

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 22nd July 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Knaphill Junior School: Mrs Woodruff

Well what a week and term it has been! This week has seen two of the hottest days on record and still the children at Knaphill School continue to learn and thrive. I was so proud to see their determination and resilience shining through. This is a bittersweet day, our Year 6 children are saying goodbye however I know that they will continue to strive for great things and their achievements will be outstanding. In Year 3, the children were linking their historical knowledge with their DT learning and designing, building and evaluating Roman Chariots. I also tested a few out which was great fun! In Year 4, the children have been creating mind maps and one page plans for their engaging Tudor topic. Over in Year 5, the children have deepened their Greek unit of learning by making some wonderful Greek clay pots.



The end of the year is always sad as we say goodbye to so many wonderful members of staff. We wish Mrs Lambert all the best as she heads off on maternity leave and begins her new adventure as a mum. We are sad to see Mrs Evans leave as she has been an incredible member of staff and now goes to work closer to home. We thank Mrs Ward as she leaves to spend more time with her family and last but not least, Mrs Halls in the office is moving on to pastures new. We wish Miss Ring the best of luck as she gets married in the holidays. We are so grateful for all their support and wish them well for the future.



Finally, It has been an absolute privilege to be head teacher at the Junior School and I have loved every moment of it. I am sad to go but I know that the school is in very safe hands with Mrs Harrison and her incredible team. Have a wonderful summer break.

Knaphill Lower School: Miss Harbridge

Well, our final week has been one of highs and lows (and I'm not just talking about the weather!). Firstly, a big well done goes out to our children, parents and staff for surviving the heat early this week and doing so with such resilience. Whether it was by making our own fans, class water fun or making foot spas, we somehow found a way to stay cool. I am sure we all felt a little tired after two very warm nights, but we kept smiling! As well as that, we have had a few other hurdles to jump this week and we did this as a community and with as much positivity as possible. After everything, the biggest highlight for me was our colour run to end the year. Beginning what might be another yearly tradition, assuming my hair loses its rainbow hue quite quickly, this was another fantastic community event for Knaphill. A huge thank you to Natalie and her wonderful team—I think we may have the best (and most creative!) PTA around.



The end of the year is always a cause for celebration, but it is also a time that feels a little sad too. We have to say goodbye, or I prefer a “See you soon!” to some important people. At the lower school, we say a “See you soon!” to our lovely Year 2 children as they make their next step to the Junior School. I know each and every one of them are ready to take on KS2—move mountains, you fabulous lot! As well as our children, we also need to say “See you soon!” to some members of staff. Firstly to Mr McGill, who is heading off to take on a new challenge as a deputy manager in a local nursery; to Miss Stockwell who is going to use her superpower to support children with accessing education at home; to Mrs Chereau who is going to continue teaching with kindness; to Mrs De Oliveira who is moving to the countryside; to Mrs Afzal who is following her dream of teaching in Dubai and to Mr Burrow who is moving North to inspire more children. Thank you for everything you have given—we have loved having you and we wish you every success! Lastly, I would like to say a big thank you to my partner in crime, Mrs Woodruff—you have been such a support and Knaphill loved having you.

Have a fantastic summer holidays—see you in September. Best wishes, Mrs Woodruff and Miss Harbridge.

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A message for everyone leaving us today—some words from Dr Seuss

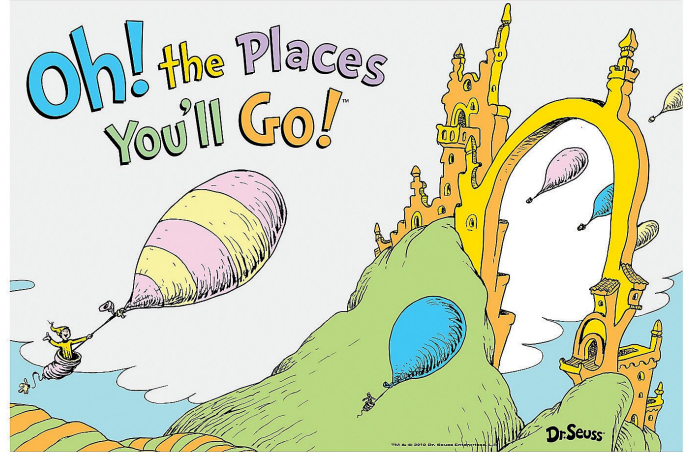
Oh! The Places you'll go—Dr Seuss

You'll get mixed up, of course,
As you already know.
You'll get mixed up
With many strange birds as you go.
So be sure when you step.
Step with care and great tact
And remember that Life's
A Great Balancing Act.
Just never forget to be dexterous and
deft.
And never mix up your right foot with your left.
And will you succeed?
Yes! You will, indeed!
(98 and 3/4 percent guaranteed.)

KID, YOU'LL MOVE MOUNTAINS!

So...

Be your name Buxbaum or Bixby or Bray
Or Mordecai Ali Van Allen O'Shea,
You're off to Great Places!
Today is your day!
Your mountain is waiting.
So...get on your way!



SEND PICNIC FOR PARENTS & CARERS



Special, Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)



Please come along with your children and a picnic to celebrate Woking's new SEND park. There will be a variety of sensory activities, stories and the exclusive use of the specially designed playground, plus a visit from the ice cream van (please bring money for this)

Friday 5th August & Tuesday 16th August 2022
11am - 2pm

These will be held at the specially designed playground,
Loop Road play area, Loop Road, Woking, GU22 9BQ

For further information, visit email
familycentres@woking.gov.uk or call
01483 743 812

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!

A huge well done to Kitten and Elodie for taking part in your show at Rhoda McGaw Theatre. What an amazing opportunity!



Dates 2022-23

New events are being added every week—these will be in red so you can add them to your diary!

Autumn dates:

Here are the first dates for your diary—many more will be shared soon!

INSET Days 01/09 & 02/09

First day of Autumn term 05/09

Homework steering group— 08/09 @ 2pm

13/09—Year 2 Curriculum evening for parent @ 6.30pm

14/09—Year 1 Curriculum evening for parent @ 6.30pm

22/09—Reception Curriculum evening and phonics workshop for parent @ 6.30pm

30/09—Monthly Fun Run @ 3.30pm

06/10— Year 1 and Year 2 Phonics and reading workshop for parents @ 6.30pm

10/10 KLS individual photos

11/10 KS individual photos

13/10 KLS outdoor Harvest Festival—parents invites @ 9.15am

31st October INSET day

3rd January INSET day

20th February INSET day

7th July INSET day

PTA Events

Thursday 15th September— Happy Circus