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Knaphill Junior School Weekly Update



To empower all children to have a bright future.

This Month's Focus Value: Respect

A note from Mrs Harrison:

As you can see, we have slightly revamped our weekly update this week to reflect our priorities as a school. We welcome your feedback, as always.

It's so good to be back! The children have settled quickly back in to their learning. It has been lovely to see the children starting cooking this week in their year groups. The recipes that the children used have also been uploaded to the year group Google Classroom so that you can also make these recipes at home should you wish to.

As the weather has definitely made a change for the worse, we are seeing more rain and coldness. Please can I make a plea that every child comes to school in a named coat so that all children can play out in this wet and windy weather and they will stay dry and warm. Don't forget that the PTA are selling pre-loved coats after school on Monday 13th November.

Our learning...

Year 6 have travelled back in time to the Victorian Era today for an immersive experience. It has certainly been quite an unusual day for the children: recording dictations and arithmetic on slate in chalk; reciting complex tongue twisters and famous sayings to improve pronunciation; drills altogether; and girls and boys being split for needlework or woodwork lessons.

Fortunately, not many children were 'caned'!

Children reflected in the afternoon on how different a Victorian child's daily life was from theirs- we think they're quite looking forward to being able to use technology and collaboration next week.



Value of the month:

Respect means that you accept somebody for who they are, even when they're different from you or you don't agree with them.

(Respect in our relationships builds feelings of trust, safety, and wellbeing. Respect doesn't have to come naturally - it is something you learn).

House Points Weekly Winner

With only 4 house points separating 1st and 2nd place we are proud to announce this weeks results:

1st Rowling

2nd Windsor

3rd Farah

4th Attenborough

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Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Year 3- Xoraiz, Harry and Harley

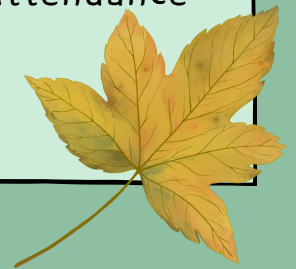
Year 4- Holly, Betsy and Freya

Year 5- Micaela and J.P

Year 6- Tabitha, Hayley and Lenny

Attendance Cup

At Knaphill School, we take attendance seriously as it is crucial to our pupils' success. We are thrilled to announce Sycamore this week's winners of the Attendance Cup.



TTRS - The Results

The latest TTRS tournament has finished with a phenomenal effort from some classes! Each class competed within their year group to find the champion times tabling class from each year. Congratulations to... Birch, Cherry, Willow and Maple classes who won their competition and have earned an additional break-time. A special mention to Birch class for a fantastic effort gaining 1517 points!

A new tournament has gone live now with the ultimate challenge of each year group pitched against each other- who will win an extra break for their whole year group?

13th October - 2nd November 2023

🏆 4 - Birch 1517 4 - Cedar 987 4 - Sycamore 155

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🏆 6 - Cherry 480 6 - Elder 32 6 - Hazel 25

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🏆 5 - Willow 262 5 - Ash 32

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🏆 3 - Maple 291 3 - Elm 137 3 - Oak 73

<https://ttrackstars.com/parents/>

Visit the updated Parent Page to find out more about how TTRS can help your child.

- Importance of times tables
- TTRS intro video
- Parent guide PDF
- FAQs answered
- Free downloadables

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Working Together to Improve Reading

Encouraging Your Children to Develop Fundamental Reading Skills

At our school, we highly value reading and know that your child will make the best progress if we work together. Here are some ways you can help:

- Ensure that your child brings their reading book and reading diary to school every day.
- Record your child's reading progress in the reading diary and make a note of any challenging words in the space provided.
- For Lime level readers and below, keep an eye out for our new reading bookmarks. These are designed to help you ask questions that will boost your child's reading ability and help them move on to the next level.

Reading Assembly Recommendation

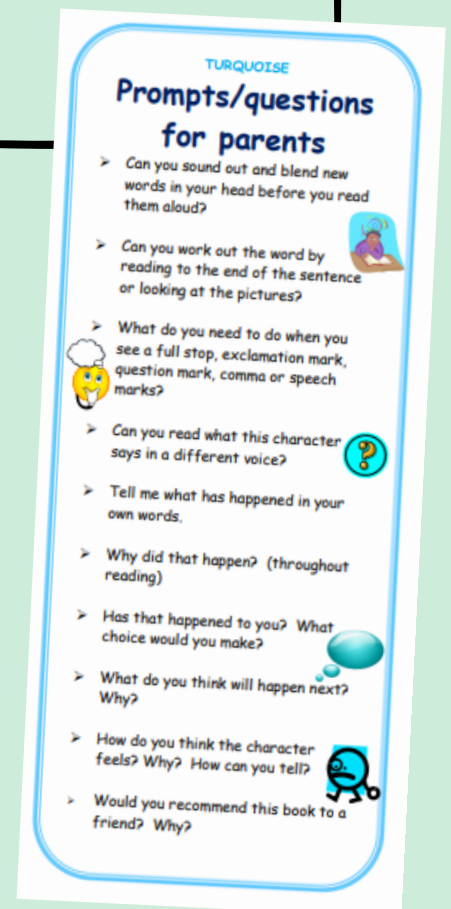
Miss Fini shared her love of Roald Dahl with in this week's Reading Assembly.

We enjoyed reading about the unfortunate Mr. and Mrs Twit..

If you would like to know how the story ends there are many copies of this popular book on class bookshelves.

If you like Roald Dahl and would like to 'branch out' with other authors have a look at this great poster of alternatives:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/wp-content/uploads/BranchingOutRoaldDahlBFT.pdf>



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Anti-Bullying Week & Children in Need

Anti-Bullying Week

Join us in Anti-Bullying week by participating in two activities: Monday 13th November will be Odd Sock Day to mark the start of Anti-Bullying week. Please get involved and wear your odd socks to school with pride and then on Friday 17th November in Celebrating Children in Need with the theme "make a noise about bullying." We're encouraging children to dress up in bright and "noisy" clothes to show their support. If you would like to donate to Children in Need, please visit our Just Giving page at <https://www.justgiving.com/page/kfoscin2023>.



Remembrance Day

Remembrance Day honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.

Write a poem to commemorate Remembrance Day. Your poem can be as creative as you like. This is an exciting opportunity to not only show your creative writing skills but also share your poetry with others. Some children will be chosen to read their poems at the Knaphill Remembrance Day Service. Please hand your poems to your class teacher or to Miss Glass by **Tuesday 7th November**.



Poetry Writing Competition

Attention Poets!

Don't miss this exciting opportunity to participate in our competition. Submit your entry today and share your creativity with us. We look forward to reading what you have to offer!



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Support for Parents and Guardians

When conflict or war makes the headlines, it can cause feelings such as fear, sadness, anger and anxiety wherever you live.

Children always look to their parents for a sense of safety and security – even more so in times of crisis.

You may find this article from UNICEF helpful, if you are looking for tips on how to approach conversations with your child to provide them with support and comfort.

<https://www.unicef.org/parenting/how-talk-your-children-about-conflict-and-war>



Barnardo's services currently offer support to parents/guardians across Surrey

They support parents/carers whose young people are experiencing difficulties with their emotional wellbeing and mental health.

They empower and help to upskill parents to become a protective factor for their young people. Please see the flyer below for more information.

<https://www.barnardos.org.uk/sites/default/files/2022-02/PWS%20Flyer%202022.pdf>

They accept referrals, from parents themselves.

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

Date	Event	Year Group
Friday 16th November	The Primary Maths Challenge - revised date	Selected children from yr 3-6
Monday 13th November	World Kindness Day	
Monday 13th - Friday 17th November	Anti-Bullying Week Monday 13th - Odd Sock Day	3-6
Tuesday 14th November	Stone Age day	3
Friday 17th November	Children in Need - Wear something bright and 'noisy'	3-6
Monday 20th November - Friday 1st December	Year 6 Bikeability	6
Wednesday 22nd November - Monday 27th November	Scholastic Book Fair	3-6
Thursday 7th December	Year 5 & 6 Christmas Performance x2 1:30pm and 6:00pm	5 & 6
Friday 8th December	Christmas Jumper Day	3-6
Tuesday 12th December	Year 5 WW 2 day	5
Thursday 14th December	Year 3 & 4 Christmas Performance x2 1:30pm and 6:00pm	5 & 6
Friday 15th December	Last day of Autumn Term - finish at 1:15pm Class Festive Celebrations - wear party/festive clothes - more details to follow	3-6
Monday 18th December - Monday 1st January	Christmas Holiday	

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PTA Dates

Date	PTA Events	
Monday 6th November	PTA AGM - Junior School Hall - 7:30pm Refreshments provided (all welcome)	All Years
Friday 10th November	Drop off deadline for winter coats and Christmas jumpers for pre-loved sale	3-6
Monday 13th November	Winter Coat and Christmas Jumper Pre-loved Sale Outside Junior School after school	All Years
Saturday 2nd December	Christmas Fair - Junior School Hall - 11am -2pm	All Years

Winter Clothing Sale at the Junior School

Don't forget to go through your children's winter coats and Christmas jumpers that no longer fit. We welcome any donations to be dropped off by Friday 10th November.

Join us for our pre-loved winter clothing sale outside the Junior School on Monday 13th November 13th after school. Find the perfect piece to keep your kids warm this season while supporting a great cause and it is Christmas Jumper Day on Friday 8th December!



KFOS PTA PRESENTS

LEGOLAND DAY

INSET DAY | MON 19 FEB

We have secured discounted tickets for Legoland, Windsor on our Inset Day in February.

JUST £20 PER TICKET

Book tickets here:
<https://forms.gle/y9D75Y1EF2MEgYcz5>

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