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This Month's Focus Value: Curiosity

A note from Mrs Harrison:

During Science Week this week, our focus value of curiosity has been very evident around school. Children have participated in live science lessons, one of which was investigating vertebrates and invertebrates, even completing a virtual escape room, which really put children's learning to the test! One of our children told me that this was a really innovative way of learning and that she loved how it promoted our value of curiosity. It has been very interesting to hear about different scientists across history and the world. Read on to find out further details of these scientists.

Thank you to all those parents and guardians for completing our survey. We will be sharing your views in due course.

Year 6 will be having a busy weekend preparing for their upcoming residential which takes place next week. Enjoy your weekend and see you on the gate on Monday!

Value of the month: Curiosity

Definition: Curiosity means: The desire to learn and know.

What does curiosity look like:

To really listen, so that we find out, ask lots questions, are willing to be wrong, and we are not afraid to say, "I don't know."

House Points Weekly Winner

In what has been a really exciting and busy week, the house point 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- Sami, Ali and TJ

Year 4- Yousuf, Oliver K and Macy

Year 5- Tiffany and Max

Year 6- Amy S, Evie C and Sophie

Attendance Cup

The winners of the attendance cup this week are .

Well done Cedar Class with an impressive 99.6% - We are so proud of your commitment to learning.

TTRS- UPDATE!

With just under two weeks left of the current TTRS tournaments, we currently have a huge lead for Year 6 in our upper school competition. In the Year 3 and 4 tournament, Year 3 are in the lead but Year 4 aren't far behind. With just under two weeks to go, any year group could still win their challenge. Get practising your times tables and your points will help your year group to win that additional break-time!



8th March - 28th March 2024

Year 6

256

Year 5

54

8th March - 28th March 2024

Year 3

138

Year 4

92

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SCIENCE WEEK 2024!

This week, Knaphill School has been celebrating the 30th anniversary of British Science Week. We began the week together in a whole school Science Week launch assembly, where all of the children experienced the wonder and excitement of science with a balloon rocket contest. The children also learnt how 'science is everywhere' and the idea that everyone can be a scientist!

Throughout the week, the children have demonstrated their love of science with opportunities to work collaboratively and practically with their peers and investigate the Science Week theme of 'Time'. Their confidence and curiosity was peaked during an experiment involving the creation of their own pendulum timers.

In addition to experiencing some hands-on activities in class, the children have discovered a 'Scientist of the day' and learnt about a number of famous world leading scientists and how they have changed the world. From the inspirational figure of Mae Jemison (the first African-American astronaut into space) to Sir David Attenborough, the children showed great enthusiasm and knowledge towards how they could aspire to achieve and shape their own future, much like the groundbreaking scientists that they had learnt about.

We hope that all of the children enjoyed exploring the vast world of science in school and beyond. Thank you to all of the teachers and staff at Knaphill who created the opportunity for our children to develop their confidence, knowledge and enthusiasm.

Mr Mills - Science Lead



There is still time to enter the Science Week Competition!



Knaphill School British Science Week competition 2024

British Science Week 2024 marks the Week's 30th anniversary- The theme this year is 'Time'.



There are 4 ways you can enter the Knaphill Science Competition:

1. Science Week poster competition.

You could create a poster showing how a certain type of technology has changed over time, or even the advancement of time-telling technology itself. Budding poster makers could also go futuristic and show us how they think the world might look in years to come, or perhaps look at nature - lifecycles, lifespans, evolution and hibernation - nature is full of timely topics.

2. Carry out your own experiment.

Undertake your own scientific experiment at home and share what you did or found out. You could record it with photos or write out your findings. Some ideas can be found here:

<https://collections.library.crestawards.org/superstar-home-learning/6324423>



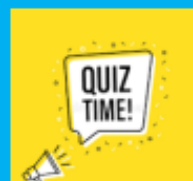
3. Write a letter to a famous scientist.

Include some key questions you want to ask a scientist to find out more about their work.



4. Create a science quiz for others to complete.

You could pick a famous scientist or a particular field of work to research questions for others to answer.



Entries will close on Monday 18th March 2024

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Ramadan

Just a reminder - Last week, the Fasting Policy was sent to all parents and guardians. We are now in the the holy period of Ramadan.

All parents must inform the school in writing (by email is acceptable) if they wish their child to fast during part or all of the month of Ramadan. We understand that fasting is not compulsory in Islam before the age of puberty, we understand that some children are often encouraged to fast, or indeed wish to fast, in order to prepare them for adulthood.

Sporting Pride!

It was a joy to watch our wonderful Year 5 boys showcase their talent and fair play during three tough matches against local schools yesterday afternoon. Not only were we blown away by their performance on the day, they also showed an incredible amount of potential for future games. Exciting things to come!

Well done boys.



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Reminder - Promoting Good Attendance

Good attendance is a high priority with the Leadership Team at Knaphill Federation of Schools.

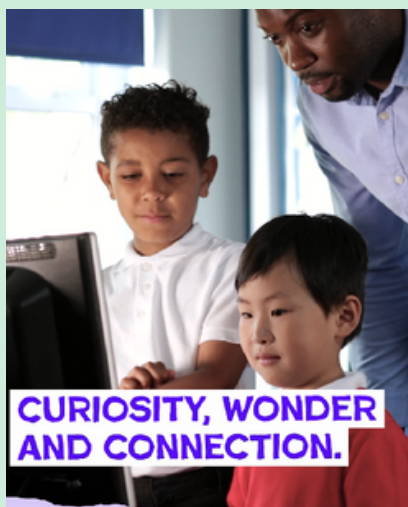
We believe it is essential that children attend school regularly if they are to achieve their potential. Absence not only affect a child's attainment but also their personal and social skills. We will do all we can to encourage parents/ guardians to ensure that the children in their care achieve maximum possible attendance and that any problems that prevent this are identified and acted on promptly. Leave of absence can only be granted in exceptional circumstances and a request form must be completed.

Safeguarding is at the heart of our school and is incorporated in all we do as a school and children's attendance is something that we monitor closely as part of this. We have thorough procedures that we follow when pupils transfer between schools and if a pupil moved to another school without warning or went 'missing from education'.

In order for the school's Attendance Policy to be successful, every member of staff will make attendance a high priority and convey this to the pupils at all times. We ask parents/guardians to support these views in the home to ensure that children are receiving consistent messages about the value of education.



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Please note:

We have been contacted by some members of our local community, who have asked us to remind pupils that the fenced Sussex Road playground is not for ball games. We ask all our children to be mindful of younger children when sharing this play space. Allowing the younger children to have access to the younger play equipment is both respectful and shows kindness; both of which are our school values.

We would also like to remind parents that children playing on the swings or in the park, before School, should leave in a timely manner as school gates are closed promptly at 8:45am.

Thank you for your understanding - maintaining positive relationships with our neighbours and showing respect is very important to us.



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PTA - Dates for your diary

Our fabulous PTA have been busy planning exciting events for the summer term.

Please add the dates below to your diary:



Easter Fun Day - Mon 25th March

Bag2School - Fri 19th April

Silent Disco - Fri 17th May

Family Camping - Sat 8th to Sun 9th June

Summer Fair - Sat 13th July

Colour Run - Thurs 23rd July




Easter extravaganza

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OAKREE AND HERMITAGE
HOLIDAY CLUB



TUESDAY 2ND APRIL TO FRIDAY
12TH APRIL



Based at The Hermitage and Oaktree schools, we welcome all children between the ages of 4 to 11 from our local community and beyond. During the day, our qualified and experienced staff aim to provide a home from home experience whilst providing the children with a choice of inside and outside activities that stimulate the imagination. We offer: den building, exploring nature in our Wild Life Garden and Forest School environments; sports, games. Bring your own bike and helmet and enjoy riding around the Oaktree grounds with your friends. Meanwhile inside, activities are provided such as arts and crafts, board games and cooking on some days.



DAY COST WEEKLY COST

Activity Package(10% Discount) ,

Standard Activity Day –9am to 4pm£30.00£135.00

Extended Activity Day –8:15am to 5:45pm£35.00£157.50

How to Book: Please complete the booking form and return to The Oaktree School either by email clubs@Oaktree.surrey.sch.uk with the header 'Holiday Club' or directly to the school office. If you have any queries please call on 01483474981 (Mon-Fri 9:30am to 3:30pm). Please note that bookings will be confirmed when you receive an invoice.

BOOKINGS WILL CLOSE AT 9.00am MONDAY 25thMARCH 2024



The Oaktree School
 Gorsewood Road,
 St John's,
 Woking, Surrey,
 GU21 8WT
 Tel: 01483 474 981

Executive Headteacher: Mrs Clare Spires

Friday 23rd February 2024

Holiday Club – Easter Holidays 2024

BOOKING FORM

Child's name

Date of Birth Current Year Group.....

Address.....

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Tel: Mobile

Email Address

Please note your child will need to bring their own packed lunch and a coat or sun hat (depending on the weather)

Please complete the form on the next page indicating which age group and which days you require.

Once we have received your booking form we will issue you with an invoice and details of how to pay.

I acknowledge & accept that the organisation providing these facilities, and their servants, agents or employees, are under no liability whatsoever in respect of loss or damage of property occurring whilst my child is in attendance on the above course. Sessions missed or cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances/weather are non-refundable.

Signature of parent/guardian:

Print name of parent/guardian:

Date

The Oaktree School is part of The SWAN Trust, a charitable company limited by guarantee and registered in England and Wales with company number 08622047. The registered office is Beaufort Primary School Kirkland Avenue, Woking, Surrey, United Kingdom, GU21 3RG

Holiday Club - Tuesday 2nd - Friday 12th April 2024

Please tick the boxes required. Week beginning: Tuesday 2nd April 2024

Age 4 -7 (Year R to Year 2)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Standard Activity Day 9.00 am to 4.00pm				
Extended Activity Day 8.15am to 5.45pm				

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Age 7 - 11	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Standard Activity Day 9.00 am to 4.00pm				
Extended Activity Day 8.15am to 5.45pm				

Please tick the boxes required. Week beginning: Monday 8th April 2024

Age 4 -7 (Year R to Year 2)	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Standard Activity Day 9.00 am to 4.00pm					
Extended Activity Day 8.15am to 5.45pm					

Age 7 - 11	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
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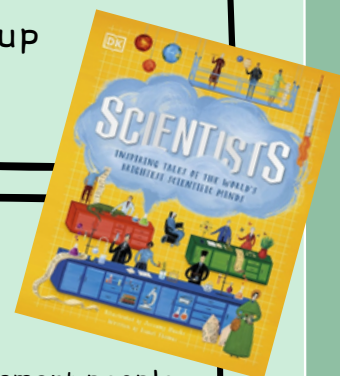
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Recommended Reads

As this week is British Science Week, we have been learning about a famous Scientist each day. Here are some year group recommendations linked to famous scientists:



Year 3

Scientists: Inspiring Tales of the World's Brightest Scientific Minds

The biggest scientific breakthroughs in history have something in common: super smart people who kept looking for the answers to some of the world's most interesting questions! The pages of this science book are filled with the stories of famous scientists such as physicists Neil DeGrasse Tyson and Stephen Hawking, biologist Marie Curie, palaeontologist Mary Anning and lesser-known trailblazers such as Chika Kuroda, who became Japan's first female Bachelor of Science.

Filled with great detail and following a storytelling format, this is a thrilling book that will capture the imagination of young children and encourage them to explore the world of science. Beautiful descriptions of the scientists' lives are brought to life through stunning watercolour illustrations and fantastic photography highlights the detail of their discoveries.



Year 4

Wild Life by Leisa Stewart-Sharpe

Journey through the jungle and coral reefs, across the African plains and icy poles, and even to the Galápagos Islands, as you discover all there is to know about the world's best-known and best-loved naturalist, Sir David Attenborough, in this beautifully illustrated picture book.

From a childhood spent searching for fossils to his awe-inspiring work as a broadcaster and conservationist, learn about Sir David Attenborough's WILD life, as he goes further, higher and deeper than anyone ever before to share our incredible natural world, and embarks on a mission to protect it.

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Year 5

Women in Science by Rachel Ignatofsky

A gloriously illustrated celebration of trailblazing women. Women in Science highlights the contributions of fifty notable women to the STEM fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, from both the ancient and modern worlds. The book also contains fascinating infographics and an illustrated scientific glossary.

The extraordinary women profiled include well-known figures like the physicist and chemist Marie Curie, as well as lesser-known pioneers such as Katherine Johnson, the African-American mathematician who calculated the trajectory of the Apollo 11 mission to the moon. Women in Science celebrates the achievements of the intrepid women who have paved the way for the next generation of female engineers, biologists, mathematicians, doctors, astronauts, physicists and beyond ...



Year 6

A Galaxy of Her Own by Libby Jackson

From small steps to giant leaps, A Galaxy of Her Own tells fifty stories of inspirational women who have been fundamental to the story of humans in space, from scientists to astronauts to some surprising roles in between.

From Ada Lovelace in the nineteenth century, to the women behind the Apollo missions, from the astronauts breaking records on the International Space Station to those blazing the way in the race to get to Mars, A Galaxy of Her Own reveals extraordinary stories, champions unsung heroes and celebrates remarkable achievements from around the world.

Written by Libby Jackson, a leading UK expert in human space flight, and illustrated with bold and beautiful artwork from the students of London College of Communication, this is a book to delight and inspire trailblazers of all ages.

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

Date	Event	Year Group
Tuesday 19th - Friday 22nd March	Residential	Year 6
Tuesday 26th March and Wednesday 27th March*	Parents' Evening (*26.03.24 & 27.03.24 for Elm Class)	All
Monday 29th 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