

Weekly Focus

Friday 18th November

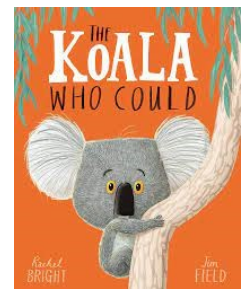
Dear Parents and Guardians,

With the weather changing in the last couple of days, it is starting to feel like Christmas isn't too far around the corner. As I head down the corridors, I have started to hear the first few practises of Christmas songs and I know that our nativities and carol concert will be upon us very soon. Before we start getting too carried away with Christmas, it has been an interesting week at Knaphill Lower School.

What we've achieved this week

Growth mindset in Action

We continued the next part of our growth mindset journey, this week by once again joining Mojo the Dojo as he learns about the importance of making mistakes and learning from them. To watch the video 'the Magic of Mistakes', click on this link: <https://ideas.classdojo.com/i/growth-mindset-2>. As well as focusing on Mojo, we read another one of my favourite picture books, The Koala who Could. In this book, Kevin learns the importance of letting go (quite literally!) and trying new things.



Year 1 Geography Trip

On Monday, our Year 1 children headed off on a geography walk around Knaphill. Our staff were very impressed by the behaviour of the children as they represented our school in the local community and they felt they were very sensible when walking next to the road. During this trip, our children asked "What is this place like?", which is a key objective of our early geography curriculum. They also tested out their walk instructions that they had written as a class.



Anti-bullying/ friendship week:

It was a very important week this week—Anti-bullying and friendship week. On Monday, we started off by appreciating our unique differences by wearing odd socks and we ended the week by wearing spots for Children in Need. As well as this, during our lessons and assemblies this week, our children have looked at the importance of friendship and what skills are needed to be a good friend. Although we focused on this key learning this week, these messages continue throughout our curriculum all year round.



What's happening next week

Year 1 night walk:

On Thursday next week, we have invited our Year 1 children to return to school with their parents for a Night Walk. The children will spend their English lessons applying their instruction writing skills to writing their own Night Walk instructions for their parents to follow. We hope that many of you are available to join us for this event and I look forward to sharing some photos next week.

As we head into next year in not that many week's time, we want to engage our whole community in deciding what schools values we want for our children. On 9th December, we will invite you as parents to have your say. Please see Mrs Harrison's part of the newsletter for more information.

Best wishes,
Miss Harbridge

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Value of the week: Curiosity

Children have been learning more about our value of curiosity and how a desire to know and find out supports a growth mindset. Children in assembly heard the story of two seeds – both planted on the same day, in the same soil, in the same garden bed. One seed had a growth mindset—with a curious desire to grow and reach the outside world—while the other had a fixed mindset, which was filled with fear and choosing to remain stagnant in its soil. We have reviewed and reflected with our children on the characteristics of a fixed mindset and a growth mindset, teaching children to appreciate their mistakes and failures as these enable learning to happen.



Community

Extreme Reading

We began our Extreme Reading Challenge for Years 3-6 this week, and it continues next week.

We would like our children to send in a photo of themselves reading a book in an unusual or out-of-the-ordinary place or context. An example could be up a climbing frame or reading to their hamster.

The more creative the better! We would love for families to get involved as well so please feel free to join in the photo with your child. Children were told about the challenge in assembly on Monday and reminded to be mindful of being safe and to check with an adult first.



Five winners, who send in the most amusing or creative photos by Monday 21st November, will receive a £5 voucher to be spent on books from our travelling book fair at Knaphill School. The fair will be available for all to visit 3.15 – 3.45 Wednesday 23rd – Friday 25th November.

Children can bring in a hard copy of their photographs and give them to Mrs Jordan. Alternatively, you can email your photo to Mrs Jordan via year3@kfos.co.uk. Please ensure you state your child's name and class in the email.



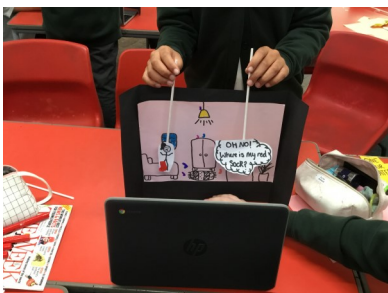
End of Term

We would like to remind parents that the finish time on the last day of term, Tuesday 20th December, will be **2:00PM**.

What's happening in school

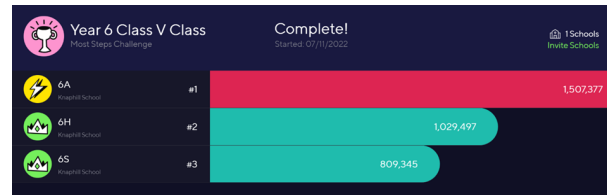
Cool to be Kind week and Odd Socks Day

We have had an incredible week exploring the idea of Its Cool to be Kind (Anti-Bullying Week). This week has been jammed packed with dress up days, assemblies, lessons exploring bullying and kindness and competitions. Our children have learnt how important it is to reach out to others, and that kindness is always the way to go.



Moki Fitness Trackers

We have been really excited to introduce a fitness tracking system with our Year Six children. The children were given a turquoise wristband, which tracked their steps and activity levels. Year Six have really embraced the fitness lifestyle as a consequence of wearing these bands. Each morning we have been syncing our bands and improving our activity levels day on day. We also engaged in an exciting inter-class competition over the course of a week. As you can see from the results below, 6A won with a very impressive step-count! Well done to all of Year Six. We are hoping to give each child in the school an opportunity to participate in a Moki Challenge over the course of the year.



House point winners of the week

Congratulations this week to Windsor who achieved the most house points for the week. They were just 4 points ahead of Attenborough, which shows how much one house point can make a difference! The running totals are as follows:

	Windsor	Farah	Attenborough	Rowling
Total	1013	1079	998	963

SEND News and Updates

We are really excited that our first order of Barrington Stokes books has arrived!

Barrington Stokes specialise in publishing, as they put it, “super-readable” children’s books, that offer a host of unique accessibility features that make great reads accessible to more children, including those with dyslexia or visual stress.

However, whilst special editing and design processes support those with reading difficulties, Barrington Stokes also ensure that every book is a high quality and cracking read.

With a large range of comedy, ghost stories, real-life drama, fascinating facts and thrilling adventure stories having arrived, it is safe to say we are very excited to get reading!



Value- based Education

As a Federation, we understand the importance of instilling values in our children, as values underpin our thinking and behaviour. We want to work with the whole community to ensure everyone is involved in selecting and getting those values right. We want to hear your opinions and so will be holding a Values working party on Friday 9th December at The Hive. More details to follow in a separate email.

What we’ve achieved this week

This week is the first week that we awarded our Attendance Cup. All classes had their attendance for the week tallied up and with an excellent 99.2% attendance our winning class was 3J. As a reward they will have some extra playtime as a class on Monday. Next week will see the start of a new competition and we can’t wait to celebrate with the ‘most present’ class again!

Have a wonderful weekend and week ahead.

Best wishes,

Mrs Harrison

First steps to understanding my child (ADHD, Autism and Neurodivergent)



FREE COURSE

This FREE Online three-week parenting course will be delivered in three 2 x hour sessions and will explain the terms and key features associated with a neurodivergent profile, we will consider how this might impact your child's behaviour and discuss how to approach health professionals and schools to ask for support.

Have you wondered if your child might be autistic or showing signs of ADHD?

Does your child suffer with Social Anxiety?

Does your child struggle at School?

Has your child developed distressed behaviors?

When?

Thursday 24/11/22 to 08/12/22

Time: 7pm – 9pm

Zoom Online

Click on [link](#) or QR code for more details



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:

14/11 Anti-bullying Week

14/11 Odd Socks Day

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

18/11 Children in Need (Non-Uniform Day)

24/11—Year 1 night walk - Thursday 24th (4:30- 5:30)

25/11—Year 1 night walk @ 5:30

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

8/12 KS Christmas Jumper Day

9/12 School Values Working Party (More details to follow)

12/12 Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert @ Holy Trinity Church (1.30pm & 6pm)

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

19/12 Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance @ Holy Trinity Church (1.30pm & 6pm)

Last day of term 2pm finish.

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

2nd December for the non uniform day

Sunday 11th December—Christmas Fair/ Market