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Knaphill Junior School Weekly Update

To empower all children to have a bright future.

This Month's Focus Value: Positivity

A note from Mrs Harrison:

Mrs Harrison

This week marks the beginning of the second half of this school year! I cannot believe how fast the time has gone.

This may be the first week, but we have already accomplished so much. Our new library is almost complete and I have met with the Smart Schools Council Communication Team to hear about how we as a community might use the library to ensure we get the very most from it. They have some great ideas, which we will share with you once the list is finalised. Our Reading Ambassadors also have ideas for the library, so it is already being a hub for ideas and creativity. Our quiet club at lunchtime has been using the library for storytelling sessions, which have proved to be a great hit with the children. Our Year 4 children will be preparing this weekend for their upcoming residential on Monday. I have had a sneak peek at their itinerary and they are in for a wonderful, exciting time. Have a lovely weekend. See you on the gate on Monday

Value of the month: Positivity

Definition: Positivity means:
being hopeful in your attitude
and focusing on what is good in a
situation.

What does positivity look like:

The ability to be strong and hopeful
and use a growth mindset.

House Points Weekly Winner

We have added the house points
earned this week and those
carried over from before half
term. The results are:

1st - Windsor

2nd - Rowling

3rd - Farah

4th - Attenborough



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Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's winners:

Year 3- Haniya, Harley and Hridhima
Year 4- Laurie, Joseph and Macy
Year 5- Chase and Akonobea
Year 6- James, Scarlett and Jack C

Attendance Cup

The winners of the attendance cup this week are Birch class again - with an unbeatable 100%

Can they make it 100% three weeks running?



TTRS- New Competition Alert!

In the latest TTRS competitions, we have an extremely close result in the battle between Year 4 and Year 3. Year 4 gained 276 points compared to Year 3 with 265- well done Year 4 for your close victory. In the tournament between Year 5 and Year 6, we had a clear winner with Year 6 claiming victory. Years 4 and 6 enjoy your additional play-time!

Beginning today, we have a different type of tournament with every class battling against each other to become the supreme times tabling champion of Knaphill School. Who will be the ultimate champion? Get practising your times tables and it could be your class. The competition finishes on Thursday 7th March.

2nd February - 22nd February 2024



Year 4

276

Year 3

265

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Year 6

147

Year 5

59

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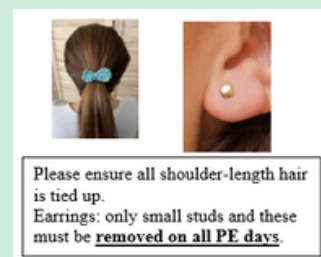


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Uniform Matters

Wearing smart school uniform helps your child feel part of our Knaphill School community. It fosters a sense of belonging and helps build relationships. Uniform promotes a sense of equality and reduces anxiety as pupils clearly know what the expectations are.

We would like to remind pupils, parents and guardians of the uniform expectations. Don't forget the Knaphill Schools PTA regularly run second hand uniform sales.



Please ensure all shoulder-length hair is tied up.
Earrings: only small studs and these must be **removed on all PE days**.

Tights and socks should be black, grey or white. Pupils should opt to wear tights or socks but not both.

Base layer leggings should not be worn with shorts as an alternative to long trousers, but may be worn with green PE shorts on PE days.



Jewellery including earrings must be removed for PE. We ask your child doesn't wear earrings on the days they have PE. Teachers are not permitted to assist your child in removing earrings.

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Reminder - Hair Styles

Hair

If longer than collar length, hair should be fully tied back with a suitable neutral band or head band (or ones in the dark green school colour). Children should not have hairstyles fitting the following description:

- Lines shaved into the hair
- Patterns shaved into the hair
- Hairstyles which are considered extreme. This includes hairstyles where the sides are much shorter than the top, Mohican/mohawks, tramlines, cuts shorter than a grade 3, hair colour or the use of excessive hair gel

The extract above has been copied from the Knaphill Schools website and can be found here:

<https://kfos.co.uk/about/uniform/>

Get Ready for Book Week!

We love reading at Knaphill School, a highlight of our school year is BOOK WEEK. It is especially exciting this year as we will be opening our new library that the PTA have been working so hard to get ready.

An email from Miss Fini and Mrs Humphrey-Calgia, with further details, is coming out today.

Please note:

Monday 4th March - Book Week Launch

Pupils for each year group will be immersing themselves into a different fantasy themed book.

Pupils are NOT dressing up for this day

Thursday 7th March - World Book Day

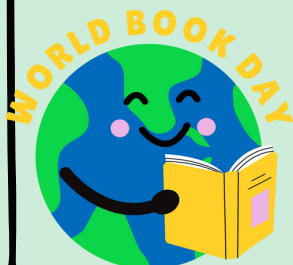
Pupils will be taking part in World Book Day themed activities.

Pupils are encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Friday 8th March - Closing date for competitions

There are three exciting competitions for your child to get involved in.

Details can be found below.



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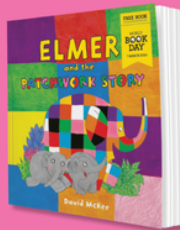
Free Books - £1 Book Tokens

Every pupil has received a £1 Book Token ahead of World Book Day. Children can swap their £1 token for any of the £1 World Book Day books or get £1 off a full price title, any full price book or audiobook (as long as the book or audiobook costs at least £2.99) at participating booksellers.

Click [here](#) to watch the exciting 2024 £1 book trailer.



Our 2024 £1/€1.50 books



Éire amháin
Ireland only

Éire amháin
Ireland only

Bydd llyfrau
£1 yn dod
yn fuan

£1 book
coming soon

Competitions

Competitions close
on Friday 8th
March 2023.

1. Wooden Spoon Character.
2. Book in a Box.
3. Finish the Fantasy Story.

World Book Day Dress Up

On Thursday 7th March, staff and children are invited to dress up as a book character, or any items or themes linked to a book.

These costumes could be as extravagant as you like, or they could be something simple and homemade! **Children who do not wish to dress up should wear their school uniform.**

KNAPHILL SCHOOL Book Week



2024



Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March

Fantasy Day

Our week will kick off with Knaphill School's very own Fantasy-filled day. Each Year Group will immerse themselves into a different Fantasy book. Activities across the Key Stage will range from DT Projects to planning a Mad Hatter's Tea Party - it will certainly be a day to remember! On this day, the children do not need to dress up.



Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

Paired Reading

On Thursday 7th March, our children will pair up with a child from another Year Group and together they will read some of their favourite books.

If possible, please could your child bring in their favourite book from home to share with their reading partner on this day. Please remember to name any books brought into school.

World Book Week Writing Competition

Fantasy Story Writing Competition

To celebrate our World Book Week, we have an exciting writing competition - there will be prizes for some of the most creative entries!

Using the image below as inspiration for a fantasy-themed story, write the ending for the story starter. Your story can be hand written or typed.

Please bring any competition entries into school by Friday 8th March. Your child's Class Teacher will keep hold of the entries and pass them onto Miss Fini and Mrs Humphrey-Caglia when the competitions close.



STORY STARTER

Timidly, she tip-toed into the clearing. Sunshine drenched the ground as it poured through the clouds above. She had been following the trail of clues for days and she had finally reached her destination. Were the stories true? Was this really the place people in her village had talked about for centuries? She hoped her own story would have a fairy-tale ending, but in the back of her mind, a sickening thought arose – what if something more sinister waited ahead?

Continue the story.

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PTA Reminders!

A few reminders from the PTA Team for the next couple of weeks:

School Disco

If you would like to book to attend our school disco on Friday 1st March, please do so by Friday 23rd February using the link www.pta-events.co.uk/knaphillschools:



- Lower School Disco: 4.00-5.15pm
- Junior School Disco: 5.30-7.00pm

Book Donations

If you have any new or gently used books suitable for children or teens that you would like to donate, please drop book donations into either school office by Friday 1st March. This year we will also be collecting fiction books and biographies that mums, dads and carers may enjoy too!



Book Day Costume Donations

If you have any pre-loved Book Day costumes, please pop them in the uniform donation bins at either of the school offices ahead of our potential costume sale on Monday 26th February.



Many thanks in advance
The PTA Team

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Recommended Reads



Year 3/4

The Day my Dog Got Famous

By Jan Carney

A few things you should know about Ferris Foster: 1. He's the cartooning genius behind ASTOUNDG (star of The Hoot, available exclusively in his school playground) 2. His best friend is his actual dog, Aldo who is anything but astounding 3. He's had 13 foster brothers and 8 foster sisters and now he's about to meet his new foster sister, Tia, for the first time 4. His NEMESIS is his totally annoying neighbour Destiny Dean! When Destiny boasts about videos of her dog, Princess Foo-Foo, going viral, Ferris foolishly claims that Aldo can easily become a BIGGER internet star. There's just one problem: Aldo has about as much talent as a teaspoon. Then Ferris and Tia accidentally film Aldo doing what looks like an amazing trick . . . will Aldo finally live up to the name of his comic book alter-ego and wow the world with his skills or is this about to be the biggest EPIC FAIL ever? Perfect for fans of Danny Wallace, Liz Pichon and Katie Kirby - buckle up, you're in for a dog-tastic adventure, packed with comic strips and cartoons!

Year 4

Stitch Head - The Graphic Novel

Guy Bass

Stitch Head, the curious, almost human creation of Professor Erasmus, has been captivating readers for over a decade. His quirky, features are near enough to human to be more charming than scary. Stitch Head's fate is to remain in the background as his master the eccentric Professor Erasmus creates increasingly dangerous characters to inhabit the spooky Castle Grotteskew. He feels forgotten and abandoned. But then Stitch Head meets someone who want to make him a star. It's a scary step but it means Stitch Head has the chance to change his life. What will Stitch Head do? In this graphic novel version of the original, Guy Bass's story is given a brilliant new interpretation through Pete Williamson's witty and dramatic illustrations.



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Year 5

The Swifts

By Beth Lincoln



Young Shenanigan Swift is presented with a murder mystery to solve in her own (rather grand) house and surrounded by all members of her large and decidedly eccentric extended family. Who caused Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude to fall down the stairs at the regular Swift family reunion? Is it linked to the family's periodic search for Vile Swift's missing treasure trove? With so many suspects and so many hiding places, Shenanigan needs all the help she can get, even if that means turning to her sisters, science-obsessed Phenomena and goody-goody Felicity. As country house murder mysteries go, this is top notch, with a fabulous cast of characters and perfectly placed red herrings. It's also extremely funny, full of jokes, situation comedy and gloriously idiosyncratic narration. If you're wondering why Shenanigan and her family have such unusual names, it was decided in the 'tights-and-doublets' days of the Swift family, to name children using the Family Dictionary; after all, 'People often overlook a Mary or a John, but they seldom forget a person named Meretricious or Flinch.' In a sub-plot, Shenanigan puzzles over whether her name found her, or if she is somehow choosing to grow into her name. Clever, original and hugely enjoyable, this is a don't miss.

Year 6

On Silver Tides

Sylvia Bishop

Kelda has always protected her little sister Isla from danger on the rivers, and from the suspicions of their community. For Isla cannot breathe underwater – and so her very existence is forbidden by silvermen's Lore. Now the rivers of England are growing sick: monstrous creatures are awakening and a fierce torrent of blame falls upon Kelda's family. When betrayal comes, the sisters escape on a desperate journey upstream. Joining forces with a mysterious boy, Kelda discovers the darkest depths of her kind's secret history. But to save both her sister and the very life of Britain's waterways, Kelda will have to make a sacrifice – one that will change her life forever.





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www.wokingsc.co.uk



NEW MEMBERS TRIALS

For children born between
January 2015 and August 2018
who are interested in competitive swimming

to be held on

Tuesday 5th March 2024

at

Woking Pool in the Park

2018 born are expected to be able to swim basic front crawl and backstroke.

2015 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





Bisley C of E Primary School & Foxcubs Nursery



Parent workshop: Supporting parents with challenging behaviour

Wednesday 28th February 9am

We are excited to announce, that Lucy Miller, a Children's Wellbeing Practitioner, will be with us at our next parent workshop.

Lucy will be speaking about the challenging behaviours children may experience particularly at home and will be offering strategies that may support parents in managing these. Lucy will also be available for questions afterwards but will not be able to discuss individual cases.

All welcome – refreshments available
Please sign in at the school office



I'm Lucy and I am a Children's Wellbeing Practitioner for Surrey and Borders Partnership, working within the Surrey Heath Cluster for Mindworks Surrey.

Parents and Guardians

If you are interested in attending this event - Please could you let Bisley School know so they can add you to their number, by emailing their school office - info@bisley.surrey.sch.uk.

Thank you

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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 19th February	INSET	All
Monday 26th - Wednesday 28th February	Residential Trip	Year 4
Monday 4th March-Friday 8th March	Book Week	All
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day Come to school dressed as your favourite book character!	All
Sunday 10th March	Mother's Day	
Monday 11th - Friday 15th March	Science Week	All
Friday 15th March	Red Nose Day	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