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To empower all children to have a bright future.

This Month's Focus Value: Respect

A note from Mrs Harrison:

Mrs Bowry and I attended Knaphill Village's Armistice Day with six of our children from across the school on Saturday last week. To say I was proud of our children would be an understatement. This opportunity to represent our school within our community, as a beacon of learning with a sense of achievement was amazing. Each child wrote and recited their poem with pride.

Anti-bullying week this week has been a great additional opportunity to share our values of kindness and our focus' value of respect with our children. Read on in the newsletter to find out more.

Have a wonderful weekend. See you on the gate on Monday!

Stone Age Day

Amidst the passage of time, Year 3 pupils welcomed a special guest known as Flint. This traveller had journeyed across the ages, bearing secrets of life in the Stone, Iron, and Bronze Age. Together, we reveled in games, understanding what life was like living as a hunter-gatherer. We explored ancient artefacts, delving deeper into the mysteries of history's teachings. The sparks of knowledge Flint lit within us, kindled the flames of our curiosity.



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

What a coincidence that Windsor have won this week, on the occasion of King Charles' 75th Birthday.

1st Windsor

2nd Farah

3rd Attenborough

4th Rowling

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Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Year 3- Mourad, Sophie and Jacob

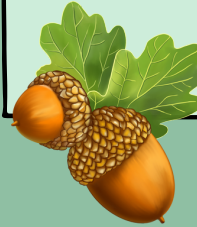
Year 4- Kalina, Sophia P and Oliver G

Year 5- Jess and Marce

Year 6- Harry, Ivy and Cayden

Attendance Cup

We are thrilled to announce Oak Class as this week's winners of the Attendance Cup. Perfect attendance of 100%.



Maths Updates

The latest TTRS tournament has ended-which saw every year group pitched against each other. The year group who took the lead and has won the additional break time is...Year 4! Well done for all your times tables practising.

Beginning today we have two new tournaments consisting of Year 3 versus Year 4 in one challenge and Year 5 and 6 in the other. Which year groups will win? Get practising those vital Maths skills and you will help your class to gain the extra break time.



3rd November - 16th November 2023



Year 4

337

Year 3

286

Year 6

176

Year 5

25

The Knaphill Maths Challenge Group

This week 18 children from our Knaphill Maths Challenge Group took part in the Primary Maths Challenge. It was wonderful to see their enthusiasm and love of Maths. Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to Jane, Sophie, Aamna and Will for receiving bronze awards for achievement; Lenny and Harry for gaining the silver award and a special well done to Neil for achieving the gold award.

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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 more 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 Creakers - Tom Fletcher & Shane Devries

Chapter book

An adventure story that fans of Roald Dahl will enjoy. The story revolves around the plight of a girl named Lucy, who has been left distraught after her parents suddenly go missing. Lucy soon finds that all of the children on her street seem to be facing the same fate - with their parents disappearing as well. Consequently, the children embark on a rampage, causing havoc in houses and on the street, throwing toilet paper on trees, and creating a mess everywhere. Lucy is a natural-born leader as well as an instinctive problem solver. Amid the chaos, Lucy takes it upon herself to investigate and locate the missing parents. In her quest for answers, she discovers a mysterious creature called Woleb from the world of Creakers, hidden under her bed.

A thrilling adventure follows as the pair try to uncover the truth behind the strange happenings. Most children have wondered at some time or other if there is another world under their bed, and this story makes a light-hearted fantasy out of a common fear. A brave adventure story coupled with likeable characters and good clean humour makes this a popular choice with Year 3 at storytime.



Year 4

Clifftoppers: The Arrowhead Moor Adventure - Fleur Hitchcock

Chapter book

A classic adventure story with plenty of action and daring rescues topped off with a good helping of home-baked scones. Four cousins - Aiden, Ava, Chloe and Josh - are staying with their grandparents along with their pet dog, Bella, at a farmhouse in the country. After nearly getting knocked down by a fast car during a bike ride one day, they discover the woman who narrowly missed them has more to hide than just her bad driving. After overhearing a suspicious conversation outside a sinister-looking country pub, they decide to follow her and in so doing stumble upon a trail of missing royal diamonds, some stolen sheep and a gang of dangerous, daring jewel thieves. A thrilling chase across the moors ensues, complete with swirling mist, dangerous bogs and even a spot of breaking and entering. Will the cousins be able to track down the missing diamonds?



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Year 5

The Boy Who Saved a Bear - Nizrana Farook & David Dean

Chapter book

Set in a Sri Lanka, this adventure story tells the story of a friendship between a boy and a bear.

During his work as a deliverer of books, a boy called Nuwan mistakenly comes to possess a valuable key that implicates him in a crime. On the run, he befriends a terrifying bear and before long the pair find themselves on a thrilling adventure during which they must unlock big secrets, stop the criminals and find their way safely home again.



Year 6

Show Us Who You Are - Elle McNicoll

Chapter book

This story follows twelve-year-old Cora, who describes herself as autistic, as she befriends a boy called Adrien at a party that she never wanted to go to. A little unwilling at first, Cora is used to distrusting others and feels sure that Adrien's intentions are unlikely to be driven by genuine interest in her. In no time at all, Cora learns to trust Adrien, who confides in her about his own ADHD, and as the pair become close they enjoy each other's unquestioning acceptance and bond over their experiences of not quite fitting in at school.

Adrien's Dad runs a company called 'Pomegranate Technologies', and Cora finds herself drawn to their innovative programme of creating incredibly lifelike holograms (or 'grams') of people. Having recently lost her own mother, the idea of being able to interact with a loved one after they die appeals instantly. Cora is intrigued to discover that scientists at the institute are keen to interview her as a 'person with autism', and after an unexpected event happens with Adrien she agrees to help. Before long, Cora notices something amiss with one of the grams and begins to unravel some surprising truths about what is really going on behind the scenes at Pomegranate...



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Anti-Bullying Week & Children in Need

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/kfoscin2023>.

It is still possible to donate to Children In Need using our Just Giving page.

We have had a fantastic week taking part in the Anti-Bullying Alliance's 'Make a Noise About Bullying!' week. From wearing odd socks to celebrate our differences, to writing our own songs and raps about how bullying is not allowed at Knaphill school. The children showed an excellent understanding between banter and bullying and really impressed us with their confidence in how to stand up to bullying. They have used a wonderful level of respect during every conversations and have been incredibly supportive of each other when talking about this sometimes difficult subject- we are very proud of them! Next week we will share the winners of our odd socks competition and our Make A Noise song competition.

Winter Sports Festival

Last week, some of our Year 5 and 6 children took part in a Winter Sports Festival at Royal Holloway University of London. A variety of workshops were run by the University students, who were not only inspiring but also offered our children a wealth of knowledge. The Year 5 and 6 children had a fantastic time and represented Knaphill school beautifully.



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What an achievement!

Macmillan Coffee Morning 2023

This certificate is presented to
Knaphill School
& friends

For your kind contribution of
£693.80

To help support those affected by cancer. Thank you.

Celine

Celine & the Coffee Morning Team

7 Nov 2023

well done!



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A Message From Our School Nurse

Do you have a child/children (5-16 years) who attend a Woking School? Did you know that you have a dedicated School Nursing team?

A member of the Woking School Nursing Team is available every Wednesday between 9.30am and 11.30am (including holidays) at the Child Health Drop-In at Eastwood Leisure Centre, Albert Drive, Sheerwater, Woking GU21 5RF.

They are available to answer questions from parents/carers of school aged children and to give advice, information and signpost on topics including early toileting, sleep, behaviour, healthy diet, dental care, school readiness, NCMP heights & weights, mental health, eating disorders, minor illnesses, internet safety and much more.

They can also help with referrals to other services.

Just drop-in, no appointment necessary, there is a soft play area if you have a younger child and space to sit and have a coffee. Free parking at the venue.

Please see the flyer below for more details.



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Support From Freemantles Outreach

With the festive period fast approaching, the fantastic Freemantles Outreach Team have provided us with a link to resources which might be useful for supporting children who find changes to routine tricky. Resources include Top Tips for Christmas at home, some very visual December calendars, a social story about Imaginary Stories including Father Christmas, as well as links to useful resources on other websites.

<https://www.freeoutreach.org.uk/News/Christmas-Resources-2023/>



Freemantles Outreach

Child Health Drop-in and Breastfeeding Support

Eastwood Leisure Centre Albert Drive,
Sheerwater, GU21 5RF

Wednesdays 9.30am to 11.30am

Come and meet the team

Soft play area

Coffee shop

Health Visitors (birth-5 years) School Nurses (5-19 years)

Referral support, advice and signposting as well as:

Self-weigh option Dental care

Early years support Sleep

Health reviews Toileting

Health promotion Healthy eating

Breastfeeding Heights & Weights

Behaviour

Mental health

Eating disorders

And more





CHRISTMAS MULTI SPORTS

Beaufort School, Woking Ages 5-12 9am-3pm*

*Individual drop off and pick up times will be confirmed when places are booked.

MONDAY 18th - THURSDAY 21st DECEMBER

About the Multi Sports course

The courses will be based on enjoyment, encouraging physical and mental health and well-being. Up-to-date guidelines will be followed to ensure a safe working environment.

Courses will include a variety of fun games, Christmas challenges, individual and team activities, tournaments and a certificate presentation on the final day! Sports will include football, hockey, dodgeball, basketball, tennis, cricket and lots more!

Cost

£20 per day

£75 for all 4 days

Sibling discount is available - please contact Steve for more details.

What your child will need

- Appropriate clothing and footwear, weather permitting sessions will take place outside as much as possible.
- Packed lunch
- Plenty of non-fizzy drink

How to book & payment

Email or message Steve on steveorrissfc@yahoo.co.uk or 07759 440366 stating:

- Your name**
- Child's name**
- Child's age**
- Chosen day's**
- Contact phone number and emergency contact**
- Child's medical conditions**

On receipt of this information bank details will be sent to you to pay by bank transfer to complete the booking.

All places must be booked in advance, there will be no on the day places available.

Places are limited and are on a first come first served basis.

Keeping your child safe

Steve Orriss FC recognises and accepts it's responsibility as provider of the services and will provide a safe and healthy work place for staff and children.

A detailed risk assessment is available upon request.

By booking a place you understand and accept that whilst all reasonable care will be taken neither Steve Orriss or any other person authorised by him will be held responsible for any illness, injury, loss or damage to any items.

We also offer...

We also offer after school clubs, birthday parties and one to one coaching sessions. Please contact Steve for more information.



SALTMINE

A Saltmine
Theatre
Company
Presents

Christmas Carol

Wednesday 6th December 2023 at 7:30pm

Holy Trinity Church, Chobham Road, Knaphill GU21 2SX

Tickets: £10

Call: 01483473489 or 07907498754

Email: welcome@htandstschurch.org or

Online: htandstschurch.org



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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 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 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	
Saturday 2nd December	Christmas Fair - Junior School Hall - 11am -2pm	All Years

An invite from the PTA...

Dear Parents / Carers

The PTA Team are excited to invite you to our Christmas Fair at the Junior School next month. We have a great selection of Christmas games, activities plus food and drinks for you to enjoy.

There will be details on how to book a visit to meet the Elf on the Shelf at our Grotto and details on our raffle and online auction coming out very soon.

We hope to see you there!

Best wishes

The PTA

