

# Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 8th July 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have come to the end of another week and we do hope that you have all had a wonderful day, whether you have been at Legoland, at home, or enjoying the sunshine somewhere else.

## Knaphill Junior School: Mrs Woodruff

This week has been incredibly exciting. Year 3 had a Roman immersion day and were visited by no other than some exciting Roman warriors. In our assembly, we have been introducing the value and driver of Curiosity and exploring what that means to us. We also looked at Hidden Talents and important people including Tim Berners Lee and discussed how the curiosity of inspirational people led to the evolution of great things.

On Thursday, the Year 3 children participated in an immersion day for their Roman topic. They had a series of workshops in the morning and in the afternoon consolidated their curriculum knowledge including Roman Numerals and Latin words and writing.

It has also been incredibly exciting watching the Year 6 children preparing for their production. Tickets have gone out and we are very excited to share this with the families.

Last Friday, Year 4 held a school sleepover. A huge Thank You to all the staff who helped out as they had a wonderful time! The feedback has been incredible.

## Knaphill Lower School: Miss Harbridge

We have had our typically busy and learning-filled week at the Lower School! Year 2 made some delicious looking pizzas in DT with their chosen ingredients. I hope you enjoyed sharing these at home.

On Thursday, Miss Rose took a group of keen gardeners to the Hampton Court Palace Garden Festival. The children planted seeds, made flags and even created me a wonderful bees wax candle. As part of this experience, our gardening club have also been able to exhibit something very special, a bug friendly structure— a café called Starbugs! More photos will follow next week, but a special thank you goes out to all involved, and especially to Mr and Mrs Zeila for their enormous support before and on the day!



## **Making reading a habit:**

We continued our theme of courage in our assemblies this week, firstly by looking at a key figure, Sir Mo Farah. Mo is special to us as he represents one of our house figures, but he also demonstrates our key values of courage and confidence. Secondly, in our book assembly, when we looked at a particularly powerful text, 'My Shadow is Pink' by Scott Stuart, which is a story of daring to be different, and having the courage to be true to yourself. This book tells the story of showing courage by allowing others to see what makes you special. It also starts with a very important message—“You are Loved. Exactly as you are.” This is a very important message that we want all our children to know and their response to this text really showed how thoughtful and considerate they are.

To watch the story, please follow this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=53ipg9ImrPU>

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Woodruff and Miss Harbridge

## KFOS Community Updates

### **Homework steering group:**

We would like to put together a working party with parents and staff to discuss the structure of homework for the new academic year. It is important to gather feedback from all parties so we can design our policy to fit the needs of our children and families.

If you are interested in being involved in this very important piece of work, please contact the school office before next Friday (15th July).

We hope to hear from many of you.



### **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.

### **End of Term timings:**

Friday 22nd July— Last day of Summer Term—School finishes at 1:55 at the Lower School and 2:05pm at the Junior School.

### **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!



Well done to Uzoamaka in 4R!

Uzo has got four trophies from a swimming tournament.

She received silver for butterfly, back stroke and breast stroke, and gold for front crawl.

Neil also in 4R. Neil has achieved a merit for his Grade 2 exams in piano and drums. Wow! Excellent resilience.

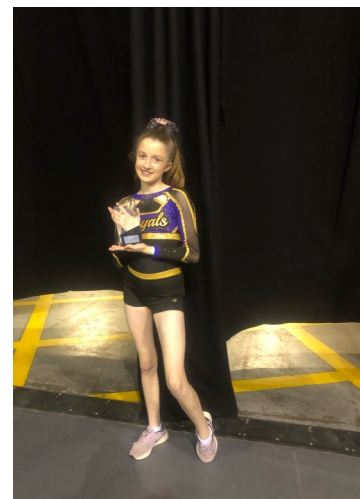


Thomas (3B) and Oscar (Butterfly) both took part in their first Judo competition last weekend. They both showed a lot of courage and gave it their all.



Thomas was awarded a gold medal and Oscar was awarded a bronze medal. We are very proud of them both. They have also just finished their gradings and both received new belts. Well done!

Isabella Bowden showed amazing determination when completing her Cheer Competition last week.



Louisa in Ladybird Class has managed to achieve a very special swimming badge. Louisa showed confidence in telling me about her badge and I am so pleased that she is enjoying her swimming lessons.

**Just keep swimming, Louisa—you have done brilliantly!**



## 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

Thursday 14th July—Reception trip to West Wittering Beach

Friday 22nd July— Last day of Summer Term—School finishes at 1:55 at the Lower School and 2:05pm at the Junior School.

### PTA Events

Friday 22nd July— End of Year Colour Run

Thursday 15th September— Happy Circus

**Dates for Autumn 2022 will be coming soon!**

### Inset Days 2022-23

1st September

2nd September

31st October

3rd January

20th February

7th July