

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 24th June 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well, what an eventful week it has been across the Federation, we have so much to celebrate!

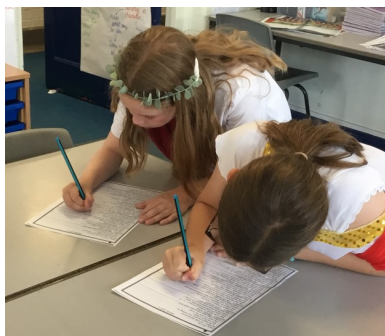
Knaphill Junior School: Mrs Woodruff

This week at the Junior school, the children have been incredibly busy and we were so excited to welcome parents on site for the Year 6 Apprentice, more on this to follow! As part of our deepening learning of values, we looked at how courage can change the world around us. We looked at the lives and background lives of some inspirational people including Rosa Parks, Mo Farah and Raheem Sterling. Their determination through challenging circumstances shows real courage.

In Year 5, the children had an exciting day participating in Greek Day where they experienced life in Ancient Greece including food, maths and cultural activities.

The Apprentice—Year 6

As part of our Maths lessons, Year 6 have been taking part in an exciting Apprentice Challenge. The children have been preparing for this by organising themselves into groups, forming entrepreneurial businesses, creating business plans and making products within a set budget.



We were incredibly proud of the Year 6 children for their fantastic achievement during this year's challenging project. Their successes have enabled the purchase of a leavers' hoodie for every child in the year group. Thank you so much for all your support- this broke the previous Apprentice record, raising a staggering £1576.20!

Opening up the school site at the Juniors

We have been reflecting on children coming in each morning and the contact we have on a day-to-day basis with our parent community and so would like to make a change to the beginning and end of our days:

Start of day

If you would like to come on site and drop your child/ren at their school entrance in the morning, we would like you to do this:

Year 3: To their classroom/cloakroom door

Years 4 & 5: Entrance to the school building is through the hall doors (from the big playground)

Year 6: To the outside door of their classroom.

Please drop your child and leave the site promptly. A bell will sound when we are about to close and lock the school gates. Our senior leadership will remain on the front gate each morning and will also be located on the playground so you can continue to give your messages to them.

End of the day:

Class teachers will bring the children to the entrance that you left them at (see above). We hope that this will give you the opportunity to catch your child's teacher if you need to and make them more accessible and will prevent the busyness of the school gates at the end of the day.

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Knaphill Lower School: Miss Harbridge

I have to start with mentioning our wonderful Sports Days this week. Having only left the field a few minutes ago, I am still buzzing with excitement from the community atmosphere and overwhelming support from parents and families. After two years of events like this, which are an essential part of a child's school journey, missing the thing that makes it special - our communities - we were back with a bang and it was a huge success! I would to say a number of special thanks:

- Firstly to our children at KLS and our KS Sports Leaders. During the afternoons this week they have shown endless courage, resilience, compassion and confidence. Whether it was showing what you've got with the tug-of-war or running your races in front of the crowds, you showed what it is to be a child at this school. I am incredibly proud!
- Secondly to Mr Burrow, without his planning, creativity and hard work this could never have gone ahead. Mr Burrow does a lot behind the scenes at both schools and we are incredibly grateful to him.
- Thirdly to our staff who have trained the children in the last few weeks. I could really see the progress the children have made in their PE skills and this is down to good quality PE lessons.
- And lastly to all of you— our community really does make these things special. It was great to see the competitiveness of our mums and dads and I hope you wear your medals with pride!

Mix up—Year 1

In Year 1 this week, the children selected their five friends from the year group which informed our class mix up for next year. The children had their first session with their class this morning and all seemed calm and happy. We have thought long and hard about getting the right mix for Year 2 and we know that the children will really benefit from this opportunity.

Making reading a habit:

In our assemblies this week, we looked at a new book, 'A Little Bit Brave' by Nicola Kinneer. This story tells the tale of Logan the rabbit who is scared to go outside. After getting his first taste of adventure, Logan realises the importance of courage. We also linked this story to our value of courage by exploring when our school adults have shown courage in their lives. It would be great if you could share one of your tales of courage at home together—this could be something very small as courage comes in different forms.

To watch the story, please follow this link: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fqSGT_3up9w



Online Safety Workshop

Next week isn't looking like a quiet one. We start off with our online safety workshops on Monday and look forward to seeing many of you there. This will be taking place in school on Monday 27th June and there is a parent workshop in the evening at 6pm in the Junior school hall.

We also have our transition day on Wednesday when all children will find out their new teachers and will visit their new classroom.

If your child is at the Lower School, we also have Grandparents Festival on Friday afternoon and we can't wait for this new event during which we can celebrate these important people. Please see the next page for more details!

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

KFOS Community Updates

Invitation for Grandparents of children in Reception, Year 1 & Year 2



Dear Grandparents,

You are invited to our annual

Grandparents' Festival

on **Friday 1st July**

1:45pm - 3.00pm

(Gates will open from 1.30am)

The Festival will be on the Field, where we will perform our songs for you. During the performances, Grandparents may either stand or bring a blanket or picnic chair to sit on. If it rains, the festival will be in the main hall and picnics will be in the classrooms.

After the performance we will be asking for a small donation towards some new Infant resources, before showing you to your grandchild's classroom where you can see their work.

This will be followed by a picnic, so Grandparents please bring some picnic snacks for yourselves and your grandchildren. Any children whose Grandparents cannot attend will be picnicking with their teacher.

Please note that parking spaces are extremely limited in and around our school.

We really hope you will be able to come,

The Infant Team

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.

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!



Mr Burrow's Sports News

Hi everyone!

I am sat typing this with sore muscles from all the running and a sore throat from all the cheering over the past few days. I just wanted to say a quick thank you to everyone who made the sports days possible.

Firstly, a big thank you to our Year 5 and 6 Sports Leaders for helping run the events. Next, I would like to thank all our staff and parent helpers who helped make everything possible. I would also like to thank all the parents for coming and supporting our wonderful pupils.

Finally, I think a big thank you should be given to all the pupils of Knaphill Federation of Schools who have shown perseverance, teamwork and sportsmanship in all of our Sports Days this week.

Have a great weekend!



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

Friday 1st July—Grandparents Festival (please see information on our community page)

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

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