

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 21st October

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have reached the end of our first half-term for this academic year and it has been an action-packed, busy few weeks of learning. As you will see from our KLS pages, we have lots going on at Knaphill Lower School. As we head into half-term, I would like to say a huge thank you to you as our parent and guardian community. It is always a pleasure to see you all at drop off and pick up and your smiley hellos really do make a difference to us— we definitely have a kind community. Don't forget that we are on the gate as much as possible, and this is always a good opportunity to speak to us, if needed.

Value of the week: compassion and courage

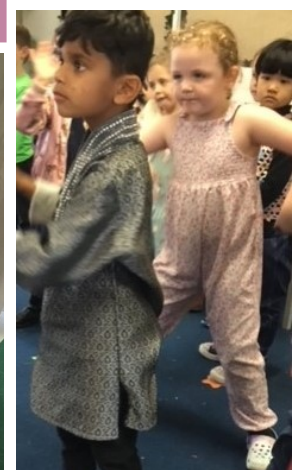
Our assemblies this week have focused on Black History Month, which an opportunity to explore racism, but also to celebrate the achievement of people of colour. We have looked at Black History Month by linking this to our text of the half-term—Mixed— but also through our values of compassion and courage. We looked at three key figures in Black history: Ruby Bridges, who first attended an all white school in America; Betty Campbell, who was a founder of Black History Month and the first black Headteacher in Wales; and Mo Farah, who is the patron of our Farah house. If you want to speak about Black History Month at home, the BBC Teach resources are a great place to start: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/class-clips-video/history-ks1-black-british-history/zixjmbk> .

Diwali Day 21/10— for our first RE immersion experience, we had our whole school Diwali celebration day. This started with a teachers' play, which taught the story of Rama and Sita, and included the participation of all of our children who had to help guide Rama and Sita home using their lights. We also learnt dances, made traditional food, created rangoli patterns, and most importantly learnt the importance of Diwali in the Hindu religion.



Diwali Celebration Day

21.10.22



Community

Parents Evening—we hope that our whole community found our Parents Consultation Evenings to be useful and informative this week. These are very important in our development of the link between school and home. Thank you for attending these meetings and we welcome any feedback to improve these.

KLS Pupil Parliament

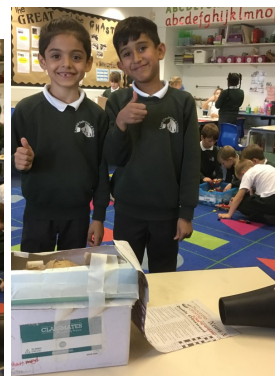
We are pleased to share the first official photo of our Knaphill Lower School Pupil Parliament for the Autumn term. These young leaders will be working with their classes next half-term, alongside Mrs Wood, to plan for the development of our outside provision. Pupil Parliament is designed to empower our children, so they understand that their voice is heard at KLS.



What we've achieved this week (and some weeks before that!)

Curriculum Development— Over the last half-term, we have worked as a whole staff team to develop our curriculum. In most cases, this has meant that we have designed our aspirational sequence of learning from scratch. We met at the beginning of the year to plan our subjects in the long and medium term, which are then converted to weekly plans that are adapted to meet the needs of all children.

In Year 2, we can see the impact of their DT sequence of learning. Having tested different structures over the last few weeks, our children were enabled to create little pig house structures, which could withstand the testing wind of the big, bad wolf! Our children approached this task as knowledgeable designers and engineers.



In our Reception provision this week, our children have benefitted from the first hand experience of baking bread, which has supported their understanding of the class text, the Little Red Hen. Our children could all explain how they made bread and how tasty it was. They could also explain the story of the Little Red Hen, which they have been retelling using handmade puppets.



What's happening next week

Well, next week is half-term, so that is over to you. However, beyond that we are ready to move on to the next stage of learning. In Reception, our youngest children will look at a topic of magic, beginning with one of our favourite texts, Room on a Broom. In Year 1, our children will start a topic which is centred around light and dark. In Year 2, our children will visit London for their first trip, before moving onto a historical study of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole.

We have also updated our dates page, to include all Christmas dates for next half term.

For any of our celebrating families, please have a very happy Diwali with your family and friends.

I hope that you all have a very happy and safe half-term break. We will see you on Tuesday 1st November.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes—Miss Harbridge

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Value of the week: Courage

This week we have continued to look into courage and particularly focussed on what this means to be courageous in our learning. We have learnt about Growth Mindset and how to keep on learning. We learnt that:

A growth mindset is believing that your brain can grow and you can learn many new things.
You are not born smart; you become smart.

Community

Harvest Festival



It was wonderful to welcome so many parents into the school this week, beginning with the Harvest Festival where both Year 3 & 4 and Year 5&6's performances were fantastic. The morning performance by Year 3&4 set a high bar, with their wonderful singing and Year 5&6 managed to reach that same level, and it was amazing to see the courage on display—reading in front of all of those parents so clearly and loudly. I will cherish being able to look along the audience and see so many proud and happy faces. Thank you for coming and supporting your children to develop their confidence!

Thank you once again to our PTA who will be collecting all of our donations and delivering them to Woking Food Bank.

What's happening in school

Victorian Day

On Wednesday, we had our Victorian day—where the children were transported back over 100 years to experience an education very different to that which they receive today. Mrs Shaw, Mrs Harmston and Mr Alderton ensured that all hair was free of nits, all fingernails clean and those who could not behave were appropriately disciplined with the cane or made to wear a dunce's hat. The children really enjoyed the experience (as did some of the teachers) and we are sure they come home with many more stories to share with you!

Parents' Evening

Our parents evening has been well attended this week and it was a pleasure to see so many come to look through their children's work. We have put together a questionnaire to gain insight to your thoughts of the process which can be found here:

SEN update

Our new Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO), Zoe Purulak, started with us shortly after the start of term. She and I are both very keen to improve communication with parents of children with additional needs in the school. On **Monday 7th November at 2.30pm** we would like to invite all parents of children with an additional need to a meeting where we will share with you our vision for our SEN department moving forwards (if you are unable to attend this meeting slides will be sent to parents).

After this, Zoe will be hosting an 'open door' SEN surgery on the **first Monday of every month** where you can come and have an informal chat with her between 2.15 and 3.15pm if you have any concerns or questions regarding your child's needs.



(SEN Surgery Dates: 5th Dec, 9th Jan, 6th Feb, 6th Mar, 3rd April, 1st May, 5th June, 3rd July).

House point winners of the week

This week we saw Farah take the most house points again with 251, just 8 ahead of Rowling. Well done Farah for two weeks in a row! Below you can see the running totals for the term.

	Windsor	Farah	Attenborough	Rowling
20th October	175	251	199	243
Total	802	869	790	755

School Sports

We had a fantastic set of teams represent as at both the Danone football tournaments, as well Pirbright school's Tag Rugby event this week.



At the football tournament we played against different schools who all performed to a high standard. It was particularly evident in the Girls' team that our school values were on show, where despite not conceding a goal, we missed out on a semi-final by 1 point. The girls showed themselves to be incredibly mature, dealing with the disappointment fantastically well, instead choosing to be



driven to improve next time—demonstrating their growth mindset. The boys too just missed out on a semi final, conceding their only goal of the tournament in a very even match to decide who got through.



At the Tag Rugby the children showed heart, grit and determination—driving through the defensive lines of the opposing schools to score a number of tries, but it wasn't enough to make it through to the finals match. Mr Greenwood and Mrs Prince were incredibly proud to see how the children showed tremendous courage to not give up and keep on trying.

We look forward to reporting on more sporting events over the course of the year!

What's happening next week?

When we return to school after half term we will be arriving into a shorter week due to the INSET day on 31st October. We hope you enjoy a happy week together and the weather is kind to us all!

What we've achieved this week

We have now got our established set of prefects who have been starting their jobs this week and last. They helped show some prospective parents around the school as part of our Year 3 open day showing what great ambassadors they are for the school.

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:

31st October INSET day

14/11 Anti –bullying Week/**Friendship Week**

14/11 Year 1 Knaphill geography walk (from 9:15am)

25/11—Year 1 night walk @ 5:30

Last day of Autumn Term—Tuesday 20th December 2022

26/11 (Saturday) New to Reception Stay and Play Session

01/12 Dragonfly Nativity (Thursday) @ 9:30- parents invited

02/12 Ladybird Nativity (Friday)@ 9:30- parents invited

05/12 Butterfly Nativity (Monday)@ 9:30- parents invited

07/12 KS1 Christmas Dinner

12/12 Year 2 Nativity @ 2pm- parents invited

13/12 Year 2 Nativity@ 9:15- parents invited

15/12 Year 1 Carol Concert @ 14.15

19/12 KLS Christmas Parties (PM) - in classrooms

INSET days:

31st October INSET day

3rd January INSET day

20th February INSET day

7th July INSET day

PTA Events

11/11 Bingo at Knaphill Junior School Hall at 7.30pm

PTA Christmas Fair/Market - Sunday 11th December 2022