

# Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 7th October

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Well, I am not sure this weekly update is big enough or long enough to include all of the exciting events that have happened this week or will be happening in the next two weeks at KLS ! Where do I even begin?

## Caving - courage and confidence

It was pretty hard to miss our amazing mobile caving system, which appeared in the playground yesterday morning, and it was even harder to miss the buzz of excitement as the children left school talking about it! During the day, all of our children had the opportunity to find their way through the cave, complete with hard hats, head torches and knee pads. Not only was this a great adventure and a memorable new experience, which promotes physical activity, but it also allowed the children to show courage in the face of something that was unknown and perhaps a little scary. All the staff were raving about the courage their classes displayed and the determination this children showed. I was also impressed by the determination of our staff who took on the challenge, a challenge that is a little harder when you are adult sized!

Lots of parents have asked for photos of this event and we have included a few on the next page—we will also be making a video that we can share. We will get this out in the next week!

## DT in Year 1 and Year 2

I have been very inspired by our young designers this week in our DT lessons. In Year 1, the children were applying their science knowledge from last week to design and test their own parachutes. They were able to justify their choice of materials and could even explain the idea of air flow.



These learning skills were also shown by our Year 2 children is

their work around strong, stable structures. Even as young designers they were able to compare different wall structures, which they tested using Lego bricks and recorded using a design template. We can see that our new curriculum is creating learning for life and perhaps may spark a future career for some of our children.



## Reading and Phonics Workshop

A big thank you to everyone who made it to our phonics and reading workshops yesterday. It was great to work with you in person and we hope that you found this session to be useful in helping you to support reading at home. For anyone who couldn't attend, we will record a video of this and will get resources and slides sent out to you next week.

**It is shaping up to be a busy next couple of weeks, with lots of opportunities at KLS:**

- Tuesday 11th: Open afternoon—come to see our classrooms and what we have achieved this half-term
- Thursday 13th: KLS Harvest Festival— singing, welly walk and bulb planting!
- Friday 21st: Diwali Celebration and Community Day— whole school immersion and celebration of Diwali



**Having the Courage for Caving Day**  
**6th October 2022**



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Friday 30th September

**Thank you to all those parents who have given feedback about the format of the weekly newsletter. We always appreciate your thoughts and comments.**

## Value of the week: Courage

In assembly and in all acts across the school, we have continued looking at our value of courage. This week I have particularly noticed children challenging each other to not give up by showing resilience. This makes me so proud!

## Snacks

I feel it is a timely reminder about mid morning snacks for playtime. Children really benefit from having a healthy snack, especially mid way through the morning as this helps to keep minds and bodies healthy. May I please take this opportunity to remind everyone that this snack should be either a piece of fruit or a vegetable snack. The general rule is it should not be in any packaging at all. Fruit/vegetables in snack containers is absolutely fine. Any other treats should be packed in lunchboxes ready for lunchtime.

## Absence

One of the most important jobs you have as a parent is getting your child to school every day, on time, with the right things. Parents who don't try hard to do this are letting down their child, the school. So please could I **appeal** to you all to support us with our efforts to create an outstanding school by keeping your child's attendance as high as possible at all times.

## Community

Our PTA do an amazing job and have created this celebration video:

<https://animoto.com/play/OJdcD9DZHdu9NWF2H3bfVQ>

This year's PTA AGM will be taking place on Monday 10th October at 7.30pm in the Junior School hall. Please come and support our school.

## Coat Sale

Thank you to all our families for your coat donations. These will really help people in our community. The coat sale will be taking place after school on Monday 10th October, just outside the Junior School gates. Suggested donation £2. There are some amazing coats. Please do come and support this PTA event.

## What's happening in school

### NSPCC Virtual assembly

The NSPCC assembly which features Ant and Dec, supports children to feel empowered - knowing how they can speak out and stay safe. The assembly is an effective way to support our school's safeguarding duties and links directly to the curriculum as well as helping to reinforce key messages about abuse and neglect as part of our school's teaching on relationships. With the help of the NSPCC mascot, Buddy the speech bubble, children learn that they have the right to:

- speak out and be heard
- be safe
- get help when they need it.

### House point winners of the week

The winning team this week are: Windsor (again!). They won by just one point! They won the extra session on the playframe today.



### African Drumming workshops

Year 4 held a cake sale on Wednesday afternoon to raise funds towards their African drumming workshop. Thank you to all those of you that supported this enterprising venture. Today our school hall was transformed into an orchestra pit, with over 25 drums. The sound from the hall was truly inspirational and the children absolutely loved their experience. Thank you to the Year 4 team for organising this experience for our children.

### What we've achieved this week

This week we have been reviewing and revamping our class book corners across the school. These areas provide a cosy Place to choose and read a book and are invaluable to support our children to read for pleasure. If you would like to donate a book or two to these book corners, please send your book donations to the school office. Every book donation gratefully received!

Have a wonderful weekend and week ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Harrison

**Please also see the attached invite to our new to Knaphill Junior School open days!**

## Knaphill Community

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we will be donating food to Woking Food Bank, who do an amazing job at support the Woking community. Please see their list of desirable items:

### WOKING FOODBANK HELPING WOKING PEOPLE IN CRISIS



#### ITEMS WE NEED (LAST UPDATED 28TH SEPT 2022)

- CUSTARD
- LADIES DEODORANT
- LONG LIFE ITEMS SUITABLE FOR LUNCH BOXES
- TINNED HAM
- CHICK PEAS
- INSTANT HOT CHOCOLATE DRINK
- COOKING OIL
- JAM
- CANNED BEEF
- NOODLES
- SHAMPOO
- LONG LIFE SPONGE PUDDINGS
- CHOCOLATE
- LONG LIFE JUICE
- MAYONNAISE
- CANNED CHICKEN
- CLEANING SPRAY
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- SALAD CREAM
- HAIR CONDITIONER
- BLEACH

### Being the best we can be!

We haven't had any photos sent our way this year—if you child has achieved something outside of school, we want their photos to share with our whole community!

#### 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](mailto:chair@kfos.co.uk)**

## 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:

**10/10** KLS individual photos

**11/10** KS individual photos

**11/10 KLS** Open afternoon @ 3pm—come to see our classrooms and what we have achieved this half-term. This is a chance for your children to show you their learning.

**13/10** KLS outdoor Harvest Festival— all parents are invited to attend @ 9.15am. The celebration should last about 1 hour—singing, welly walk and bulb planting!

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

**18th/20th October**—Parents Evening (appointment made live next week)

**19/10** Year 6 Victorian Day

**19/10** Prospective parents open day

**21/10** KLS Diwali Celebration and Community Day— whole school immersion and celebration of Diwali

**21/10** Last day of this half-term—normal finish time

31st October INSET day

Last day of Autumn Term—Tuesday 20th December 2022

### INSET days:

3rd January INSET day

20th February INSET day

7th July INSET day

### PTA Events

**10/10** AGM 7:30pm at KS Hall

**10/10** 3pm Second hand Coat sale outside KS