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## This Month's Focus Value: Honesty

### A note from Mrs Harrison:

It has been a wonderful second week back and I do not say that lightly!

Our children in the upper part of the school have had the opportunity to listen to a talk by the inspirational Chris Lubbe. This is just one way that supports our children's personal development. Read on in page 3 to find out more.

Year 5 have had their Ancient Greek day today and I have loved seeing the children so absorbed and engaged in their historical learning journey; I have even witnessed our very own Olympic Games this afternoon! We are putting together some photographs and will share these next week with you.

Last but by no means least, the PTA and Councillor Saj Hussain have secured funds for living walls for our playground. This is truly AMAZING news. Our children will be able to have better air quality in which to play and we will have green spaces to enhance our current provision. This bid has been hugely supported by Hassan Aberkali, one of our school governors and a local councillor.

Have a wonderful weekend. Enjoy the sunshine and 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).

Look out for our new values stickers.

We have commissioned special stickers to recognise fabulous children who are exemplifying our school values. A sticker will be awarded each day, in each class.



### House Points Weekly Winner

A great start to the term for Windsor!

1st - Windsor

2nd - Farah

3rd - Attenborough

4th - Rowling

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## Stars of the Week

Congratulations to this week's winners:

- Year 3- Amelia, Nenyasha and Keira
- Year 4- Enzo, Aaron and Elodie
- Year 5- Thomas and Isaac
- Year 6- Alfie, Seb and Zaara

## Attendance Cup

Congratulations to Maple class - We hope you enjoy your extra playtime.

## TTRS- UPDATE!

In our latest Year 5 and 6 TTRS tournament, we had a clear and confident victory for Elder Class! Well done and enjoy that additional break-time. Our Year 3 and 4 competition really was quite a battle with two classes within less than one hundred points of each other. Well done to Oak Class for just claiming the win and gaining an extra break-time!

For our new challenge, every year group will be competing against each other. This really will be all about teamwork and effort to see which year group will be victorious. Get practising your times tables and you will help your whole year group.

1	6 - Elder	2,138
2	5 - Ash	46
3	6 - Cherry	45
4	6 - Hazel	34
5	5 - Willow	28

1	3 - Oak	3,534
2	4 - Birch	3,464
3	4 - Sycamore	617
4	4 - Cedar	567
5	3 - Elm	60
6	3 - Maple	39

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## Personal Development

Personal development at Knaphill School promotes the spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development of our pupils.

It is how we prepare our children for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life.

## Promotion of Diversity

Reading books reflect diversity -  
Library books and class texts are selected to include a variety of books from different cultures and backgrounds and represent people across our community.

Different cultures are celebrated in assemblies and through the RE Curriculum.

PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT AT KNAPHILL SCHOOL



Alongside other pupils from 17 local schools, we were treated to a talk from inspiration speaker - Chris Lubbe.

He introduced us to his life as Nelson Mandela's bodyguard and the difficulties growing up during apartheid. Having grown up in a ghetto in Durban, South Africa, Chris witnessed first hand the brutality of apartheid.

Through powerful stories of his own life experience Chris spoke to us about fear, courage, determination, love and forgiveness, all in the face of racial discrimination.

It was an amazing opportunity and experience for the children.

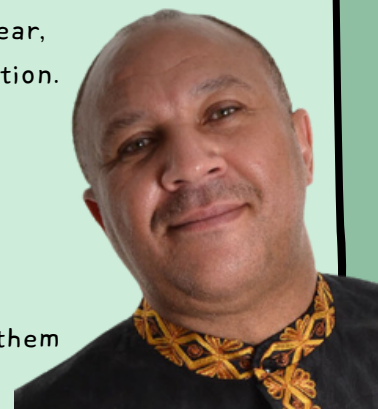
Some of his impactful messages:

Forgiveness liberates the soul; it's like the key to freedom.

An eye for an eye will make the world go blind.

The truth hurts but silence kills.

Words have value - they are like toothpaste. Once squeezed out, you can't put them back in.



# KNAPHILL SCHOOL TO GET HUGE INVESTMENT TO IMPROVE GREEN SPACE



## CURRENT SITUATION



## WHAT THE PTA AIMS TO ACHIEVE

In 2023, our PTA undertook a parent survey to ask how the community would like the PTA to focus funding efforts to address green issues. 81% of respondents wanted to see the PTA do more to improve green spaces /the natural environment within our schools. As a result of this, the PTA focused their efforts to look at what could be done and worked with Mrs Harrison to come up with a vision to turn the grey spaces at the junior school green.

This week the PTA received news that they had been successful in their funding bid and will receive a grant of over £40,000 to landscape the large and small playgrounds in the junior school with green screens/living walls.



This is a huge investment for our school and the installation of green screening all around our playground will improve the air quality for our children, provide a more natural learning environment and create a beautiful green space in Knaphill. We are so excited to see the vision become a reality!

## Special thank you to Councillor Saj Hussain

In March, Mrs Harrison, PTA Vice Chair, Vikki Zeila and Councillor Hassan Akberali met with Councillor Saj Hussain to share our vision for improving our school environment and he agreed to give his support to the project.

He worked closely with Vikki to approve the funding for the whole programme via Surrey County Council. We are thankful that Councillor Hussain believes in our school and is providing our PTA with continued support to enhance the learning environment for our children.

A special thank you to Councillor Hassan Akberali too for his tireless enthusiasm and support with this project.

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## Can you help?

We would welcome any donations of warm coats, so we could have some spares to keep in school.  
Thank you so much.



We are so incredibly grateful to our fantastic PTA.  
Over the last 3 years they have raised over £44,000 for our schools!.

School budgets are getting squeezed every year and PTA fundraising allows our children to benefit from opportunities we would otherwise be unable to finance.

As a number of trustee and committee members are stepping down, there will be several vacancies available from September/October onwards. It would be a huge shame if the committee were to fold, after all their hard work and effort, so we are hopeful that some new parents/guardians will be willing to get involved.

The current committee will continue to run events until the end of the academic year, but will then be looking to hand over all roles/responsibilities at the next AGM (which will be held in October). A thorough handover to assist all new committee members and there is lots of information available from previous events which helps with event-planning. Some of the team will also be able to stay on to give help and advice when needed. The PTA very proud of what they have achieved and really want to be supportive in handing the baton across to the next team.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of the positions available, then please send an email to [chair@knaphillschoolspta.org.uk](mailto:chair@knaphillschoolspta.org.uk).

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## Mr Mills - Marathon Success

On Sunday, thousands of people took part in the London Marathon. People from across the world challenged themselves and showed resilience to achieve their goals - and one of them was our very own Mr Mills! He has spent months preparing for the event and he set himself a very ambitious target which he beat, running in 3:20:22!

His actions embody so much of what Knaphill School represents and we are all very proud of his achievements. He is an inspiration to all of us at the Junior school and hopefully this will inspire lots of us to set ourselves goals, work to achieve them and to push ourselves to reach our fullest potential.

Mr Mills ran the marathon in aid of The British Heart Foundation. If you would like to donate then please see the link below. Well done Mr Mills and to all who ran the London Marathon!

[https://www.justgiving.com/page/chris-mills-bhf2024?](https://www.justgiving.com/page/chris-mills-bhf2024?utm_campaign=lc_frp_share_transaction_fundraiser_page_launched&utm_content=34c2bcb3-d218-42bf-a793-c6e133851252&utm_medium=email&utm_source=postoffice&utm_term=1711578929620)

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Thank you for your kind messages of support and generous sponsorship. It is going to support such a brilliant charity.

Mr. Mills



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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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## SEND Reminder

### 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.

# Anxiety Explained

Do you, or your children (especially your teens) suffer from anxiety?  
Would you like to know what anxiety is and gain some  
understanding on how to manage it?



A two-hour online talk delivered by  
Jane Keyworth, Lead Facilitator at **FACE**

**THURSDAY 2nd MAY 7-9PM £24**

Available to book now [facefamilyadvice.co.uk](https://facefamilyadvice.co.uk)

**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.**



EDUCATION IS A MATTER OF THE HEART

**Open Morning** - *Saturday 11 May 2024 - 9:15am - 12:30pm*  
**Year 5 Taster Day** - *Monday 1 July 2024*

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Date	Event	Year Group
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