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Weekly Update : Knaphill Junior School

Friday 22nd September 2023

This Month's Focus Value: KINDNESS

A word from Mrs Harrison... I have really enjoyed seeing the children across the school learning how to keep themselves safe both offline and online during their swimming lessons taking place at the Lower School and in their online workshops with Sharon Girling OBE. Please do chat with your children about their experiences. They have learnt so much.

I am looking forward to meeting our new year three parents at the Sausage Sizzle on Tuesday 26th September at 5.30pm. Last year's event was so successful, we knew that we had to run it again!

I would like to extend our warmest wishes to those in our community who are celebrating Yom Kippur this weekend and look forward to hearing about all the festivities on Monday on the gate. Have a wonderful weekend everyone.



Change of Date

Due to a scheduling clash with Winston Churchill School's open evening, we will be moving our Curriculum Evenings for **year 4, 5 and 6**. These meetings will be held on **Wednesday 4th October**. The timings and venue remain the same.

3:30–Year 5– Meeting to be held in Ash classroom

4:00–Year 4–Meeting to be held in Birch classroom

4:30–Year 6–Meeting to be held in Elder classroom

Curriculum Evenings are the perfect opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher, find out all the information about what is happening in the year group and connect with other parents in a relaxed setting.

Each year group will share an overview of learning opportunities on offer and impart all the vital day-to-day information that will allow your child to get the most of the year.

Class teachers will share homework expectations with you at this meeting, with homework commencing on Friday 6th October. Please continue to support your child with their daily reading and Times Tables Rock Star practice.

Parents attending more than one meeting are very welcome to wait in the school hall.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to this weeks winners,
Thank you for modelling our school values daily.

Year 3– Florence, Arlo & Mohammed S

Year 4- - Sophia & Ava

Year 5- Maya & Lilly

Year 6 (15.09.23)–Ella- Rose, Nischal, Charlie and Cayden

Year 6- Annie, Ivy & Cerys

Attendance Cup.

This week's winners:
Awesome attendance from Birch, Sycamore & Cherry!
100%

House Points

1st: Windsor

2nd: - Farah

3rd: - Rowling

4th: - Attenborough



Online Safety Workshops

Sharon Girling OBE visited us on Thursday, she ran a series of online safety workshops throughout the day.

Each year group covered a different topic.

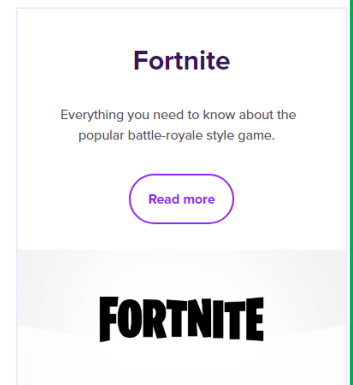
We take our value of **responsibility** seriously by ensuring that children and our parents are offered the opportunity to learn how to keep safe online.

The parent workshop was incredibly informative with lots of practical steps to protect our children.

Unfortunately, we are unable to record this event as it is a safe space for parents to share concerns. However we will run these events annually.

<https://parentzone.org.uk>

This website was highly recommended by Sharon as a source of practical advice for parents trying to support their children navigate the digital world. The guides to popular games and apps your children may want to download will help you make informed decisions.



TTRS Update



Well done to all the children who have taken part in the current TTRS tournament where year groups compete against other year groups. Currently Year 3 are well in the lead ahead of Year 4 and Year 6 are leading their competition against Year 5. With still a week to go, the additional break-time could still be won by any year group! Do get practising those times tables facts to help your Maths skills and to support your year group to victory.

Mrs Shaw—Year 6 Teacher and Maths Lead

15th September - 28th September 2023

Year 3

138

Year 4

65

15th September - 28th September 2023

Year 6

98

Year 5

25

REMINDER—Curriculum Evening —Year 3 — Tuesday 26th September 2023

We would like to invite all the year 3 parents to a Curriculum Evening, which will include a tasty SAUSAGE SIZZLE. The BBQ will be fired up and refreshments will be on offer. We hope that parents/carers will enjoy the opportunity to build friendships with other parents in our welcoming school community. Teachers will also be explaining more about the reading systems in place in year 3.

Vegetarian and meat options available.

Please join us at 5:30pm. We anticipate this event will last approximately an hour.

Park With Kindness and Consideration

As mentioned last week, kindness is our focus value of the month and we have the opportunity to show kindness in all aspects of our daily lives.

This should extend to parking. Our neighbours expect the road around our site to be busy at drop off and pick up times, but are within their rights to expect access their driveways at all times. It is unacceptable that our neighbours have been spoken to without kindness when they have asked parents to move cars just so they can gain entry and exit to their property.

The double gates to the staff car park cannot be blocked at anytime. By parking in front of the gates, you are not only blocking access to the school for emergency vehicles but preventing access to our disabled parking bay, which is accessed at the beginning and end of the school day.

You may find it easier to park a little further from the school and walk - with less congestion it may actually save you time. Alternative parking is available at The Vyne, Garibaldi carpark and the carpark accessed from Sussex Road.

Do one act of kindness each day of the year, and change 365 lives.

Anthony D. Williams



Community Kindness



On Friday 29th September, Knaphill School are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning in the school hall. Parents, Guardians and Grandparents from all year groups are warmly welcomed to come and enjoy some cake and tea or coffee. To enable this to happen, we kindly ask for donations of cakes (nut-free and labelled if gluten-free) to be brought into the hall on the morning. Year 6 children will be greeting and serving cakes as well as collecting cash donations.

It would be really helpful to know approximate numbers in advanced so if you could complete the Google Form that'd be really appreciated. <https://forms.gle/2bDG3eUTa5dqKG79Z>

If you cannot make it but would like to contribute, please donate through our Macmillan Just Giving page <https://www.justgiving.com/page/knaphill-federation-of-schools-1695312290882>

We hope this will be an enjoyable community event whilst raising lots of money for such an important charity.



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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.

Reading Assembly Recommendation from Mrs. Shaw

Mrs. Shaw shared her love of 'The Magician's Nephew' by C.S. Lewis. During this week's reading assembly.

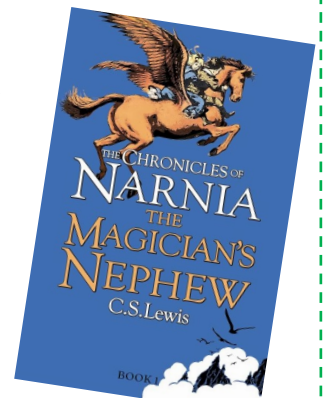
She shared an exciting extract with us. If your child would like to demonstrate our value of **curiosity** they may like to read on and find out what happens. Copies of this book are available in year 5 and 6 book corners.



You may know that is part of the classic fantasy series, The Chronicles of Narnia.

On a daring quest to save a life, two friends are hurled into another world. This is the first book in the series and has captivated readers for over 60 years.

This is a stand-alone novel, but if you would like to journey through the wardrobe and back to Narnia, read 'The lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe', the second book in the series.



Dates 2023-24

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

| Date | Event | Year Group |
|---|---|------------|
| Monday 11 th September - Friday 20 th October | Swimming - Whole School | 3-6 |
| Tuesday 26 th September | Year 3 Curriculum Evening and Sausage Sizzle 5:30pm | 3 |
| Friday 29 th September | Macmillan Coffee Morning - 9-10am—parents welcome | All years |
| Monday 2 nd October | Black History Month starts | |
| Wednesday 4 th October | Year 4,5 and 6 Curriculum Evenings Yr 5 – 3:30pm, Yr 4- - 4pm , Yr 5 - 4:30 pm | 4-6 |
| Monday 9 th October | Year 3 Farm visit | 3 |
| Tuesday 10 th October | World Mental Health Day | |
| Monday 16 th October | Harvest Festival- Parents and Guardians invited 1:45-2:15 - Year 3 & 4, 2:30-3:00-Year 5 and 6 | 3-6 |
| Tuesday 17 th October | Parents' evening | 3-6 |
| Thursday 19 th October | Parents' Evening | 3-6 |
| Monday 23 rd - 27 th October | Half Term | |
| Monday 30 th October | INSET | |
| Wed 1 st November | Open Morning | |
| Friday 3 rd November | Firework Safety assembly | 3-6 |
| Friday 3 rd November | Year 6 Victorian Day | 6 |
| Monday 13 th November | World Kindness Day | |
| Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th November | Anti-Bullying Week | 3-6 |
| Tuesday 14 th November | Stone Age day | 3 |
| Friday 17 th November | Children in Need | 3-6 |
| Monday 20 th November - Friday 1 st December | Year 6 Bikeability | 6 |
| Thursday 7 th December | Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance x2 1:30pm and 6:00pm | 5 & 6 |
| Friday 8 th December | Christmas Jumper Day | 3-6 |
| Thursday 14 th December | Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance x2 1:30pm and 6:00pm | 5 & 6 |
| Friday 15 th December | Last day of Autumn Term - finish at 1:15pm | 3-6 |
| Monday 18 th December - Monday 1 st January | Christmas Holiday | |

| Date | PTA Events | |
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| Saturday 14 th October | Laser Light Display | All |

