

**Knebworth
School Values**

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

Friday 19th January 2024

**Spring 1
British Value**

*Mutual
Respect*

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another chilly but busy week at Knebworth School! We have had so many wonderful and exciting visits and visitors this week that it is difficult to know where to begin.



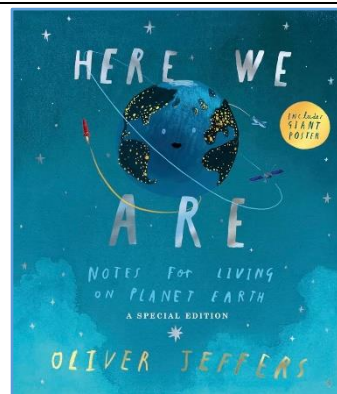
On Tuesday, children from across the school performed in the Young Voices concert at the O2. This is always an amazing opportunity for our singers to perform in such an impressive venue with children from all over the country and this year was no exception. Parents who attended told us; "It's fabulous... The children were amazing... They were fantastic and represented Knebworth School so brilliantly." Thank you to Mr Williams, Mrs Andrea, Mrs Parsons and Mrs Hogan for accompanying the children but a special shout out to Mr Williams for organising the day as well as all the preparation and rehearsal.

On Wednesday, the incredible illustrator, graphic designer and artist Kingsley Nebechi joined us for some inspiring workshops on how he creates his artwork and challenged us to do the same. He explained that when he was younger, he thought he couldn't draw because he didn't know where to begin but learning that everything was made of basic shapes was his breakthrough. The children were then inspired to build up their own illustrations from this starting point and think of the story behind their image. Sienna said, "It was really fun and inspirational." Cody said, "We learnt to draw like a pro." Thank you to Mrs Lowry for organising this event for our children – it felt very special.



On Thursday, Y4-6 had a workshop with author Pari Thomson who told us about her book *Greenwild*. They were so excited to hear about the world that Pari had created and were then tasked with designing their own worlds. The children told us: "...it was very engaging and inspiring... It made me want to write my own story... I want to create my own world." Children were then able to meet the author personally and get their copies of her book signed. It is certainly wonderful to see so many children engaged in new literature across KS2. Thank you to Mrs Day for organising this workshop for KS2; they were truly inspired.

Back in classes this week, we have had even more literary inspiration. The children have been honing their writing for this year's Take One Book project. Our book for this year is *Here We Are* by Oliver Jeffers, which celebrates our world and how we should be kind to it and all who live in it. The children are working on poems that celebrate the beauty and diversity of plant Earth. These will be submitted to our school writing competition and then the winners will be put forward for the Hertfordshire competition – watch this space! Don't forget our in school exhibition on **31st January** where you can see all of the children's poems proudly on display.



On Thursday, Y4 also had a *Healthy Eating & Lifestyles Workshop* led by Stevenage Sporting Futures Team. They learnt all about a balanced diet and why this is important. They also had the opportunity to try different fruits and were encouraged to give everything a go. Leo told us, "We learnt to have a balanced diet. You have to have a bit of everything: veg, carbohydrates, dairy... not too much sugar as you get sleepy. I tried blueberries, tomato, cucumber, grapes – I loved it all!"

Our Bookshed on the school playground has had a revamp. Children can access books from here to read at both playtimes and lunchtimes and families are more than welcome to take books from here to read at home! Happy Reading!



Lastly, Coco in Johnson Class celebrated her birthday this week and donated two wonderful books to school – one of them is about a girl called Coco! We cannot wait to read and share these books within school.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard

Message from The FOKS Team

Hi Everyone,

Firstly, we would like to draw everyone's attention to our AGM on **Thursday 14th March at 8pm**, here are the Zoom details:

Meeting ID: 764 3147 3615
Password: ZF8PB5

Also, if you are clearing through your wardrobes please do remember to drop off your bags for Bags 2 School on Friday 26th January by 9am.

Thank you
FOKS

**Friends of
Knebworth School**

**2023-2024
Calendar**

Spring Term

- 26th January Bags 2 School
- Half Term Sponsored Read & Young Bookworm Award
- 9th Feb- Non-uniform Crazy Hair Day
- 2nd March Book Bonanza
- 6th March Mothersday Stall
- 14th March AGM
- Bunny Hop- TBC

Summer Term

- 2nd May Bags 2 School
- Fathers Day Stall- TBC
- 29th June Summer Fayre- TBC
- Bounce Days- TBC
- Enterprise Challenge Market- TBC

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 We earn 30% commission!
 Our fundraising number: 35731

Have you joined the **Lottery** yet?

Healthy Eating Spotlight

*A big thank you to Caroline Farrell (Registered Nutritionist)
for providing our weekly healthy eating spotlights!*

Porridge

Porridge is a great breakfast, especially during these colder months. Oats release energy slowly, keeping you fuller for longer. They also contain compounds called beta-glucans, which may support our immune system.

Tips for a balanced porridge

1. Choose jumbo oats. These are broken down more slowly, which may keep you fuller for longer.
2. Soak oats overnight. This makes them easier to digest and increases the absorption of the minerals in the oats.
3. Add a portion of protein to your porridge. Cook with milk or soya milk and top with a little nut butter (e.g. almond, cashew or peanut) or some seeds (e.g. chia, flax, or hemp).
4. Add a portion of fruit such as grated apples or berries.



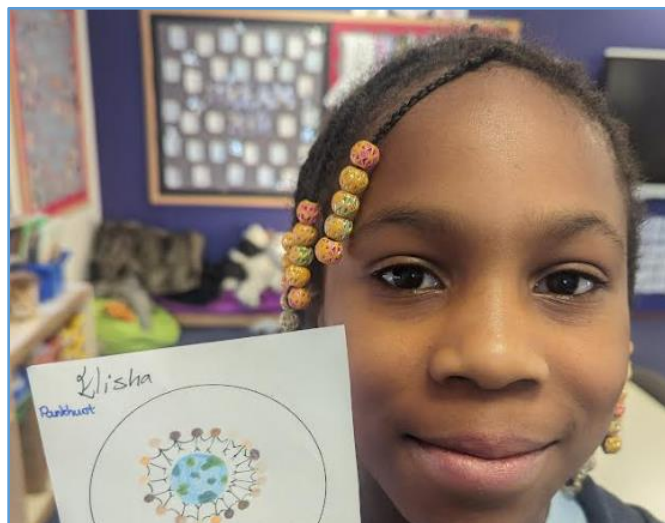
Diversity, Equality & Inclusion (DEI) Spotlight

DEI Badge competition

This week the DEI Ambassadors had the very difficult task of judging the recent DEI Badge competition. There were so many wonderful, thought provoking designs submitted and it was tough to choose just one to be made into a badge for children to wear in school to show their commitment towards Diversity, Equality and Inclusion.

However, after a lot of deliberation, we are pleased to announce that Elisha's design has been chosen – well done Elisha!

The DEI Ambassadors loved all the other designs so much that we will use these artwork to create a beautiful display in school so watch this space!



Attendance Cup

Congratulations to our winning class this week: Johnson Class!

| Y1 Nadal | Y1 Thunberg | Y2 Johnson | Y2 Turing | Y3 Seacole | Y3 Nightingale | Y4 Bronte | Y4 Byron | Y5 Churchill | Y5 Pankhurst | Y6 Dahl | Y6 Rosen |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| 95.0% | 97.5% | 99.7% | 98.3% | 95.2% | 96.1% | 97.2% | 89.1% | 95.0% | 97.4% | 98.3% | 97.3% |

A vertical watercolor illustration. In the foreground, a large tree with dense green foliage and brown branches dominates the left side. Behind the tree's trunk, a stone chimney with two flues is visible. The background features a landscape with a body of water, distant hills, and a blue sky with light clouds. The style is soft and painterly, typical of watercolor art.

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| Year 1: Mason & Jessica |
| Year 2: Jayden Z & Henry |

House Points

| Top House Point earners this week | |
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| 1 | Mr. [REDACTED] 1,000 |
| 2 | Mr. [REDACTED] 800 |
| 3 | Mr. [REDACTED] 700 |
| 4 | Mr. [REDACTED] 600 |
| 5 | Mr. [REDACTED] 500 |
| 6 | Mr. [REDACTED] 400 |
| 7 | Mr. [REDACTED] 300 |
| 8 | Mr. [REDACTED] 200 |
| 9 | Mr. [REDACTED] 100 |
| 10 | Mr. [REDACTED] 50 |

Key Dates for your Diary – Spring Term 2024
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| 25th January | Abilities in Me workshop – TBC |
| 31 st January 3:30 to 6pm | Take One Book Exhibition |
| 19th February to 23rd February | February Half Term |
| 4 th March to 7 th March | Year 4 Cycling |
| 7 th March | World Book Day |
| 14th March | Year 3 trip to St Albans Cathedral |
| 15th March | Red Nose Day |
| 26 th March 3:40 to 6:40pm | Spring Term Parents Evening Consultations – <i>children's books/learning will be available to view on this date.</i> |
| 27 th March 3:40 to 6:40pm | Spring Term Parents Evening Consultations - <i>children's books/learning will be available to view on this date.</i> |
| 28th March | End of Spring Term Nursery – 12pm Reception & KS1 – 1.10pm KS2 – 1.20pm |