

Knaphill Junior School

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Monthly Update

To empower all children to have a bright future.

This Month's Focus Value: Pride and Equality

A note from Mrs Harrison:

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The end of our first half term together has absolutely flown by. Staff and children have worked hard and formed strong, positive relationships, rooted in mutual trust and respect. This has created strong foundations for the year ahead. I want to take this opportunity to thank our parents and guardians for their encouragement and support.

It has been wonderful to see you all at the recent parent and guardian meetings over the last two weeks and being able to share your child's progress with you. Monday's Harvest Festivals were so well attended. We were absolutely blown away by your generosity and support of our school community and the children's singing and performance skills were exceptional. I do hope you enjoyed the opportunities these last two weeks have given you to see your child's work and feel this month's value of pride with what they have achieved this term.

Have a restful half term. Don't forget Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th November are both INSET days. See you on the gate on Wednesday 6th November.

Value of the month: Pride and Equality

Pride in action is being a role model for others, showing that small actions can have a big impact.

Equality in action is

the practice of ensuring that everyone is treated fairly and given equal opportunities, regardless of their personal characteristics. It also means taking steps to remove or reduce disadvantages that people may face due to their protected characteristics.

House Points

Such an amazing number of house points have already been earned so far this term. Our weekly winners:

07/10 - Red - Farah 10/10 - Red - Farah 17/10 - Yellow - Rowling 24/10 - Green - Attenborough



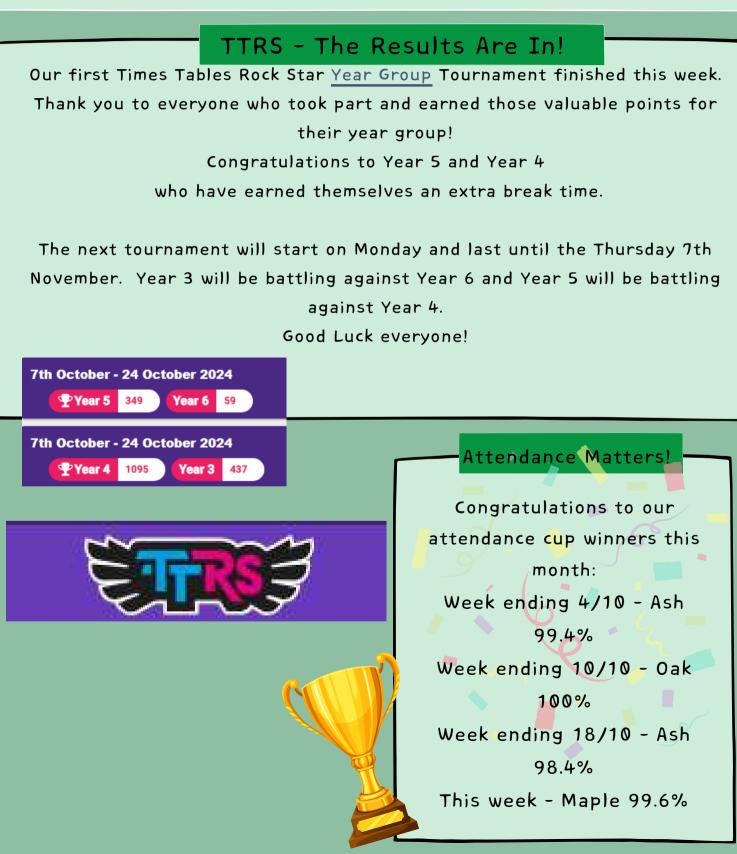


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Our Stars of The Week

We are so proud of our wonderful stars who have been living our values.

11/10/24

Year 3 - Kush, Mina and Jetson Year 4 - Baxter, Kody and Florence Year 5 - Elodie and Jack Year 6 - Grace and Josh B

18/10/24

Year 3 - Jacinta, Alfie and Elise Year 4 - Sara U, Elsbeth, Onosa Year 5 - Jack S and Frankie Year 6 - Akonobea and Natalie

25/10/25

Year 3 - Aris, Toby and Xander Year 4 - Rose, Ledley, Amelia and Lola Year 5 - Sienna and Macy Year 6- Jack L and Simion



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HELP US PLANT AN ORCHARD AT KNAPHILL LOWER SCHOOL

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER -9.30AM TO 2PM

THE KNAPHILL SCHOOLS PTA IS ORGANISING A COMMUNITY ACTIVITY TO PLANT A FRUIT ORCHARD FOR THE CHILDREN OF THE KNAPHILL FEDERATION OF SCHOOLS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR GROWN UP VOLUNTEERS (NO YOUNG CHILDREN OR DOGS PLEASE) TO HELP US PLANT TREES AND HEDGES VOLUNTEERS SHOULD BRING THEIR OWN GLOVES & SPADE DRINKS AND BISCUITS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEERS PLEASE EMAIL KFOSECO@GMAIL.COM TO LET US KNOW IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ATTEND





We are very excited to announce that The Knaphill Federation of Schools will be getting its very own fruit orchard at the end of November!

We are thrilled to have been selected by the Surrey County Council Trees Team as one of their partners in an initiative to plant trees across the County. As part of this project, we have received investment to establish a fruit orchard on the school field and on Saturday 30th of November, we will be hosting a volunteer activity day, where we are inviting members of our community to come along and help us plant our new orchard. The orchard will be located at the far end of the school field and will include a mixture of fruit trees that our children will tend to in order to grow their own fruit and trees to support our local wildlife. The orchard will be surrounded by hedgerows to corner off the growing area.

This will be a wonderful resource for our children and will provide them with an opportunity to learn more about 'growing their own' and help to improve their connection with nature while also increasing biodiversity.

The volunteer day will involve a lot of physical work so we are currently looking for adult volunteers that are willing and able to dig holes and get dirty. As I am sure you will appreciate, the trees are very young and we will be using tools to plant them, so children will not be allowed to plant trees. We are therefore advising that children do not attend the volunteer morning.

Planting will begin at 9.30am and run until 2pm. Volunteers are not expected to attend for the whole time, but if you could spare a couple of hours over this period, we would appreciate it as we have over 350 plants to put into the ground! Of course, if you want to come for the whole duration, you are welcome! Volunteers will need to bring their own gloves and a spade.

We will be providing refreshments and biscuits for those that come along to help. If you would like to sign up to volunteer or have any questions, please email Vikki at kfoseco@gmail.com

> With many thanks in advance, Miss Harbridge, Mrs Harrison and the PTA team



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.

OPPORTUNITIES TO NURTURE AND STRETCH PUPILS' TALENTS AND INTERESTS:

After school clubs School sports teams Inter-school sports events Swimming (Pop-up pool) Primary Mathematics Challenge Themed weeks, days and competitions Artist of the Term Trips and visitors to school School productions and performances Weekly celebration assembly Year 6 - Apprentice Residentials



Thursday 27th September Once again, our footballers have made us incredibly proud in this week's inter-school football tournament at Woking Leisure Centre. This involved all the schools in the Woking area competing against each other in a series of different matches throughout the day. The boys' squad, through tough opposition, fought their way through to the finals. The newly formed girls' squad played with confidence and energy, and we can't wait to see more of them throughout the year. It was commented on that all the children conducted themselves with respect, kindness and determination in all their games. They have made the school very proud indeed.







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Friday 18th October

Inspired by the book 'The Stone Age Boy', year 3 stepped back in time on Friday to experience life in the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age. We created our own cave paintings, after learning about the magnificent prehistoric paintings in Altamira, Spain. We made our own Bronze Age rings out of copper wire, We became archaeologists and dug for artefacts that could tell us more about the Amesbury Archer.



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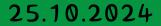


Year 6 were recently transported back in time to 1884 in order to experience a Victorian classroom. From dictation and using chalk on black boards, to pronunciation of tongue twisters and drills on the playground, it was certainly a very different day! Girls had sewing lessons and boys took part in woodwork classes - many children found the different treatment of boys and girls quite shocking. Eating 'gruel' in the hall was strangely quite a highlight for some children! We all agreed times in 2024 are very different indeed.











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Attendance Policy

At the end of last term a copy of our new Attendance Policy was emailed to all parents. It came into effect on Monday 19th August 2024.

Our Attendance Policy has been amended to include the new procedures, as directed by the Department for Education (DfE).

Please note that the changes are listed below. Please read very carefully:

If you take your child/ren out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), then the following will apply:

1. If you have not incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children in a rolling 3 year period since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice - Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.



Remembrance VJay

Remembrance Day honours those who serve to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life.

Write a poem to commemorate Remembrance Day. Your poem can be as creative as you like. This is an exciting opportunity to not only show your creative writing skills but also share your poetry with others. Some children will be chosen to read their poems at the Knaphill Remembrance Day Service. Please hand your poems to your class teacher or to Mrs Shaw by Thursday 7th November.



Monday 11th November from 10:45



A public act of Remembrance On Knaphill High Street



LEST WE FORGET

REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

Sunday 10th November 2024

10:30 AM Woodhill Church Chobham Road, Knaphill

VILLAGE ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE

Monday 11th November

10:45 am Knaphill Village Memorial (opposite Petrol Station)

MAKE YOUR OWN POPPY TO REMEMBER



If you would like to add to our poppy field, please feel free to make your own recycled poppy and add to this garden.

Simply use the bottom of an old plastic drinks bottle, paint it red, place a black circle in the middle, add a stick and then plant it in our field. (do remember to ask a grown-up to help cut the plastic bottle)

We will re-use the poppies every year.





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Reading Assemblies - October

Our teachers love sharing their reading recommendations in our Tuesday Reading Assemblies.

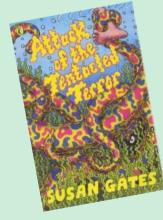
In October we have enjoyed extracts from:



<u>Miss Fini</u> The Creakers By Tom Fletcher

<u>Mrs Saunders</u> The Sheep-Pig By Dick King Smith





<u>Mr Spranger</u>

Attack of the Tentacled Terror By

Susan Gates



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Recommended Reads

This month's books have been selected from the Love Reading 4 kids website. <u>https://www.lovereading4kids.co.uk/new-releases</u>

This website features extracts of all recommended texts, so you can try before you buy!



<u>Year 3</u>

<u>Yomi and the Fury of Ninki Nanka</u>

Yomi and her younger brother Kayode are supposed to be on the trip of a lifetime visiting The Gambia with their Uncle Olu. Instead, their uncle's work has made this the most boring holiday ever! But when Yomi witnesses the Dragon King, Ninki Nanka, being kidnapped from the sky, things get a lot more exciting. Determined to save him, Yomi and Kayode uncover secrets and meet many magnificent beasts – but will it be enough to save Ninki Nanka?

<u>Year 4</u> <u>The Kingdom over the Sea</u>

<u>Zohra Nabi</u>

When Yara's mother passes away, she leaves behind a letter and a strange set of instructions. Yara must travel from the home she has always known to a place that is not on any map – Zehaira, a world of sorcerers, alchemists and simmering magic. But Zehaira is not the land it used to be.

The practice of magic has been outlawed, the Sultan's alchemists are plotting a sinister scheme – and the answers Yara is searching

for seem to be out of reach. Yara must summon all of her courage to discover the truth about her mother's past and her own identity . . . and to find her place in this magical new world.

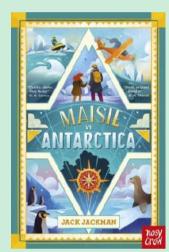




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YEAR 5 - Maisie Vs Antarctica Jack Jackman

Eleven-year-old Maisie's dad writes books, useful ones with titles like How to Wrestle Crocodiles or How to Build a Zip Wire, but in her eyes he's just boring, after all, he doesn't do any of the things he writes about.

Her view of him changes when she accompanies him on the research trip for his next book, How to Survive in Antarctica.

Her adventures make for unputdownable reading, a mix of edge of your seat thrills and travel guide (we learn a lot about Antarctica). Maisie is the perfect narrator too, putting readers

at the centre of the action with the kind of eye-view on proceedings only an eleven-year-old could have. Original, funny and action-packed this is a great new series.



YEAR 6 - Fia and the Last Snow Deer Eilish Fisher

This absorbing verse novel tells the tale of Fia and her best friend, Solas the snow deer, as they set off on a quest through the deepest, darkest mid-winter to find the mythical Deer Mother and persuade her to spark the return of warmer days after three long, desperate years of cold and snow.

Accompanied by Fia's cousin Mish, they face an array of dangers including terrifying Shadows who tempt Fia to give up, while she knows that if they find the Deer Mother, there may be a terrible price to pay for her help.

The story is told in verse, the short sentences and vivid images making it highly accessible while emphasising the mysticism and timelessness of the story.



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All dates are kept up-to-date on the school website: kfos.co.uk/news/calendar/		
New Dates in RED		
Date	Event	Year Group
Monday 28th October - Friday 1st October	Half Term	All
Monday 4th November Tuesday 5th November	INSET	All
Monday 11th November	Anti-Bullying Week	All
Monday 11th November	Primary Maths Challenge	Invited children
Tuesday 12th November	Odd Socks Day	All
Wednesday 13th November	World Kindness Day	All
Wednesday 13th November	Year 6 Height and weight check	Year 6
Friday 22nd November	Flu Vaccines	All
Monday 25th November - Friday 29th November	Bikeability	Year 6
Thursday 12th December	Christmas Performance (1:30 and 6pm) Parents invited	Year 4 and 5
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day	All
Thursday 19th December	Christmas Performance (1:30 and 6pm) Parents invited	Year 3 and 6
Friday 20th December	Book Swap	All
Friday 20th December	Last Day of Term Finish at 1:15pm	All
Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January	Christmas Hoilday	All
Monday 6th January	First Day of Spring Term	All



Discounts for advance purchases. Sorry, no public toilets on site.







OCTOBER HALF-TERM BASKETBALL CAMP

MONDAY 28TH OCTOBER-THURSDAY 31ST OCTOBER

£33 PER DAY £110 4 DAYS

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10:00 - 15:00 @ WOKING COLLEGE

- SKILLS FOCUS - 5V5 GAMES

- 1V1, 3V3 COMPETITIONS
- CAMP MVP AWARD
- PROFESSIONAL AND QUALIFIED COACHES

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Secure attachments Robust learners • Building futures WWW.YOURSPACETHERAPIES.ORG ANXIETYTOOLKITFOR PARENTSANDCARERS WEBINAR

SATURDAY 25 TH JANUARY 2025, 10 AM- 12 MIDDAY

LEARNPRACTICALTIPS ANDSTRATEGIESTOHELPPARENTSAND CARERS SUPPORT THEIRCHILDREN THROUGHANXIETY IN THISONLINE EVENT !

Are you feeling overwhelmed by your child's anxiety? Join us for this online event where Your Space Therapies will provide you with practical tools and strategies to help you support your child. Emma Connor, Child Psychotherapist will share valuable, easy to implement strategies to navigate through challenging situations and promote your child's well-being. Don't miss out on this opportunity to learn and connect with other parents and carers facing similar experiences. Register now and equip yourself with the **tools** to better understand and manage anxiety in your child.

Price: £27.80

For more information and booking please scan the QR code:



