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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:

We started our week with a celebration of Universal Children's day on Monday in assembly. Children learnt about a United Nations (UN) initiative that emphasises the fundamental rights of children. These rights include the right to education, health, protection, and participation in decisions that affect their lives. With this in mind, we launched our Smart Schools Council. As a school, we believe that every child's voice should be heard and this approach will enable this to happen. Read on further to find out more details.

This week is also Road Safety Week and children have been learning another way to keep themselves safe to and from school and in the lives beyond the school gates. Children in Year 6 have been participating in Bikeability, learning how to be safe whilst riding their bikes. Keep safe everyone - see you on the gates on Monday.

Road Safety Week 2023

You may have noticed more children than usual using pedal power to travel to school this week. Many of our year 6 pupils have taken up the opportunity to participate in BIKEABILITY. We have another group of students participating next week.

We also marked Road Safety Week with a special assembly on Thursday to remind us how to be safe pedestrians.

Every time we driver faster than the speed limit, or too fast for the road conditions, we increase the risk of a crash - and we increase the chance that someone we love will be killed or hurt on a road.

Whoever you are, however you travel, We need to talk about SPEED.

Value of the month: Respect

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

A clear win for Farah this week with an amazing 240 points.

1st Farah

2nd Windsor

3rd Attenborough

4th Rowling

We're taking part in ROAD SAFETY WEEK

Let's talk about...

19-25 November 2023

SPEED

www.brake.org.uk/RoadSafetyWeek



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Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Year 3- Kody, Yazan and Jamie

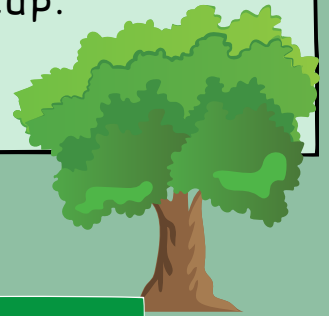
Year 4- Kitten, Luna and Safaah

Year 5- Jacob and Lucy F

Year 6- Connie, Ella and Felicity

Attendance Cup

Celebrating with an extra play time this week are Sycamore Class - this week's winners of the Attendance Cup.



Maths Update

In our current TTRS tournaments, Years 3 and 4 are battling it out for the champion times tabling class. With just under a week to go, Birch class are currently in the lead. They are closely followed by Cedar class but with until Thursday to go, any class could win that additional break time.

In Years 5 and 6, Hazel class have stormed into a confident lead but again, there is plenty of time to get practising to add more points to your class. With a little more practise, that extra break time could be yours.

You will find out which two classes are our champions in next week's Celebration Assembly!

Countdown to Christmas

A representative from each year 6 class worked with a local florist to create a stunning Advent wreath. It will feature in our whole school assemblies during Advent. We are sure you will agree our year 6 pupils have done an amazing job.

In the Christian church calendar, the time leading up to Christmas is called Advent, a Latin word meaning "coming." Christians mark the four Sundays in Advent as a way to prepare hearts for the coming of Jesus. This tradition typically consists of a ring of evergreen like holly and ivy (to symbolise eternal life) and four candles - one for each Sunday leading up to Christmas.



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Smart School Council

We are thrilled to announce that this year we will be forming a SMART SCHOOLS COUNCIL.

This will give all of our pupils a voice in decisions we make as a school.

Pupils will be involved in class meetings and can create change,

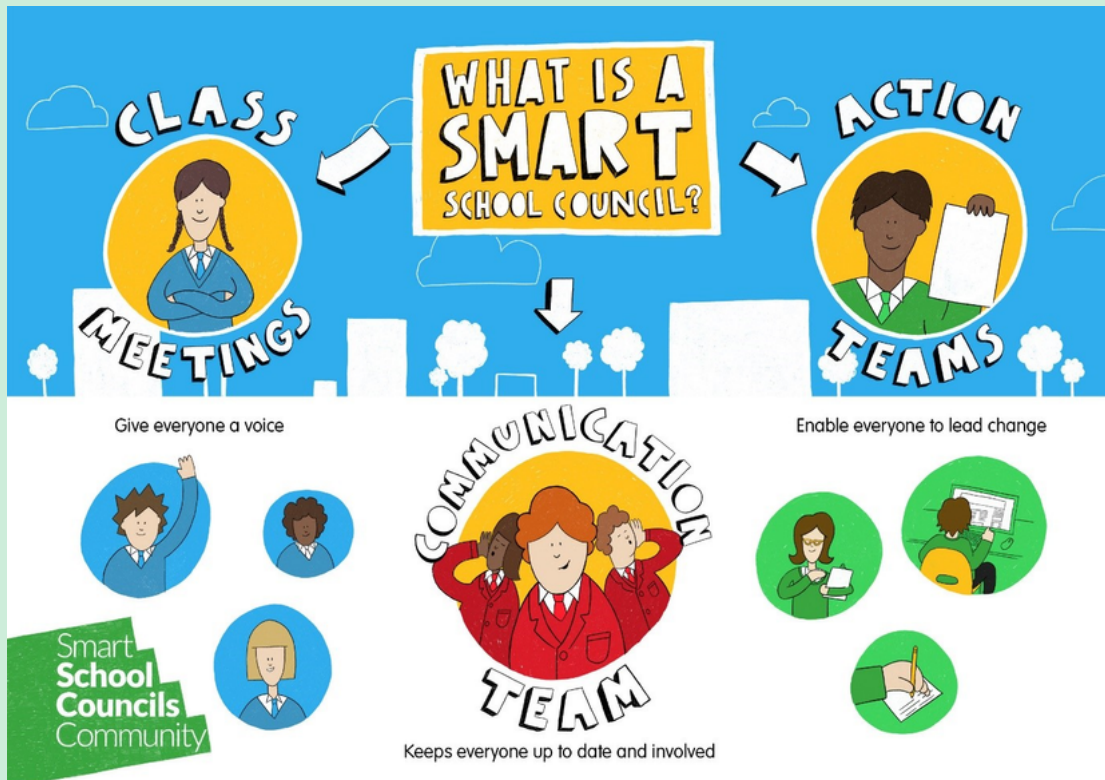
We are looking for children who would be willing to join a Communications Team.

These pupils will help to run our the new Smart School Council and facilitate communication. We are looking for 11 pupils (one from each class).

If your child would like to be part of this exciting team they must:

- 1 - Fill in an application form - (on Google Classroom/ included below)
 - 2- Hand in the application form on Monday 27th November to their teacher or the School Office.
- On Wednesday 29th November, each class will vote for their member of the communication team.

This is an amazing opportunity to model the British value of Democracy.



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Working Together to Improve Reading

Thank you to everyone who has visited our School Book Fair. It will be open for one last time afterschool on Monday 27th November.

The commission we earn will allow us to buy some exciting new books for class bookshelves.

Here are some more books you may like to consider - they would make ideal Christmas presents.



Year 3

Dragon Storm Alastair Chisholm & Eric Deschamps & Ben Mantle

Chapter book

The first book in a thrilling, magical, and action-packed new fantasy series, illustrated throughout and perfect for 7 - 9 year olds. In the land of Draconis, there are no dragons. Once, there were. Once, humans and dragons were friends, and created the great city of Rivven together. But then came the Dragon Storm, and the dragons retreated from the world of humans. To the men and women of Draconis, they became legends and myth. Tomas has always been told that now, dragons are extinct, and so he can't believe it when a mysterious stranger invites him to join a secret society, the Dragonseer Guild - and tells him that not only do dragons still exist, but also that Tomas has a very special power... he can summon his very own dragon! But Tomas faces a difficult choice, and he and his dragon, Ironskin, must learn to trust each other - and together, they have to save their home from a deadly threat.

Year 4

Sky - Holly Webb

Chapter book

Staying with her grandparents in the Scottish Highlands, Lara is fascinated by the rare white snowy owl her grandad has spotted flying nearby. And when she follows the beautiful bird into the woods, it leads her on a magical adventure... Transported a century back in time, Lara befriends Amelia, who confides in Lara about her cruel cousin, who she's sure is trying to hurt the baby owls nesting in the woods. When Lara discovers the hatchlings belong to her owl, Sky, she's determined to help. But how can she protect them when she needs to return to her own time? An enchanting and magical time-slip adventure.



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Year 5

Jaz Santos vs The World - Priscilla Mante

Chapter book

Jaz Santos vs the World is the first in a new series about a girl who gathers an unlikely group of friends together to make their own girls' football team. This is an inclusive and empowering tale with a real-life feel. This timely and heart-warming story about teamwork, self-belief and following your passions in the face of life's ups and downs is likely to score big with readers aged 8-11.



Year 6

Nevermoor: The Trials of Morrigan Crow - Jessica Townsend

Chapter book

Enter the Wondrous world of Morrigan Crow and Nevermoor - the start of a fantastical children's series. Morrigan Crow is cursed. Having been born on Eventide, the unluckiest day for any child to be born, she's blamed for all local misfortunes, from hailstorms to heart attacks - and, worst of all, the curse means that Morrigan is doomed to die at midnight on her eleventh birthday. But as Morrigan awaits her fate, a strange and remarkable man named Jupiter North appears. Chased by black-smoke hounds and shadowy hunters on horseback, he whisks her away into the safety of a secret, magical city called Nevermoor. It's then that Morrigan discovers Jupiter has chosen her to contend for a place in the city's most prestigious organisation: the Wondrous Society. In order to join, she must compete in four difficult and dangerous trials against hundreds of other children, each boasting an extraordinary talent that sets them apart - an extraordinary talent that Morrigan insists she does not have. To stay in the safety of Nevermoor for good, Morrigan will need to find a way to pass the tests - or she'll have to leave the city and confront her deadly fate once and for all. Perfect for fans of the Harry Potter series and His Dark Materials, this series takes readers into an extraordinary world, setting hope and imagination alive.

Communication Team Application Form

NAME:

CLASS:

WHY WOULD YOU LIKE TO JOIN THE COMMUNICATION TEAM?

WHY DO YOU THINK YOU WOULD BE A GOOD COMMUNICATIONS TEAM MEMBER?

WHAT SKILLS DO YOU HAVE TO GET OTHER STUDENTS INVOLVED IN YOUR SMART SCHOOL COUNCIL?

ANYTHING ELSE YOU'D LIKE TO MENTION?

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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

Spring Term Clubs 2023 – Starting Monday 15th January – Friday 22nd March 2024

Please note that club bookings for the Spring Term will open during the morning of Friday 1st December.

	<u>Club</u>
Monday	Musical Theatre (Hotsteppers)- All Football- Years 3&4 
Tuesday	 Arts and Craft- All Music (Rocksteady)- All 
Wednesday	Football- Years 5&6  Rayner Karate – All Mindfulness Club (Emma Martin) – All  La Jolie Ronde- Years 3&4 Multi-Sports- Years 3&4  
Thursday	Basketball (Blackhawks) – All  Cartoon Animation (Toon Cool for School) – All Multi-Sports- Years 5&6 
Friday	 MGW Football – All Computer Xplorers- Years 5&6 

Let's talk about...

SPEED

Slow traffic makes it safer for us to walk and cycle to school

19-25
November
2023



Every day, six children are killed or seriously injured on UK roads

25% of parents say traffic is too fast for their children to walk or cycle to school*

Whoever you are, however you travel,
we need to talk about speed.

*Brake (2023) www.brake.org.uk/what-do-parents-think-about-their-childrens-journeys-to-school



Join the conversation
www.brake.org.uk/RoadSafetyWeek
#RoadSafetyWeek



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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.

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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 27th November – Friday 1st December	Year 6 Bikeability	6
Monday 27th November	Scholastic Book Fair	3-6
Friday 1st December	MUFTI for Christmas Fair donations	all
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 Saturday
(2nd December)

11am - 2pm.

We have a great selection of Christmas games,
activities plus food and drinks for you to enjoy.

Spaces are still available if you would like your child to
visit Elf on the Shelf at our Grotto.

Bookings can be made through this link:

www.pta-events.co.uk/knaphillschools

Raffle tickets have been sent home with children.

Please check bags.

Best wishes

The PTA

