

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 14th October

Dear Parents and Guardians,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our Harvest Festival this week. As I said on the day, community is very important to use and opening our doors to our families always feels us with joy. We hope that you enjoyed our singing and that the welly walk was a good opportunity to feel part of our school. If you have any feedback for this event, please do let us know.



KLS
Harvest Festival
2022



Value of the week: being thankful

Although being thankful isn't one of our values, our celebration of the harvest has given us the perfect what of exploring what it is to be thankful, grateful and appreciative of what we have. In our assemblies, we have looked at the origins of harvest and how it can see be relevant to our modern world as we share with those who may be less fortunate than ourselves.

Community

Woking Foodbank: As part of work with the wider community, we have collected food for the Woking Food Bank to support our harvest celebrations. Our entrance hall is currently full of donations and we look forward to dropping these items off in half-term. Thank you to all of our families who contributed—it is very much appreciated!

If you have any more donations, please do bring them in—every little helps!



Open afternoon: We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to come into school on Tuesday to see the children's books and classrooms. As feedback from all of you was very positive, these open afternoons are something we will do every half-term going forwards.

PTA AGM: It was a pleasure to attend our PTA AGM on Monday night. We were able to celebrate all that was achieved last year, which went far beyond just considering the fundraising that was accomplished. I feel privileged to work with such a dedicated and proactive PTA and I thank them for everything they do. We will be carefully considering how we can use the raised funds to further develop our curriculum offer at KLS.

What we've achieved this week

Bookings for parents evenings: We hope that you found the booking process to be efficient and easy. Feedback has been good, but we always welcome more. We will continue to develop how we use Arbor in the next few months, including using it for payments and school lunches.

Video for Phonics and Reading: if you didn't manage to attend our workshops last week, we have recorded a video version for you to watch at home. A big thank you to our wonderful actor, Oscar, who did such a wonderful job in our videos.

Video link: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kuSp-oQQpyLT00k6YlgITvsiyiB1FwGk/view?usp=sharing>

PDF: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1XTuWE4msviry91KMS6hmvYmOSbQG8Y_C/view?usp=sharing

What's happening next week

Diwali community day— We are excited to enthuse our children with a super Diwali-themed school day of celebrations on Friday 21st October 2022. **The children are invited to come to school in their Diwali/colourful party clothes to celebrate the day.** The children will learn about the 'festival of lights' throughout the day and take part in various Diwali related activities including; a teacher's play, cooking laddoos (nut free), designing Rangoli and drawing henna patterns on paper, making divas, learning an authentic Bollywood dance and much more. We strongly believe our parent helpers are a great asset to our community and the experiences you provide do help enhance our children's learning and development. If you would like to share your Diwali experiences/ traditions or showcase a particular talent for our children to watch, or would like to help on the day with the making of Rangoli patterns outdoors, please contact Miss Shan directly— sshan@kfos.co.uk.

Next week is our final week before the half-term break, we can't believe how quickly the weeks have flown.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes—Miss Harbridge



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Value of the week: Courage

This week has focussed on the value of courage again—with assemblies reminding children of how to be courageous in different circumstances. Our work on Mental Health Day and in our NSPCC workshops have taught us that being courageous can also be to speak out and to stay safe when we need to. The children have also been courageous in their learning—being resilient to challenge and striving to improve—particularly evident during our visits to the classrooms.

Community

We celebrated the amazing work of our PTA during our AGM meeting this week. The school values the work of the PTA enormously, and we rely on those who lend their time to help make a difference to the children at our school. We are, as ever, truly grateful, and it was incredibly rewarding to see where all of the hard work from this year has made a difference.

What's happening in school

This week has been busy at school with lots of fantastic events taking place for the children. We have celebrated World Mental Health Day on Monday with children taking part in activities. The children were thinking about positivity and created postcards to try and share this with the community. Here are few examples:



NSPCC assemblies

As part of our dedication to keeping our children safe, next week we joined the NSPCC to spread the message "Speak Out. Stay Safe." All children at the Junior school had an online assembly that talked about how they should be treated by others, what they should do when they don't feel safe and who they can turn to when they are worried. On Wednesday 12th October, our Year 5 and 6 children took part in workshops which were run by trained NSPCC workers who were looking in more detail about looking after themselves and where to turn in times of need.

School Sports

Our school sports calendar has also got up and running this week with Knaphill taking part in the Danone Cup, with both a Year 6 Boys' and Year 5&6 Girls' football team. As this is taking place today we don't have the results yet—but look forward to reporting on their performances next week! The Danone Cup is an annual national competition, with today's tournament being the district event. The winning school will go through to represent themselves and the district in a county competition.

House point winners of the week

This week we saw Farah take the most house points with 281, just 4 ahead of Attenborough. Well done Farah! Below you can see the running totals for the term.

	Windsor	Farah	Attenborough	Rowling
Total	627	618	591	512

What's happening next week?

On Monday 17th we will be performing our Harvest Festival—with Year 3 and Year 4 performing at 9am and Year 5 and Year 6 at 2:30pm. We will be celebrating Harvest with songs and poetry readings, whilst considering those who may need support during this winter. To help support with this, we will be running a donation to Woking Foodbank, whose vital work supported over 2000 local families in 2021. We hope to see many happy faces at the performance, sharing in the courage shown by our students, some of whom may be performing for the first time.



Tag Rugby Tournament

Another week, and another sports tournament! Next week a mixed team of Year 6 children will be representing the school at the WASPS run Tag Rugby tournament. We are excited to take part and to show our school values of courage and confidence while competing against other schools from the local area.

What we've achieved this week

This week we have all enjoyed rehearsing for our Harvest Festival. It has been wonderful to hear the beautiful singing reverberating around the school, and even during lunch and break times. It has most certainly helped to spread the positivity, leaving all the staff smiling!

Have a wonderful weekend and week ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Harrison

Gates Open 6pm
Bonfire 7pm
Fireworks 7:30pm

1st Knaphill
Scouts

Spectacular FIREWORK DISPLAY

Sat 5th Nov

Adults £6.75 (Advance) £8 (Gate)

Children £4

Family (2 Adults & 2 Children)

£20 (Advance) £22 (Gate)

Burgers
Bangers
Hot Drinks

Stalls
Kid's Funfair
Kid's Tombola

THE VYNE FIELD - REDDING WAY - KNAPHILL

All children under the age of 14 must be accompanied by an adult
Sorry, no sparklers or alcohol allowed at this event

Tickets: www.1stknaphillscoutgroup.org.uk/events/annual-firework-display
A limited number of tickets will be available on the night. Contactless preferred
Discounts for advance purchases

Scan for tickets



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:

17/10 KS Harvest Festival: 9am (Years 3 & 4), 2.30pm (Years 5 & 6) in the school hall.

18/10: KLS and KS Parents evening

19/10 Year 6 Victorian Day

19/10 Open Day for prospective parents—Year 3

20/10: KLS and KS Parents evening

31st October INSET day

14/11 Anti-bullying Week

25/11—Year 1 night walk (time TBC)

Last day of Autumn Term—Tuesday 20th December 2022

INSET days:

31st October INSET day

3rd January INSET day

20th February INSET day

7th July INSET day

PTA Events