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Knaphill Junior School Weekly Update



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This Month's Focus Value: Respect

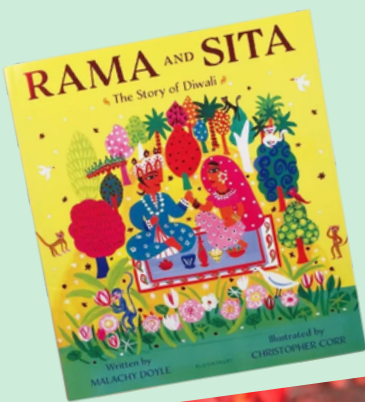
A note from Mrs Harrison:

Happy Diwali to all of our families who are celebrating this weekend. I look forward to hearing all about the festivities next week! What a wet and windy week it has been. Thank you for sending your child in with a coat as this has helped us to get the children outside in the fresh air as much as possible.

As we build our school community still further, we are looking for parents who would like to become a parent governor at our school. If you are interested in becoming a governor, please look out for the email that is being sent out today.

Diwali

At our Thursday assembly, we journeyed into the vibrant tales, customs, and festivities of Diwali. As this joyful occasion approaches, we're sending our warmest wishes to all in our community who will be celebrating this Sunday. Have a dazzling Diwali!



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. Treat others as you wish to be treated. (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

The results are in and it is even closer than last week. With only 3 house points separating 1st and 2nd place we are proud to announce this weeks results:

1st Windsor

2nd Attenborough

3rd Rowling

4th Farah

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Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Year 3- Hana, Stan and Anastasia

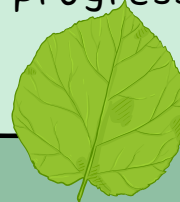
Year 4- Aaron, Mark and Angelinha

Year 5- Simion and Josiah

Year 6- Esmee, Jess and Jack

Attendance Cup

We are thrilled to announce Hazel Class as this week's winners of the Attendance Cup. Excellent attendance makes so much difference to your child's progress.



TTRS - The Results

We are halfway through the latest TTRS tournament with every year group battling it out to be the supreme times tabling year group. Currently Years 4 and 3 are extremely close in first and second place. However, with just under a week to go, there is still plenty of time for any year group to take the title. Which year group will win that additional break-time- you decide by practising your times tables!

3rd November - 16th November 2023

Year 4 187

Year 3 182

Year 6 108

Year 5 13

<https://trockstars.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

With so many children's books being released in time for Christmas, it can be challenging to keep up-to-date with new brilliant authors.

Here are some new authors you may not have heard of before, who have written some wonderful books which could capture your child's interest and ignite their love of reading.

Year 3

The Puffin Keeper- Michael Morpurgo

Chapter book

Originally published in November 2020, this month sees the gorgeous new paperback edition of *The Puffin Keeper* by Michael Morpurgo and Benji Davies.

The Puffin Keeper is a beautiful story of friendship, love, family, hope and new beginnings, which pays homage to memories of family holidays to the Scilly Isles and is set alongside Benji Davies' colour illustrations that evoke the untamed coastal setting, the character's passion for painting and the value of passing time in bringing relationships to blossom through life's differing seasons.



Year 4

Race to the Frozen North - Catherine Johnson & Katie Hickey

Chapter book

The topic of polar exploration is a popular one in primary schools with teachers and pupils easily being able to reel off a list of famous arctic explorers: Shackleton, Scott, Cook, Peary. But how often do you hear the name Matthew Henson among the list, the man who travelled with Captain Peary and claimed to be the first to reach the North Pole?

In *Race to the Frozen North*, best-selling author Catherine Johnson offers a fictionalised retelling of Matthew Henson's story, including how his achievements were unfairly suppressed for decades because of the colour of his skin. Published in Barrington Stoke's 'super-readable' and dyslexia-friendly style, this is an accessible read for children in KS2.



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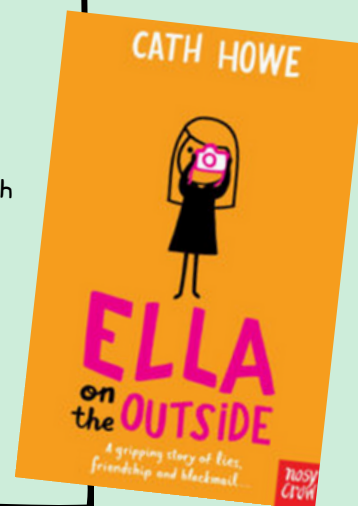
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Year 5

Ella on the Outside - Cath Howe

Chapter book

Ella on the Outside is a superbly honest debut from Cath Howe, with authentic characters and important themes of friendship, loyalty, self-acceptance and parental responsibility. For me this was a thoroughly enjoyable read and I'm convinced the characters will resonate strongly with lots of readers. As well as the themes of friendship and loyalty, the book also addresses issues of parental responsibility, childhood eczema, mental health and the impact of having an absent parent. This is a gripping and emotive read filled with heart and we recommend it for readers in upper KS2...



Year 6

The Lost Whale - Hannah Gold & Levi Pinfold

Chapter book

A highly-recommended story with themes of family bonds, parental mental health and marine conservation. The story centres around a connection between an eleven-year-old boy, Rio, and a beautiful grey whale. The tale highlights the topic of environmental sustainability but also draws a picture of the wonderful connection that can develop between children and animals, placing hope and empowerment in the hands of the young to make a difference in the planet's future.



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Anti-Bullying Week & Children in Need



Anti-Bullying Week - REMINDER

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>.



Poetry Writing Competition

A heartfelt well done to everyone who entered our Remembrance Day Poetry Competition.

We were moved by the children's poignant words.

Representing the school and sharing their poetry at the Knaphill Armistice Day Act of Remembrance tomorrow are:

Libby - year 3

Logan B, Israa and Sophia P - Year 4

Joseph - Year 5

Aamna - Year 6



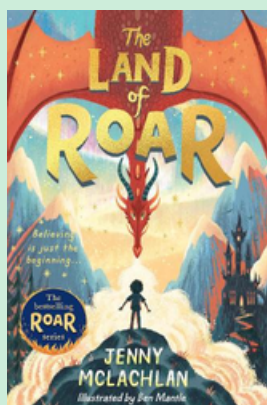
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Reading Assembly Recommendation

Mrs. Saunders shared an exciting extract from a fabulous book by another wonderful new author - Jenny McLachlan.

The Land of Roar is The first in a new children's fantasy adventure series, full of imagination, humour and heart, and with echoes of Peter Pan, The Chronicles of Narnia, The Neverending Story and Jumanji.

The Land of Roar is perfect for children aged 8 to 12, and can sit on their bookshelf next to Nevermoor, Wizards of Once and How to Train Your Dragon. Readers can bring their fantasy world to life and meet dragons, unicorns, mermaids and more in this beautifully illustrated children's book.

<https://jennymclachlan.com/resources/>

On her website the author has uploaded some brilliant activities inspired by this book - great for any young writers or illustrators looking for inspiration.

Congratulations to Leo who entered a drawing competition at Portuguese School and won first place. Leo drew an illustration inspired by a Portuguese book that he has read - Palavras Ao Mar. His prizes included a certificate, trophy, a Kindle and a copy of the book that provided the inspiration for his award winning drawing.



LET'S FACE SOME ISSUES!

Tuesday
21st Nov

18:30 - 19:30

FREE



FREE SESSION

Decreasing Depression

A range of steps that can help to reduce the crippling impact of depression

Tuesday
28th Nov

18:30 - 20:30

£24



What is ACT?

Acceptance & Commitment Therapy.
How it can help with anger, anxiety
and neurodiversity

Monday
13th Nov

18:30 - 20:30

£24



Autism: Improving Communication

Small changes in how you communicate,
lead to huge improvements with your
ability to communicate with someone on
the spectrum.

Thursday
23rd Nov

18:30 - 20:30

£24



Supporting a Child with ADHD

Interactive session explaining what ADHD
is and offering a range of interventions
that can make lasting differences.



WOKING SWIMMING CLUB

Affiliated to: ASA, ASASER, SURREY COUNTY ASA

www.wokingsc.co.uk



NEW MEMBERS TRIALS

For children born between
April 2014 and March 2018
who are interested in competitive swimming

to be held on

Tuesday 28th November 2023

at

Woking Pool in the Park

2017 born are expected to be able to swim basic front crawl and backstroke.

2014 born must be able to swim good front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke.

To request a time slot please scan the code below on your smartphone to sign up

Or contact Jane by emailing: wokingsc.newmembers@gmail.com



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

Date	Event	Year Group
Monday 13th November	World Kindness Day	
Monday 13th – Friday 17th November	Anti-Bullying Week Monday 13th - Odd Socks Day	3-6
Tuesday 14th November	Stone Age day	3
Thursday 16th November	The Primary Maths Challenge - revised date	Selected children from yr 3-6
Friday 17th November	Children in Need - <i>Wear something bright and 'noisy'</i>	3-6
Monday 20th November – Friday 1st December	Year 6 Bikeability	6
Monday 20th November – Friday 1st December	Road Safety Week	3-6
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 <i>Class Festive Celebrations – wear party/festive clothes – more details to follow</i>	3-6
Monday 18th December – Monday 1st January	Christmas Holiday	

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PTA Dates

Date	PTA Events	
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

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>