

Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

“Together we are better”

Weekly Focus

Friday 4th November

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to the second part of this Autumn Term and I hope all of you had a lovely half-term break. Our children have been very excited to tell us all about their adventures during their week off and I know we will hear lots about Bonfire Night when we return on Monday.

What we've achieved this week

Staff Training—Growth Mindset

On Monday, all of our staff intended an inspiring training session, which was led by Miss Shan and Mr Stroud, and focused on the importance of a growth mindset. After learning about the relevant research in this area and the impact this has had in different schools around the country, we then put together our vision and a plan for implementing a growth mindset approach at Knaphill Lower School.

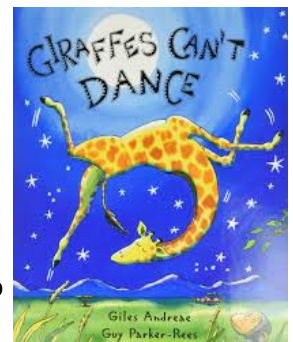


Phase one of our plan looks at the focus on effort over achievement; helping children to understand the parts of their brain and the importance of understanding the difference between a fixed and growth mindset. If you would like to understand a little more about growth mindset, please see link helpful video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KUWn_TJTrnU As part of our plan of implementation, we also plan to lead workshops to support parents later this year.

Growth mindset in Action



On Wednesday, I then decided that I would show the children my juggling skills, although I had forgotten that I can't (YET!) juggle. The children were supportive and Frankie, in Year 1, reminded me that “I couldn't do it yet, but I need to practise more like she has done with her gymnastics.” After listening to Frankie's advice, I remembered a book that could help us—Giraffe's Can't Dance. This book helped us to understand that our mindset is important and an unexpected visit from Gerald the Giraffe clarified this on Thursday. The task for next week is for us all to understand what a fixed and growth mindset is and we will explore this in all our assemblies and PSHE lessons.



What's happening next week

Next week, Year 2 are heading off on a brand new trip to support their topic— the Great and The Ghastly. On Tuesday, they will travel to London to observe the skyline of our capital from the London Eye. They will then take a cruise along the river to see it from a different point of view. This trip will support their understanding of history, but also will provide an opportunity for them to paint the skyline in the style of Van Gogh.

I hope you have a lovely weekend. If you are visiting any firework displays, please stay safe and enjoy the show.

Best wishes,
Miss Harbridge

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Value of the week: Courage

Our value this week has been delving further into Growth Mindset and how important it is to have the courage to never give up on our learning. Children have been learning the difference between a growth and fixed mindset and the power of adding the word ‘yet’.

Please see the video attached, which the children watched in Tuesday’s assembly:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=px9CzSZsa0Y>

Community

Drop-offs and Pick-ups—Trinity Road

We are seeing an increasing number of parents and carers use Trinity Road and the Woking Youth Arts centre as a drop-off and pick-up point before and after school. Please can we remind all members of the Knaphill School community to be considerate of others, particularly residents who live in the area. We would like to encourage park and stride as much as possible where you look to park 5 minutes away and walk the final section of your journey. This would be beneficial to our community, as well as to yourselves and your children. A very interesting article about the benefits of ‘Bad Weather’ walking can be found here: [Bad weather is good for you: take a walk in the wind and rain.](#)

Sussex Road pathway

We have now seen the fencing that was old and falling down replaced in the pathway on Sussex Road. Well done to those who have been involved in pushing to make sure that our local community is welcoming and safe for all of us to use.



What’s happening in school



Reading Ambassadors are chosen for their love of reading, their willingness to share this passion with others and enthusiasm to promote reading throughout our school. The following children have applied and been successful in becoming a Reading Ambassador: Ben, Callie, Evie, Humna, Lilly, Maria, Mia, Shai and Sienna (all in year 6)

House point winners of the week

Congratulations this week go to Attenborough House who won this weeks house points by a landslide! The running totals are looking very close as we begin the second half of this terms overall winner! All houses still have a chance, so keep working to get those house points!

Attenborough

What's happening next week?

Planetarium visit

On Monday 7th November we will be having the planetarium visit the school! This fantastic experience will allow for the children to consider the cosmos and the stars that are within it. They will gain an understanding of the position we find ourselves in within this and how we move within our solar system. The planetarium is hosted by Matthew Humes and we are sure the children will come home full of tales and excitement from their time exploring space from the school hall.

Remembrance Day

On Friday 11th November we will be taking time to remember those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for us to live the way that we do. We will be having an assembly in school and at 11:00 we will all fall silent to think about those who may have been lost. There will also be a small number of children representing the community at the memorial in Knaphill town, where they will recite poetry.

What we've achieved this week

This week we have enjoyed welcoming the children back into school following their half term breaks. It has been wonderful to hear the exciting stories of what they have been up to ! Getting around the school has also been made a bit easier thanks to the new signage which we have had put up—thank you once again to the fantastic PTA for funding this. I'm sure you will agree it makes the school seem a much more welcoming environment.



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:

7/11 SEN Parents meeting (Knaphill School)

7/11 Planetarium Visit to school (Yr 5)

11/11 Remembrance Day

14/11 Anti-bullying Week

14/11 Odd Socks Day

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

25/11—Year 1 night walk (time TBC)

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

25/11—Year 1 night walk @ 5:30

12/12 Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert @ Holy Trinity Church (Timings TBC)

19/12 Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance @ Holy Trinity Church (Timings TBC)

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

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