

Message from Mrs Thrower



Here is the last message I will write for the newsletter.

I am extremely proud of the journey that Knightsfield has made over the time I have been here. For the school to over double in size when at times there were considerations that it might not been viable is testament to the hard work from staff and the leadership team. It is often a vision from a new headteacher but it takes many people to see that vision become reality, so thank you to everyone who has contributed to my journey.

It was good to see so many of you at KnightsFest and some older pupils who returned for the day.

I take with me some wonderful memories of pupil's achievements, the sense of humour from pupils and staff alike and although not every day has been easy I leave knowing that I did my best. As my late mother said, "you can only do your best and as long as that is what you have done, that's ok!" I hope that the pupils at Knightsfield have learnt that or will learn that to be the best that they can be.

I wish everyone a lovely summer now that it seems to have arrived and all the best for the future.



New Minibus!

Today we received our brand new Knightsfield School minibus!

It is a 17 seater bus which means we have more space to transport pupils to trips and other events.

It even has air-conditioning for those hot days!

Trips

We have had another busy term with trips to Hertfordshire Zoo for Yr5/6, Year 7 visited St Albans, a selection of pupils presented a Deaf Awareness assembly at Arsenal Stadium, Year 11 went to Thorpe Park for their leavers trip, and Knightsfield had another successful Deaf Athletics competition!



KNIGHTSFEST 2024

On Wednesday 17th July we hosted our wonderful Knightsfest event and welcomed Heads of Houses, parents, local primary schools and even some ex-students to Knightsfield for a day of fun and activities. Students spent two days preparing for the event, making a variety of gifts to sell on the day whilst learning about business strategies and enterprise.

We had several visitors including Herts Disabled Sports who ran archery sessions and bike riding, Phoenix group making crafts, our new Forest School leader making items using natural resources with students and Walter the hearing dog brought his owner, Maxine for the day who gave inspiring talks about deaf identity. Jack Haddock, our Head of Haddock House provided some rugby sessions and Raymond Antrobus inspired our students with his wonderful poetry and positive deaf awareness energy. Melanie Clarke also came along to talk with our students, however, sadly an injury put paid to her fitness sessions this year but it was still lovely to see her!

The Mayor of Welwyn and Hatfield also paid us a visit to see Knightsfield in all its glory and to wish Suzanne well in her retirement.

All of our visitors along with current students and staff enjoyed a lovely picnic lunch on the field together on what was a beautiful (thankfully!) sunny afternoon.

We completed the day with a song from our fantastic Knightsfield student choir which was a fitting end to such a wonderful day for everyone.



Goodbyes

As a very busy summer term draws to a close, we reflect on saying goodbye to some of our lovely staff who have moved on to new adventures. Mrs Johns has taken early retirement and will enjoy spending more time in her garden which is something she loves whilst Miss Parker is enjoying travelling the world! Mrs Fox our EHCP Co-ordinator accepted a role at Haileybury school working within the governance department and we welcomed Mrs Quinn into that position.

We bid a fond farewell to Mr Chazikantis (or Mr Chaz as the students know him!) our maths and science teacher who is returning to Australia and the sunshine! We have been very lucky to have him join Knightsfield and stay with us for two years teaching not only the subjects he knows so well but also running a hugely successful BSL club and regaling us with tales of his travels around Europe most weekends!

They have all made a lasting impact on both staff and students with their dedication and kindness throughout the years and we will miss them enormously but we wish them well in all they do.

DATES FOR THE DIARY

Tuesday 3rd September – start of term for Yr5/6/7 & school photos

Wednesday 4th September – All pupils to attend

Friday 6th September – Yr8 – 11 school photos

From everyone at Knightsfield, have a great summer holiday!

