

**Knebworth
School Values**

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th December 2023

**Autumn 2
British Value**

*Tolerance &
Equality*

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,



It has truly been a week of Christmas in school with Christmas show performances by Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. We were all so impressed with the children's singing, acting and dancing – they were all simply magical and have well and truly put us in the festive spirit! A BIG thank you to all the staff for their hard work and efforts in putting these shows together – no mean feat. Also this week we had our annual Christmas Lunch in school and the catering team have outdone themselves this year. There was an array of puddings on offer as well as a truly delicious Christmas meal which all children thoroughly enjoyed – thank you to our amazing catering team! Lastly, our KS2 choir have visited care homes in the local area spreading festive cheer and singing many a Christmas carol to members of the community. A BIG thank you to Mr Williams for all his continued hard work this term.



Year 4 have had great fun this week using a range of materials to create sound proof boxes as part of their science learning. They talked through the pros and cons of the different materials used and how these help to absorb sound. Super scientific working Year 4!



We have recently assembled our DEI Ambassadors group within school. These children have already begun important work addressing the inclusivity of our school alongside promoting our 'No Outsiders' ethos. Following our most recent meeting the children have decided to launch a competition within school to design our DEI ambassador badge. The DEI Ambassadors spoke to all children in this week's Wonder Wednesday assembly. The winning design will be made in to a pin badge and worn by all present and future DEI Ambassadors. The design needs to be simple but bold. It could be an image or phrase. We will also be taking part in Show Racism the Red Card's national competition where children are asked to participate as individuals, or as part of a group and entrants can produce work in a wide-range of media, including artwork, creative writing, film and T-shirt designs! We want to encourage participants to think about racism and produce their own work about this serious issue. There are also two new categories - music and the "Design a Boot" - your chance to design a football boot to be featured in-game next year. If your design is chosen as the winner, then players will have the chance to wear your football boot in game. If your child would like to take part in either competition they just need to ask for a template! All entries must be handed in to school **by Friday 12th January** to Miss Bains or Mrs Lowry.

We are so pleased to announce that Georgia in Johnson Class and Poppy in Nightingale Class have made it through to this next stage of judging in the BBC 500 Words competition. What an amazing achievement - we are all so proud of you! Watch this space for further information.

This week we have received two new books as part of our *Birthday Books Initiative*. Thank you to Elsie in Thunberg Class and Zachary in Nadal Class - we are all looking forward to reading them!

Don't forget we have the KS2 carol concert on Monday 18th December at St Martin's Church. 1:30pm for Years 3 and 4 and 2:30pm for Years 5 and 6.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone and don't forget we finish early next **Wednesday 20th December!** Nursery will finish at 12pm, Reception and KS1 at 1:10pm and KS2 at 1:20pm.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard



Message from The FOKS Team

Hi Everyone,

Firstly, thank you to everyone who has supported us this term, whether that's in person volunteering at events or buying tickets to Discos or Christmas Cards via Child Art, or coming along to the Christmas Fayre, without each and every one of you we could not have raised the amount we have this term!

We are pleased to announce we have raised an astounding £5115.24, a brilliant start to the target of £12,000 for the year.

What have we done with the money?

We are pleased to tell you that we have donated towards the Eco Art and School Sustainability Project, Art Boxes, Year 4 Swimming, Year 6 Prom donation, illustrator visit and ring fenced money for the Bounce Days in July.

What is the plan for the Spring Term?

Co-chairs Maddy Griffiths and Holly Riley are stepping down from their positions at the AGM on 14th March. If no one takes over, then FOKS will close and there won't be any more Discos, Fayres, and then of course donations to school. Please consider whether you can step up to join the committee whether that's general committee or Co-chair with a friend as it would be a real shame if FOKS had to close for the children's sake. If you are interested in joining the committee, please email fokschool@outlook.com

Please check out the calendar for dates for your diary up until the AGM date, after which the future of FOKS will be decided!

Have a Merry Christmas and we will be back in touch in the New Year!

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Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

Festive Fruit Candy Cane

Another simple healthy festive snack idea.

Ingredients:

- Banana
- Strawberries

Method:

1. Chop the banana into slices around 1-1.5cm thick.
2. Slice the strawberries the same thickness. You ideally want the strawberry pieces to be the same size as the banana slices. Therefore, you will find that you only use one section of the strawberry. Use the leftovers a snack for later.
3. Assemble by alternating the banana and strawberry slices into the shape of a candy cane.
4. On the curve of the candy cane, you will need to cut the fruit at a slight angle.

Enjoy!



Diversity, Equality & Inclusion (DEI) Spotlight

This week we discussed and shared the following resource: [Autumn 2 No Outsiders Books](#)

Please do ask your child about the No Outsiders books they have been exploring this half term. We do hope they have enjoyed these half term books ☺



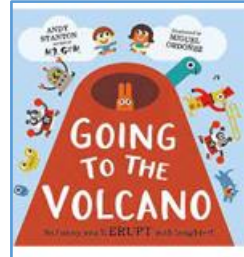
To make a new friend

Nursery



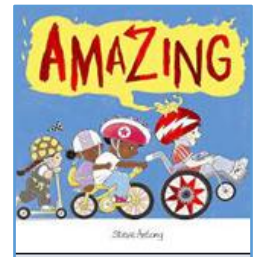
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Reception



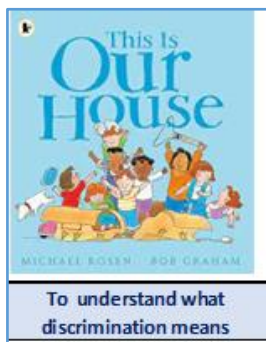
To join in

Year 1



What makes a good friend

Year 2



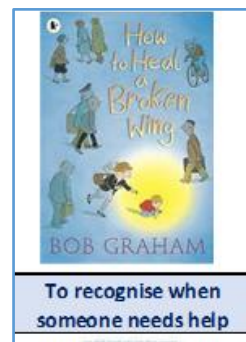
To understand what discrimination means

Year 3



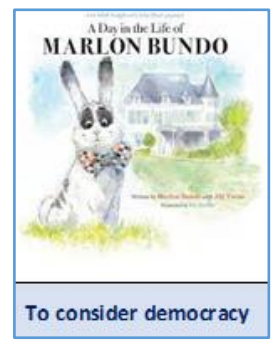
To help someone accept difference

Year 4



To recognise when someone needs help

Year 5



To consider democracy

Year 6

This Week's Book Recommendation

Looking for a reading challenge over the Christmas holiday break? Look no further! How many of these can you complete? Enjoy!



Notices & Reminders

Families struggling to pay energy bills could get free home energy improvements. HUG2 is a government-funded scheme for low-income households open to homeowners and private tenants in:

- Homes not heated by mains gas which includes oil, coal, LPG or only electric heating.

AND

- Households with a combined annual income of less than £31,000; receiving an income-related means-tested benefit such as Universal Credit or there is a child living at the premises eligible for free school meals due to low income. Households with an IMD postcode are also financially eligible.

AND

- Hard to heat homes – this is based on your home Energy Performance Certificate (EPC). Families will be helped with this part of the assessment.

See the attached poster or visit hugapply.co.uk to find out more and apply.





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
92.0%	92.1%	98.6%	93.0%	90.0%	95.9%	94.5%	85.0%	95.8%	95.4%	94.8%	93.3%

Nursery Class Harper	Chandi Class Jaxson & Matylda	Henson Class Sebastian & Phoebe N
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House Points

<i>Aschil</i> 	<i>Bulwer</i> 	<i>Eudo</i> 	<i>Lytton</i> 
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*Winning House for Autumn 2023 is
House Eudo !*



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
Isla Hugo	Roxanne	Poppy B	Bea	Avery Emmie	Joseph B Jacob C	Albie	Lily-Rose Jack K	Alex	Fleur	Ashray	Dylan

Children's Achievements



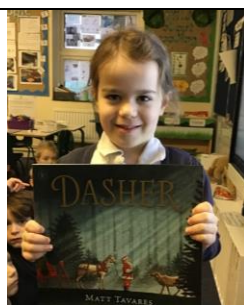
Well done to Hattie in Turing class who was awarded her orange belt at karate grading on Saturday. She also went up to Level 5 blue hat in swimming. Amazing achievements – well done Hattie!



Well done to Mia in Bronte Class who won a trophy and medal in her first Irish dancing Feis on Saturday. Fantastic news!



Well done to Joel in Dahl class who has spent hours creating this Lego piece (which has over 7500 pieces and is aged 16+) as part of his Creative Construction Young Aspirers task. He was so resilient and did not give up when it became difficult. Well done Joel!



Alexia wanted to be environmentally friendly this Christmas and rather than giving Christmas cards to the class, she bought a book for the class to share together – they have loved reading it!

Key Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2023

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

New/amended dates are highlighted in yellow

18 th December	KS2 Carol Concert at St Martin's Church 1.30 – Years 3 and 4 2.30 – Years 5 and 6
18 th December 11.30am	Nursery Christmas Show to Parents
20th December	End of Autumn Term Nursery – 12pm Reception & KS1 – 1.10pm KS2 – 1.20pm
4th January 2023	INSET Day - school closed
5 th January 2023	Spring Term begins