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Knaphill Junior School Weekly Update

To empower all children to have a bright future.

This Month's Focus Value: COURAGE

A note from Mrs Harrison:

Our Celebration assembly on a Friday never ceases to remind me of what we achieve as a school every day for our children. Today's Celebration assembly was no different. We heard about the large group of children across all year groups that represented our school in the Sportshall Athletics event. Feedback from the event was that our children showed our values of courage, pride, respect and kindness at all times. I am so proud of the way our children have represented our school.

An update on our new library project has seen a feature wall erected on Tuesday, following on from our incredible PTA and their hard work and determination over the last few weekends to repaint and decorate the walls.

I feel so privileged to be part of this school community. Have a great weekend.
See you on the gate on Monday.

Value of the month: COURAGE

Definition: Courage is having the strength to overcome challenge

What does courage look like:

The ability to face fear, pain, danger and uncertainty with strength, bravery and determination.



House Points Weekly Winner

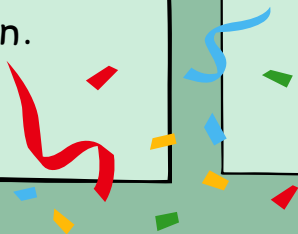
Moving from 4th place to 1st this week, Attenborough are our weekly winners.

1st Attenborough

2nd Rowling

3rd Farah

4th Windsor



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Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's winners:

- Year 3- Mostafa, Valentina and Bear
- Year 4- Benjamin, Bubhaan and Jack B
- Year 5- Evie G and Elise
- Year 6- Lewis A, Neil and Lillie

Attendance Cup

The winners of the attendance cup this week are Willow class. A super weekly attendance of 98.9% - well done.



TTRS- The results are in!

Our latest Knaphill TTRS tournaments have finished with some impressive scores. In our competition between Elm, Elder, Ash, Birch and Cedar Classes the winning class provided a triumph for the lower part of the school. Congratulations to Cedar Class for a fantastic score- enjoy that additional break-time!

In our other tournament, we had Hazel, Cherry, Maple, Sycamore, Oak and Willow Classes competing against each other. The results showed a clear win for Oak Class- well done! Beginning today, we have two new competitions. Year 5 will take on Year 6 whilst Year 3 will challenge Year 4. Get practising those times tables facts and the win could be yours.

19th January - 1st February 2024

4 - Cedar	328	5 - Ash	220	4 - Birch	125	3 - Elm	63	6 - Elder	39
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19th January - 1st February 2024

3 - Oak	441	5 - Willow	297	4 - Sycamore	147	3 - Maple	72	6 - Hazel	44	6 - Cherry	9
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2nd February - 22nd February 2024

Year 6 Year 5

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Year 4 Year 3

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WhatsApp - What a parent should know!

This is not the first time we have included information about WhatsApp in our newsletter. However, we are concerned about the number of parents who have given their children access to this app without fully understanding the risks involved:

- WhatsApp is for users 16 years and over. If your child has access to WhatsApp their date of birth has been falsified.
- WhatsApp has a group chat feature - the person who sets up the group can let anyone join that group at anytime.
- Class WhatsApp groups that your child maybe in are not endorsed, encouraged or monitored by the school.
- Young users risk exposure to cyberbullying., inappropriate content and contact with strangers
- Your child can delete a message sent in error. Other members in the group can screenshot and share - deleting may be too late.
- NSPCC report that many young users have been encouraged to overshare information within groups, which they have later regretted.
- Many young people find their mental health suffers, as they feel pressured by the amount of notifications. They are spending a long time checking their phones as they don't want to miss out.
- By default, WhatsApp sets the privacy settings to allow: Any user to see your child's profile photo, read receipts and when they're online. Any users can add your child to groups without permission. It is up to the user to set necessary privacy settings - HAS YOUR CHILD DONE THIS?

<https://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/parent-controls-docs/parental-control-whatsapp.pdf>



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It's not easy getting kids off screens, is it? Let alone protecting them from online predators, cyberbullying and the damaging effects of pornography.

But as parents & carers you play a CRUCIAL role ensuring the online safety of your children. ❖❖

You hold the key to ensuring the online safety of your children in this digital age. Empower yourself with confidence by joining my Zoom webinar '**Navigating the Digital Landscape: Empowering Parents for Online Safety Across Different Ages**' where you'll gain invaluable insights into fortifying your family's digital fortress

❖❖ Webinar Highlights:

- **Proactive Parenting Strategies:** Uncover effective strategies to proactively manage your child's online presence, promoting a secure and positive digital environment.
- **Age-Tailored Guidance:** Discover age-specific tips to navigate the digital landscape at every stage of your child's development.
- **Practical Tools and Techniques:** Equip yourself with practical tools and techniques to implement parental controls, monitor online activities, and cultivate responsible digital habits.
- **Interactive Q&A Session:** Have burning questions? Get them answered live. Engage in a dynamic Q&A session tailored to address your specific concerns.
- **Building Digital Resilience:** Learn how to foster resilience in your children, empowering them to face the online world confidently and make informed choices.

Book your place today:

Save the Date: Tuesday 6th February at 7pm on Zoom



❖❖ **Connect From Anywhere:** No need to leave the cosy corners of your home via Zoom and connect with fellow parents on this important digital journey.

❖❖ **Don't miss out on this opportunity** to elevate your role as a digital guardian. Register now for this Zoom webinar and embark on a transformative experience that promises to redefine your approach to online safety.

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Football Superstars

Last Friday, our Year 6 Football League kicked off with two victories for the boys' and girls' teams! The atmosphere was electric from the start, with Pirbright making tough opponents. However, with excellent teamwork and determination, both teams managed to secure two remarkable goals each, clinching well-deserved wins for Knaphill. Well done, Year 6!



New Sporting Event



On Wednesday, 20 promising athletes from Year 5 and 6 took part in the Sportshall Athletics morning. Our children competed in a range of tough track and field events, supported and officiated by trained young officials from Hoe Valley Secondary School. It was our first time attending this highly competitive experience and we are very proud of the contribution of each of our children. Well done, Knaphill!

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Teacher Reading Recommendation

In our reading assembly this week, Mr Mills shared an extract from *The Christmasaurus* by Tom Fletcher.

This novel is Mrs Harrison's favourite book.

Many of our staff remember Tom Fletcher from his time in the band McFly. Tom is now known as a successful composer, blogger and best-selling author.

Tom has published several more chart-topping children's novels including *The Creakers*, *The Christmasaurus* and *the Winter Witch* and the instant number one bestseller *The Danger Gang*.



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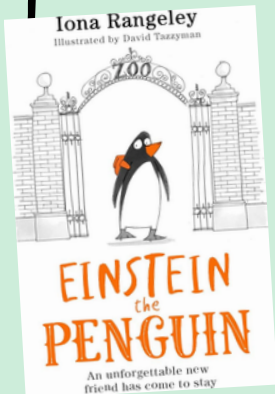


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Recommended Reading Books



Year 3

Einstein the Penguin - Iona Rangeley

Chapter book

When Mrs Stewart invites a small penguin to visit on a spontaneous visit to London Zoo, no one could have imagined that later that day they would find him on their doorstep, rucksack on his back and an adventure about to begin...

Einstein the Penguin is the debut children's novel for Iona Rangeley, aptly brought to life with the help of the award-winning illustrator, David Tazzyman. A lovely mix of whodunnit with a slightly preposterous story of a penguin who comes to live with our two heroes, Imogen (age 9) and Arthur (age 6), causing them to put aside their sibling squabbles and come to his rescue. Rangeley manages to pull at your heartstrings as you come to understand each of the characters' insecurities, bringing together the fear of losing a friend with the loneliness associated with never having had one. The grown-ups are scatty at best and young readers will love it as our heroes come to put one over on them.



Year 4

Erica's Elephant - Sylvia Bishop

Chapter book

When Erica Perkins wakes up on the morning of her tenth birthday, the last thing she expects is to find a very confused elephant sitting on her doorstep. So begins an unlikely friendship. But can a small girl and a rather large elephant learn to live together in a tiny terraced house? And when the dastardly owner of the local zoo plots to steal the elephant, will Erica be able to outsmart him? Illustrated with heartwarming and engaging line drawings. Sylvia's writing has a wonderfully classic feel while the offbeat humour makes it contemporary and fresh.

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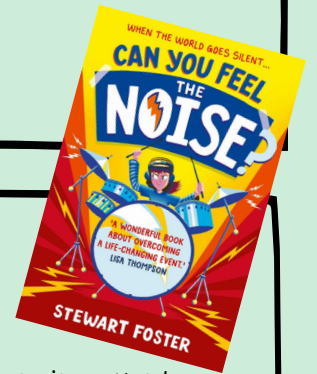
Year 5

Runaway Robot - Frank Cottrell Boyce & Steven Lenton

Chapter book

A funny, inventive tale told in first person by Alfie Miles, a Year 7 boy who discovers a one-legged robot in an airport's lost property. Alfie's right hand was amputated in

an accident and he has been given a state-of-the-art prosthetic hand, but he is struggling to accept the new limb and he has the feeling he's forgotten something really important. A fast-paced adventure, inspired by a real-life robot. Steve Lenton's illustrations are excellent and it is great to see Alfie and his friends positively depicted with their limb differences.



Year 6

Can you Feel the Noise - Stewart Foster

Chapter book

A profound story about inner strength and perseverance in the face of a life-changing event, from the award-winning author of The Bubble Boy. Perfect for fans of R. J. Palacio's Wonder and Lisa Thompson's The Goldfish Boy. Life is going well for Sophie. She's getting by at school, has some pretty awesome friends, and their band have made it through to the semifinals of the Battle of the Bands competition. But when Sophie wakes up completely deaf one morning, the life she once knew seems like a distant memory. With lessons replaced by endless hospital appointments, and conversations now an exercise in lip-reading, Sophie grows quieter and quieter. Until she discovers the vibrations of sound through an old set of drums and wonders whether life onstage is actually still within reach. Drawing on the author's own hearing impairment, Can You Feel the Noise? is a deeply personal and moving story that will stay with you long after reading.

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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 5th - Friday 9th February	Year 4 Bikeability	Year 4
Monday 5th - Sunday 11th February	Children's Mental Health Week	All
Tuesday 6th February	Safer Internet Day	All
Wednesday 7th February	Residential meeting for year 4 parents and guardians	Year 4
Thursday 8th February	Theatre Trip	Year 6
Monday 12th - Friday 16th February	Half Term	All
Monday 19th February	INSET	All
Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th February	Residential Trip	Year 4
Monday 4th March	Book Week Event	All
Monday 4th March-Friday 8th March	Book Week (Thursday 7th March - World Book day)	All
Sunday 10th March	Mother's Day	
Monday 11th - Friday 15th March	Science Week	All

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Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day	All
Monday 18th - Friday 22nd March	Opportunity for Parents and Guardians to view children's books - 3:30pm Day for each year group TBC	All
Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd March	Residential	Year 6
Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March	Parents' Evening	All
Wednesday 27th March	SEND Passports sent home	
Thursday 28th March	Book Swap - Spring Term	All
Thursday 28th March	Last Day of Spring Term - Finish at 1:15pm	All