

# Knaphill Federation of Schools

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Weekly Update: Knaphill Lower School

Friday 12th May 2023

# A word from Miss Harbridge:

I hope everyone had a lovely Bank holiday weekend and enjoyed any Coronation celebrations you may have attended. Although we had our second shorter week this month, we still managed to pack in lots of learning and fun this week! We started off the week with some dance workshops to launch our move to include more dance in our PE lessons, which was a great experience for our children. And on Thursday, Butterfly class shared all of their learning about the Coronation in their first class assembly—well done, Butterfly Class! We are back to five days next week and lots more will be happening across the school, including a special Forest School exprience on Thursday.

## Dance Days Workshops - bringing in more dancel

Earlier this year, Our PE Leader, Mrs Keyser, set herself a challenge to bring more dance opportunities to Knaphill Lower School. This week officially launched dance in our curriculum with some very entertaining 'Dance Through the Decades' workshops for all children. As you can see from the photos, our children loved working with a professional dancer to learn some new moves and team choreography. Going forward, we will be brining dance units into PE to develop coordination, gross motor skills and teamwork.









# Forest School Day and Future Plans

At Knaphill Lower School, we believe in giving our children lots of opportunities to work outside so they can experience nature first-hand. We have trained Forest School Leaders across the school and will aim for all children to have Forest School sessions next year as part of their curriculum. To show the value of Forest School, on Thursday next week:

Reception will be creating natural prints using "leaf bashing" techniques.

Year I will be developing their farming topic by creating shelters for animals using natural, sustainable materials.

Year 2 will be learning more about the feamini-beasts (from their science topic) by and natural materials, inspired by a story "Mama Earth".



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## King Tarquin the Attendance Turtle:

This week, Dolphin Class are the winners of the

Attendance competition and will have the privilege of Tarquin's company next wee.

We can't wait to hear all about your learning, Dolphin Class!



#### Shine-Wear a Hat!

To raise awareness for hydrocephalus and money for the fantastic charity, Shine, we wore hats to school today. In assembly, the children learnt about this charity and the impact hydrocephalus can have. To donate to Shine, please click this link:

https://www.shinecharity.org.uk/donate/overview







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# Being the best we can be!







Beth and Elise took part in three performances of Sleeping Beauty at the Princes Hall in Aldershot last weekend. They performed in an acro routine and a ballet dance in each show but enjoyed the big finales most of all!

Wow Beth and Elise—we can see from your photos just how much your enjoyed this performance. Hopefully we will see some of your dancing in our talent show after half-term!



Mourad (Seals class) played at the football academy tournament on the bank holiday weekend and managed to score, with his team winning two out of the three games he played.

Seif (Ladybird class) was also played at the previous tournament at the end of March, and was key to his team winning all their games.

It is great to see the effort you are putting into football and your enthusiasm for learning about football from professional players. Keep working hard!



As some of you may know, I am very proud to be a rugby player for Guildford RFU. This season I was also selected to represent Surrey County, which has been a huge honour. So far, we have battled through the heat to win both of our games and go on to play Buckinghamshire for the last game that will determine if we reach the final at Twickenham.

I am proud to play with such dedicated and strong players!

# Dates 2022-23

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

Week 4	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	King Charles' coronation Bank Holiday	
	Thursday II <sup>th</sup> May	Butterfly Class Assembly at 9am	Parents invited to watch Butterfly Class Assembly
	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Shine Charity Day - wear a hat	Children are able to wear a hat to school to provide support for the Shine Charity
Week 5	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Ladybird Class Assembly	Parents invited to watch Ladybird Class Assembly
	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Outdoor Classroom Day - Forest School Launch Wildlife Trust	Forest School activities in different year groups.
	Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> - Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	PTA: Family camp weekend	Join our PTA for a family camping experience.
Week 6	Wednesday 24th May	Class Photos	Photos taken of the whole class.

# Notices:

# Pokémon cards

Moving forward, we would like to discourage children from bringing Pokémon Cards (or other trading cards) into school. The trading of these cards often leads to children feeling upset after unfair trades are made. We are also concerned that they are becoming a distraction from learning. If these cards do come into school, they will be

looked after by Miss Harbridge and can be collected at the end of the day. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## Attendance:

It is extremely important that children are in school and their attendance remains as high as possible. Just to remind parents/carers that, in line with other Surrey schools, if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices.