@kfos.co.uk

Being the best we can be!

Sebastian Stott in 3R currently swims 6 hours a week with the squad called PCB and will be moving up to the PCA squad this means that Sebastien will be swimming 8 hours a week. He will be the youngest in the squad and the only 2014-born child. From next March when he turns 9 he will be able to compete for the club. His next squad will either be the Regional or County squad and then hopefully he follows the Guildford City High-Performance pathway. Sebastien is an incredible athlete and is using his skills both in school and out of it by performing in a range of competitive events.



A huge well done to Sebastian, his dedication and talent is very impressive!

Mr Burrow's Sports News

It great to see so many keen runners at our monthly Knaphill Fun Run this afternoon. Events like this are great for fitness but also show our community at its best. Thank you to everyone who took part!

As we go ahead into the next few weeks, we have sports days coming up and we look forward to seeing many of you there as we celebrate the importance of giving things a go and healthy competition as we all try to be the best we can be. Please see the dates and timings below:



Tuesday 21st June - Nursery Sports Day (2 - 2:45pm) Thursday 23rd June- Junior School Sports Day (1:15 — 3pm) Friday 24th June- Lower School Sports Day - (1:15 — 3pm)

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 13th June—Year 5 Fire Safety day

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

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PTA Events

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