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To empower all children to have a bright future.

This Month's Focus Value: Honesty

A note from Mrs Harrison:

Welcome back!

As we start our final term of this academic year and the beginning of the summer term, we see our year 5 children out on their long awaited residential trip. They have loved their experiences whilst away. This is just one of the ways that we support and enhance each child's personal development and values-based education here at Knaphill School. Children have had opportunities to show the values of resilience, pride, respect, curiosity, responsibility, courage and positivity. The children have been a credit to their parents and their teachers. Read on further to find out details of the children's adventures.

Each year group has begun the term by learning how to keep themselves safe whilst online, with a focus on health, well-being and lifestyle.

It has been wonderful to see all those parents and guardians that have attended the parent and guardian evenings at the end of last term and this week. Feedback from you has been overwhelmingly positive and the children have loved finding the written messages that you have written and left for them in their books - thank you. During the SEND parents and guardians' evening, we had L-Spa attending. This facilitated an opportunity for parents to seek further advice regarding the right support and intervention at the right time to help children to meet their learning and developmental milestones. This external service gives direct access to information and advice from a multi-disciplinary team of professionals from education, health and social care. Comments from the evening included that parents and guardians found this service really supportive and beneficial and so we will seek to repeat this at future meetings.

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

Value of the month: Honesty

Honesty means we are truthful in what we say and do. It means people can rely on us. Honesty is the basis of a trusting relationship.

What does it look like: Being honest means you act in a way that you know is the right thing to do. It includes not hiding the truth (deceiving), not breaking rules to gain an advantage (cheating), and not taking something that isn't yours (stealing).

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House Points Weekly Winner

A great start to the term for Windsor!

1st - Windsor

2nd - Rowling

3rd - Farah

4th - Attenborough

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Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's winners:

- Year 3- Libby, David and Nayan
- Year 4- Charlie, Luna and Safaah
- Year 5- Micaela
- Year 6- Cayden, Yuvi and Sophia

Attendance Cup

The winners of the attendance cup this week are Hazel Class, by the narrowest of margins.



TTRS- UPDATE!

In our slightly longer than usual TTRS competitions, we have seen several classes showing a fantastic level of motivation. With a week to go in the tournament between Maple, Elm, Cedar, Sycamore, Birch and Oak, Oak Class have a phenomenal lead with 2,680 points! This challenge could still be won by any class.

In our other tournament between Willow, Hazel, Ash, Cherry and Elder, Elder Class have stormed into the lead with 2,084 points! Again, with a week to go any class could catch up and win this competition.

If you'd like your class to win an additional break-time, get practising your times tables!

1	3 - Oak	2,680
2	4 - Birch	1,400
3	4 - Sycamore	367
4	4 - Cedar	262
5	3 - Elm	38
6	3 - Maple	30

1	6 - Elder	2,084
2	6 - Cherry	45
3	5 - Ash	37
4	6 - Hazel	16
5	5 - Willow	7

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Well Done



Henry has just achieved his 9th Mon at Judo. We are all incredibly proud of him.

Jenson and Jack in year 4 were chosen to represent their football club overseas in Belgium. Over three days, they played against some tough teams. They both won man of the match. Jenson got top goal scorer of the tour for his team.

We are all very proud of them.
A very special achievement.



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PREPARING FOR LIFE IN MODERN BRITAIN

Online Safety

- We follow the Project Evolve Online Safety Curriculum.
- Workshops delivered to parents/guardians and pupils by Sharon Girling M.B.E.
- Regular newsletter updates for parents on emerging online issues.

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PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT KNAPHILL
SCHOOL



Each half term we start a new unit of our Computing Curriculum. The first lesson of each unit looks at online safety. This half term the theme is health, well-being and lifestyle.

Year 3 are thinking about the negative impact of spending too much time on technology.

Year 4 are considering how technology can distract you from other things you should be doing.

Year 5 are identifying how they can promote healthy sleep and the impact technology can have on sleep.

Year 6 are developing their understanding of the pressure technology can have on them.

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Year 3 and 4 enjoyed cooking this week. Every year group has the opportunity to cook once a half term. Recipes are selected to be healthy, affordable and build the children's culinary skills as they move through the school. Through our food technology lessons, children are developing a love of cookery and an understanding of healthy lifestyles, which are vital life skills.



Artist
of the
Term



All classes have been developing their cultural knowledge and understanding as we have learnt about Alma Woodsey Thomas - our Artist of the Term. Each year group has studied one of her abstract paintings and created their own colourful masterpieces inspired by this unique artist. These masterpieces will be displayed in the main building corridor in due course.

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Knaphill's Year 6 teams have made the school proud in this week's football matches. Our boys were up against a difficult team and, despite tough opposition, played with positivity and sportsmanship throughout.

The girls, through rain, hail and wind, fought against determined opposition in an incredibly tense match. Their teamwork and their instinctive tactics were outstanding.

The children's resilience, communication and skill showcased the best of what Knaphill is all about. Well done Year 6!



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Hindleap Warren - Year 5

Many of our year 5 children have been on a Residential Visit to Hindleap Warren this week.

We will share more photos and stories of their muddy adventures in next week's newsletter.

We would like to say a huge thank you to our fantastic staff team who have worked so hard to make this trip possible.



If you are watching the London Marathon this Sunday, please look out for Mr. Mills. Mr Mills has been training hard and will be living the values of Knaphill School as he races through the streets of London.

Mr Mills will be raising money for a fantastic charity - The British Heart Foundation.

Go for it - Mr Mills! We are so proud of you



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SEND News

NAVIGATING THE MAZE

We would like to make you aware of an online course that is freely available to parents of children who have needs associated with ASD and/or ADHD.

More details can be found on the Mindworks website:

<https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/advice-information-and-resources/neurodevelopmental-needs/navigating-maze-toolkit-strategies-parents-neurodivergent-children>

This course can be accessed at any time that works for you.



Navigating the Maze is a workshop for parents of children who have needs that may be associated with ASD and/or ADHD. Its purpose is to support parents to become experts to their children, by understanding and therefore responding to their presenting needs. In doing this, parents can become co-therapists to their unique children, and in doing this uncover and recognise their amazing gifts. The workshop was created by professionals with both lived experience and knowledge and experience of working clinically with neurodivergent children.

**The Children and Young
People's Emotional
Wellbeing and Mental Health
Service**



Out of hours advice line



A free out-of-hours phone line provides advice to parents and carers who are struggling with behaviours or difficulties which could be related to neurodevelopmental need, such as autism or ADHD.

Our skilled and friendly advisers will talk carers and families through ways of calming down difficult situations and remind them of their coping strategies.

It runs from 5pm until 11pm, seven days a week, 365 days a year.

Please call 0300 222 5755.

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Recommended Reads

New releases for April...

Year 3

Wildsmith into the wildforest

When war threatens her beloved city, Rowan and her mother must flee to the Dark Forest, meeting Grandpa and his white wolf Arto for the first time. Though she misses her father, Rowan makes new friends - including a trio of powerful witches. When she rescues a baby dragon from poachers, she discovers the secret of her own identity: Rowan is a wildsmith! Fostering a whole clutch of dragons, the summer speeds by. But when danger threatens, Rowan and her grandpa must call on all their friends for help.



Year 4

Meet Cosima Unfortunate

Prepare to go on the adventure of a lifetime . . . A breathtaking tale of mystery, family and friendship from a phenomenal new voice, perfect for fans of Katherine Rundell, Tamzin Merchant, Hana Tooke and Robin Stevens.

‘Gorgeous and powerfully inclusive...’ Aisling Fowler, author of Fireborn

Cosima has spent all her life at the Home for Unfortunate Girls, along with her best friends: Pearl, Mary and Diya. Cos longs for a real home and a real family. But when Cos finds out that famed explorer Lord Francis Fitzroy is planning to adopt them, she and her friends know something suspicious is afoot - and they make a plan. They’re going to steal Fitzroy’s prized tiara, containing the legendary Star Diamond of India!

But as the big day draws closer, Cos stumbles across a mysterious treasure map that might just reveal the one secret she’s always wanted to know - the truth about her parents...

Exciting, warm, funny, moving, and featuring joyous and authentic disabled representation, be prepared to have your heart stolen by Cosima and friends.

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Year 5

Skandar and the Unicorn Thief

Thirteen-year-old Skandar Smith has only ever wanted to be a unicorn rider. To be one of the lucky few selected to hatch a unicorn. To bond with it for life; to train together and race for glory; to be a hero.

But just as Skandar's dream is about to come true, things start to take a more dangerous turn than he could ever have imagined. A dark and twisted enemy has stolen the Island's most powerful unicorn - and as the threat grows ever closer, Skandar discovers a secret that could blow apart his world forever . . .

Get ready for unlikely HEROES, elemental MAGIC, sky battles, ancient secrets, nail-biting races and FEROCIOUS UNICORNS, in this EPIC ADVENTURE series that will have your heart soaring.



Year 6

Vi Spy Licence to Chill

Divorce is tough for any kid. But when - like Vi's parents - your mum is ex-secret service and your dad is a retired bad guy, 'till death do us part' takes on a whole new meaning.

And with her parents' focus on each other, the real super-villains are having a field day. To save her family - and the world - from evil domination, Vi must turn spy ...emerging themes of acceptance and the importance of being true to oneself.

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Date	Event	Year Group
Tuesday 23rd April	Year 6 SATS meeting - 3:30 - 4:00	Year 6
Wednesday 24th April	Parents' Evening - 3:30 - 6:30	Cherry Class
Friday 26th April	Year 5 Ancient Greek Day	Year 5
Thursday 2nd May and Friday 3rd May	Book Fair - After school	All
Monday 6th May	May Day Bank Holiday	All
Thursday 9th May and Friday 10th May	Book Fair - After School	All
Monday 13th - Friday 17th May	Key Stage 2 SATs	Year 6
Friday 17th May	SATS Pizza Party	Year 6
Monday 27th - Friday 31st May	May Half Term	All
Monday 3rd - Friday 14th June	Multiplication Check Window	Year 4
Thursday 20th June	Year 6 - The Apprentice	Year 6

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Tuesday 2nd July	Celebration of Year's Work - Parents and Guardians invited into classrooms	All
Thursday 4th July	Sports Day	All
Wednesday 10th July and Thursday 11th July	Year 6 Summer Productions to Parents - Evening	Year 6
Thursday 18th July	Year 6 Leavers' BBQ	Year 6
Tuesday 23rd July	Last Day of Summer Term - Finish at 1:15pm	All