



Knaphill Federation of Schools

Knaphill Lower School and Knaphill School

"Together we are better"



Weekly Update : Knaphill Junior School

Friday 17th March

A word from Mrs Harrison: We have had another action packed week here at the junior school. The week began with the Surrey Half marathon, on Sunday, continued with Science Week and ended with Red Nose Day! You can read about all these opportunities in more detail later on in this newsletter.

I continue to be amazingly proud of our children, especially as they represent our school at events. This week after school, children from Years 5 and 6 represented us at cross country, running 2.6k in freezing conditions. These children encouraged and showed each other support during their races and their behaviour was remarked upon from other schools. The girls' football team represented the school on Thursday after school, ably accompanied by both Mrs Harmston and Mr Greenwood. The team won two games, drew one game, scored five goals and came joint first! The girls stepped in to play in positions they were not familiar with and displayed a true team effort. This week has shown us all how fantastic our Knaphill community is. It's no wonder I am so proud of being the head teacher here!

Have a wonderful weekend and great week ahead.

Science Week--Connections

The children have had an exciting week, with lots of fun activities happening in each year group. From making circuit bugs, to sharing secret messages composed with invisible ink, there has been lots of scientific learning all week. At the end of the week, the children also took part in a farming live lesson to answer the question, "How are pigs connected to Jumbo Jets?" or "How are sheep connected to seaweed?"

Problem solving, communication and a growth mindset have been developed in abundance all week and the children of Knaphill School have proved that they are magnificent scientists! Thank you to the children and staff for a wonderful British Science Week 2023.



Mr Mills

Science Lead.

Science Week 2023

by Lucy and Olivia (4M)



Science week was very fun, we learnt lots of different things about connections.

First we made circuit bugs that lit up when you pressed a switch and connected them to a battery. To do it, we attached two wires to a battery so when you touch the wire, your bug lights up. We also made invisible ink,



to make messages. To make the ink we mixed bicarbonate of soda with water and we used grape juice to uncover the secret message. We learnt about the story behind the uses of invisible ink messages and how during World War II spies used to write messages to their fellow soldiers. Today we finished science week by having a live lesson from a farm in Hampshire. We learnt how a pig is connected to a jumbo jet.

Science week was very fun and we hope it will be as fun next year!

Attendance Cup.

This week's winners:

5SC 99.2%



The runners up:

5G 97.9%



House Points

1st: Rowling - 276

2nd: Windsor - 274

3rd: Attenborough - 245

4th: Farah - 214

Spring Total	1097	1097	1260	1462
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SEND Update

Our fantastic PSHE Leader, Mrs Wainscott, showed me this website earlier this week:

<https://parentingsmart.place2be.org.uk/>



It is full of bitesize parenting advice in the form of videos and 'reads' on a whole host of topics, from talking to your children about gender identity, to advice on coparenting after a separation or divorce, to how to help your child with homework and prepare your child for secondary school.

I found some really useful advice and tips as a parent, so do take a look!

Surrey Half Marathon

On Sunday 12th March, a number of our school community ran the Surrey Half- Marathon—or the children's 2km run. We are so proud of all of you!

Thank you to our PTA who helped organise runners who helped raise money for the schools.

Below, you can see photos of the team before and after they set off.



Girls' Football

On Thursday our Year 5 & 6 Girls' football team competed with other local schools in a competition at Pirbright School. They performed fantastically and had a great time!

They came joint first with goal difference and we will be having a playoff with The Hermitage school for a place in the next round. The girls had two 2-0 victories and a 1-1 draw with The Hermitage, showing just how much progress the team has made this year.



PLAY & LEARN PLUS FOR PARENTS & CARERS*



Free sensory play and learning sessions for children (0-5 years) with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND), pre and post diagnosis. Siblings welcome.

Sessions are all year round and will provide:

- Interactive and specialist play opportunities
- Access to professional advice from Woking Family Centres, Homestart and partners
- Signposting to further Woking Family Centres Services
- Safe space to meet other parents and carers of SEND children.

* Priority will be given to families living in Woking borough.



For more information, visit
www.woking.gov.uk/familysupport
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familycentres@woking.gov.uk or call
01483 743 812



SEND GROUP FOR PARENTS & CARERS



Special, Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)



Free support group for parents and carers with children aged 0-16 with pre or diagnosed SEND.

The course will cover topics like:

- Back to school and discussions around EHCP's
- Boundaries and useful parenting tools
- Accessing useful websites and other support networks
- Support on applying for DLA and other funding options.



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Dates 2022-23

All dates are kept up-to-date on the school website: kfos.co.uk/news/calendar/

Date	Event	Year Group
Monday 16th January	Online Safety Talk with Sharon Girling OBE – 8.45 AM in Knaphill School Hall	Parents of all Year Groups
Monday 16th January	Online Safety Workshop	All Year Groups
Thursday 19th January	Winston Churchill School's Production at Rhoda McGaw Theatre	Year 6
Monday 23rd – Friday 27th January	Bikeability	Year 4
Wednesday 25th January	Parent Meeting about Stone Farm residential in 6S @ 3.30PM	Year 6
Thursday 9th February	Butser Farm trip	Year 3
Monday 13th – Friday 17th February	Spring Half Term	All Year Groups
Monday 20th February	INSET	All Year Groups
Tuesday 28th February – Friday 3rd March	Stone Farm residential	Year 6
Monday 6th – Friday 10th March	Book Week (please note change of date)	All Year Groups
Thursday 9th March	Book Dress-up Day (Junior School)	All Year Groups
Thursday 9th, Friday 10th & Tuesday 14th March	Dog Trust Workshops	All Year Groups
Monday 13th – Friday 17th March	Science Week	All Year Groups
Friday 17th March	Red Nose Day	All Year Groups
Tuesday 21st March	Viking Workshop	Year 4
Tuesday 21st March	Parents' Evening	All Year Groups
Thursday 23rd March	Parents' Evening	All Year Groups
Friday 24th March	Stone Age Day	Year 3
Wednesday 29th – Friday 31st March	Sayers Croft residential	Year 4
Friday 31st March	Last Day of Spring Term – 1:15pm finish	All Year Groups

Date	PTA Events	
Wednesday 8th February	Disco – Junior School 5:30 – 7:00 PM	
Friday 3rd March	Bag2School collection	
Sunday 12th March	Surrey Half Marathon	
Friday 17th March	Mothers' Day Pizza/ Cookie Kits sale	
Monday 27th March	Easter Fun Day	