

**Knebworth  
School Values**

*Respect*  
*Responsibility*  
*Resilience*



**Knebworth Primary School Newsletter**

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**Spring 1  
British Value**

*Mutual  
Respect*

**Message from the Senior Leadership Team**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to 2024 at Knebworth School. It has been wonderful to see the children's smiling faces again as well as their enthusiasm and eagerness to learn. We have hit the ground running and we have had lots going on in school this week.

Throughout the week, we have had The Dogs Trust in School running assemblies and workshops for KS1 and KS2. It has been a fantastic opportunity to learn about being safe and responsible around dogs as well as understand a little bit about what the charity does. Some of the children shared the things they had learnt with us:

"Cross your arms and look up to protect you if a dog comes up to you quickly... It was fun practising what to do if we see a cute dog we want to stroke... Let the dog come to you... It was fun learning ways to protect ourselves and getting into a ball like a hedgehog... We mustn't go to a dog when they are eating, sleeping, resting, or if they are tied up."

Darcy from The Dogs Trust has been with us all week providing a detailed insight into dogs and their emotions. This has been a really valuable experience, which is – amazingly – free! If you are able to donate to the Dogs Trust, we know they would appreciate anything you can give to help continue to fund their brilliant work. You can use the following link: [Just Giving](#) Thank you to Ms Salmon for organising this event for the children.



On Monday, Year 6 visited the Harry Potter Studios to help inspire their writing for the spring term. They had the opportunity to see some of the real props and sets from the films as well as understanding all the creativity and ideas that go into making a story come to life. They were even greeted with real snow just to add to the magic of *Winter at Hogwarts*. Thank you to the Year 6 team for organising this trip and to all the adults who accompanied the children.

We have had some more birthday books for the new year. Thank you to Sophie in Pankhurst Class and Poppy in Johnson Class for donating some lovely books to your classes. We know they will enjoy reading them and sharing them with you.



This term, we welcome (or welcome back) new staff members to the team. Mrs Holt and Mrs Cook have both started teaching in Byron class and are getting to know the children well. Mrs Maynard has also returned to her Deputy Head role part-time following her maternity leave.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard



## Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

### Savoury Cheese Scones

These scones are easy to make and freeze well. I keep a batch in the freezer and pop them straight from the freezer in my girls' snack or lunchboxes (they defrost quickly).

Makes 12-18 (depending on size)

#### Ingredients:

- 200g Plain Wholemeal Flour
- 1 tbsp. Baking Powder
- 50g butter
- 150ml milk
- 100g cheddar, grated

#### Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 200°C. Line a baking tray.
2. In a bowl, add the flour, baking powder, and butter. Combine until the mixture becomes crumbly.
3. Stir in the milk then use your hands to bring together a soft mass of dough.
4. Grate the cheese, set aside a tablespoon of cheese for later and knead the rest into the dough.
5. Lightly dust the worktop with flour, place the dough in the middle and gently flatten with your hands until 3cm thick. Scatter the reserved cheese on the top of the dough.
6. Cut out the scones and lift them onto the prepared baking tray.
7. Bake for 12-18 minutes.



**Don't forget the next Healthy Eating working party is next week at 9:00 on  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> January – all are welcome.**



## Diversity, Equality & Inclusion (DEI) Spotlight

### Virtual Author Visit Library

If you would like to explore some current authors and find out about their books, the Book Trust have put together some virtual visits, which can be found by following this link:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/booktrust-represents/support-for-schools/virtual-author-visit-library/>

## Notices & Reminders

There are still spaces in some of the after school clubs – please see below:



SuperStarSport have a few spaces in Basketball Club on a Wednesday morning, and Gymnastics Club on a Friday afternoon – Booking link

- <https://superstarsportuk.classforkids.io/term/436>



There are a few spaces left in our Year 4, 5 & 6 after School Football club on Mondays and also our Thursday Year 1,2 & 3 Football Club. Multi Sports club on Tuesdays is now FULL but there is still space available for

Wednesdays Dodgeball sessions. If you would like your child/children to join either then please use the link provided and make payment to confirm booking [www.futuresportscoaching.co.uk](http://www.futuresportscoaching.co.uk)

## Attendance Cup

Congratulations to our winning class this week: Turing 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
97.0%	95.7%	98.6%	100.0%	99.3%	95.4%	99.3%	99.3%	98.5%	94.9%	96.9%	99.0%

## Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery Class  
Harrison

Chandi Class  
Caia & Leo

Henson Class  
Max & Sunaya

Year 3: Nathan

Year 4: Jamymah & Maxwell

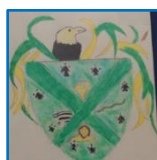
Year 5: Charlie, Isabelle & Maia T

Year 6: Florence, Daniel, Joel & Reggie

## House Points

*Aschil*

77



*Bulwer*

104



*Eudo*

96



*Lytton*

76



## Top House Point earners this week

Y1 Nadal	Y1 Thunberg	Y2 Johnson	Y2 Turing	Y3 Seacole	Y3 Nightingale	Y4 Bronte	Y4 Byron	Y5 Churchill	Y5 Pankhurst	Y6 Dahl	Y6 Rosen
Theo Alexia	Archie Momo	Harvey	Maxwell	Lily Esme	Jacob	Jack F	Daniel	Simon	Isabelle	Isla P	Florence

## Key Dates for your Diary – Spring Term 2024

*Details for upcoming events will be sent nearer the time where and when applicable*

**New/amended dates are highlighted in yellow**

16 <sup>th</sup> January	Young Voices Trip at The O2
17 <sup>th</sup> January 9am	Healthy Eating Working Party Meeting – <i>all parents are invited to attend</i>
25 <sup>th</sup> January	Abilities in Me workshop
31 <sup>st</sup> January 3:30 to 6pm	Take One Book Exhibition
<b>19<sup>th</sup> February to 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>February Half Term</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> March to 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Cycling
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 trip to St Albans Cathedral
26 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> 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>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>End of Spring Term</b> <b>Nursery – 12pm</b> <b>Reception &amp; KS1 – 1.10pm</b> <b>KS2 – 1.20pm</b>