

KNIGHTSFIELD NEWSLETTER



A Message from Mrs Thrower

Well the sun is shining again which normally means we are close to the end of another term.

As one gets older time seems to fly by quicker and this year has certainly flown by in a flash. It has been another year of amazing achievements not only by the pupils in their gold, silver and bronze medals but from the whole school with our wonderful Outstanding achievement.

We sadly say goodbye to Mrs Wilson who started at Knightsfield in April 2005. We wish her all the best in her new adventure.

We will be welcoming Mr Puntrello in September to teach D & T and I am sure that he will enjoy his experience and our students will enjoy his teaching too.

The range of academic and cultural learning that has taken place this year with numerous trips, as requested by the parents two years ago, has widened the learning circle for many of our students. The addition of year 6 has certainly enhanced school life and we look forward to this continuing long into the future.

A big well done to all the students and staff for their continued hard work this year. I hope you all get a chance to take a few breaths and relax over the next few weeks and we look forward to seeing you all in the next academic year.



Raymond Antrobus and Knightsfield on the BBC & The Globe Theatre Trip



On Monday 9th July we welcomed Raymond Antrobus back to the school. Raymond's career has really taken off since his last visit having won many awards for his poetry anthology—The Perseverance. Antro(bus) will be one of our new House names from September and Raymond was here to launch this as well as deliver 'Poetry Slam' workshops to our pupils. The BBC also came along to film Raymond with the item featuring on BBC London News that night!



We are also changing the names of our other two Houses. Jack Haddock and Reece Cattermole will be joining us for 'Knightfest' on Thursday 18th July where we will designate students to their new houses—Antro(bus), Haddock, and Cattermole—respectively. Jack and Reece will also be running workshops in boxing and tag rugby on the day.



On Tuesday 18th June, we took our year 9 and 10 students to The Globe Theatre in London. We had a tour of the famous theatre as well as experiencing the thrill of sitting at the highest level—reserved for the higher classes! Afterwards, we took part in a drama workshop where pupils had the chance to develop their acting skills. We took the Tube to and from the Theatre, giving some of our pupils their first experience of traveling on the London Underground.



Murphy's Law:



I can't believe that it is the end of the year—it has gone so quickly. I must admit, I find this time of the year very difficult. I never know if I'm coming or going. I was getting used to my regular Tuesdays in school but that's all changed this term. Mr Bidwell says this is because of all of the trips and events that have been going on.

I hope you are all looking forward to the holidays. I've just received my pet passport and will be going to France. I've heard the sausages and cheese are very good.

I'm off for a long sleep now as I've been out in the woods with you all today and haven't had my afternoon nap yet.

Have a great summer everyone and see you in September!

Goodbye Year 11!

We were very sad to say goodbye to our year 11s after their exams this half-term. They each delivered an outstanding assembly to the rest of the school where things got quite emotional. We then celebrated in style with a lovely lunch at a local restaurant before embarking on a driving lesson back at school.



ELSA Day—Ready for Work and Year 10 Work Experience



We had an amazing 'Ready for Work' day organised by Mrs Blake and ELSA. Pupils were interviewed by employers who assessed their performance throughout the whole day—not just during the interviews. We had some wonderful feedback from the employers who said how impressed they were with our pupils' resilience and determination.



Our year 10s have recently completed a week of work experience. Staff were amazed at the level of maturity displayed by our pupils at their various placements



A Walk in the Woods

On Monday 15th July we went for a guided walk to Sherrardspark Woods. Once we arrived, we began a den-building challenge using logs and branches. There were some amazing structures at the end of the hour. We then played 'find the pasta' and collected leaves from as many trees as we could find.

Lunchtime included a picnic in the park (thanks for the ice-lollies, Mr Poole) followed by some games. The pupils need to work on their rounders skills as they were comprehensively beaten by the impressive staff team.



Rewards Trip—A Day at the Farm & Year 6 Bowling



On Wednesday 10th of July, the students who had been selected from Knightsfield went to High Tree Farm. We met the farmer, who was deaf, and his name was Charles. He took us to the field where his cows and the donkeys were. A couple of us drove in a small truck around the hay field which was really fun and there was a tractor that some pupils went on and had had the chance to move the controls. At lunchtime they provided us with lovely food and cakes. In the afternoon, we fed some animals like cows and geese. Towards the end of the end of the day, we played on trampolines and with their two dogs called Rocky and Cola.

By Enkhula

To celebrate the end of key stage 2, the year 6s went to Hollywood Bowl in Stevenage where they competed against the previously unbeaten pairing of Mr Bidwell and Mrs Farenden. This time, the underdog came out on top with Josh winning the competition thanks to his years of experience as a ten-pin bowler.

We had lunch and ice-cream after our efforts and rounded off the day in the Amusement Arcade. Good luck to our year students who move on to key stage 3 next year at Knightsfield.



Activities Week—Stanborough Lakes

We had a fantastic time at Stanborough Lakes on Friday 12th July. After a lovely walk around the lakes, we got stuck into some raft building. Once we'd creating something resembling a raft, it was time to see if it would float and whether our team could sail it.

After the rafting, it was time to attempt paddle boarding. This was really tricky and we started by kneeling on the boards and getting our balance. We used the paddles to get around the lake and to change direction. Once we were comfortable, it was time to see who could stand on their board.

It was really great to see so many of our students overcoming their fear of the water, joining in and having so much fun.

