

**Knebworth
School Values**

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th December 2023

**Autumn 2
British Value**

*Tolerance &
Equality*

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy week at Knebworth School as the frost is starting to settle in. Today, we have seen festive jumpers galore across the school which is always a lovely reminder that Christmas is just around the corner. We are also pleased to say we have raised a total of £106.91 so far. Adding to our decorations this week, Isabella in Dahl Class has been adorning the windows with some beautiful hand-drawn artwork. We think you will agree that it looks amazing.

On Tuesday, the annual winter flu vaccinations took place across the school. If you missed this date and would still like your child to have their vaccination, please see the email from 6th December detailing locations of catch-up clinics.



On Thursday, year 6 took part in a 'FitKidz' rowing session, which encourages children to exercise whilst having fun. The children had a fantastic time and were very enthusiastic during the session. It also gave them the opportunity to try a different sport that they might not get the chance to do in normal PE lessons. Thank you to Miss Hall for organising this fun and engaging activity for year 6.



Also on Thursday, Year 5 had their trip to the STEM Discovery Centre. They listened to stories about the stars, made a model sun, earth and moon and got the chance to see some real Mars Rovers! The children also had the opportunity to take part in some STEM challenges: building a tower that reached the ceiling (without climbing on anything), using a plasma ball to transfer static electricity and using augmented reality to make a volcano out of sand. It was such an exciting experience – thank you to the Year 5 team for organising and running this trip.



Another week and another birthday book. Thank you to Jack in Chandi class for donating a wonderful book as well as a box of skin tone colouring pencils. We know your class will love using both! This week, we were also gifted a Christmas tree by Darren Gilbert following the Knebworth Lights Switch on. Hopefully, you will have seen it outside the school. Thank you, Darren.



As we write this, the FOKS team are gearing up for another busy disco. We hope those children attending have a great time and we want to send our thanks to the team for organising and running this event, which we know the children love. A further thank you to all the parents volunteers who have helped out during the event.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone and a Happy Hannukah to those who are currently celebrating.

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!

Festive Chocolate Clementines

A simple, low sugar treat requiring just three ingredients.

A lovely recipe to make with little ones.

Ingredients:

- 50g dark chocolate
- 1/2 tsp coconut oil
- 2 clementines

Method:

1. Add the chocolate and coconut oil to a bowl and microwave on high until melted. This took 1.5 minutes in my microwave. Stir with a spoon to fully combine.
2. Dip each segment of clementine halfway into the chocolate. Place on a plate and refrigerate until hardened, about 30 minutes.

Enjoy!



Diversity, Equality & Inclusion (DEI) Spotlight

The newest Reflecting Realities CLPE report is out and can be found here:

<https://clpe.org.uk/research/clpe-reflecting-realities-survey-ethnic-representation-within-uk-childrens-literature-1>

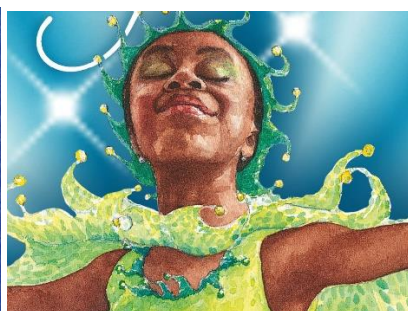
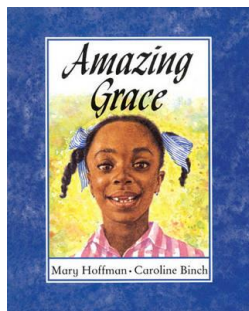
The key focus of this report is determining the extent and quality of ethnic minority characters featured within Picture books, Fiction and Non-Fiction for ages 3–11 published in the UK.

This Week's Book Recommendation

Mrs Maynard recommends ...

Amazing Grace by Mary Hoffman

It tells the story of a girl who dreams of playing Peter Pan in the school play but her classmates tell her she can't because she's not a boy and Peter Pan isn't black. However, her family tell her that she can be anything that she wants to be if she puts her mind to it. I found it such an engaging and inspiring book when I was in primary school and read it over and over again.



Attendance Cup

Congratulations to our winning class this week: Rosen 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
96.0%	92.5%	91.0%	85.0%	87.8%	94.3%	94.1%	86.0%	91.9%	97.1%	91.7%	98.3%





Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery Class Joshua	Chandi Class Nevaeh & Hailey	Henson Class Beau & Wojciech
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Year 1: Momo & Emily

Year 2: Poppy & Harry

House Points

<i>Aschil</i> 31 	<i>Bulwer</i> 38 	<i>Eudo</i> 52 	<i>Lytton</i> 35 
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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
Lily Lorelle	Olivia Pascal	Alban	Seb	Hannah Imogen	Lulu	Koby-Rae	Damon Violet	Tilly	Ivy	Tommy	Agatha Matthew

Children's Achievements



Max in Bronte Class attends a Karate Club in Knebworth and was awarded a medal and trophy for outstanding effort in the pursuit of greater achievement. He was selected for this award out of many students. Well done Max – we are all so proud of you.

Austin in Nadal Class was awarded the Acorn Award at Squirrel Scouts (the highest award you can earn) along with a certificate for achieving all of the Squirrel Scout badges. He had to do so many new and varied activities to achieve all of this. Great work, Austin – we are very proud of you.

Jack in Byron Class passed his Level 3 Gymnastics with a gold award. Congratulations on your achievement, Jack – we are very proud.



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

11 th December 2pm	Reception Christmas Show to Parents
12 th December 2pm	Year 1 Christmas Show to Parents
13 th December	Christmas Lunch for children
14 th December 11.30am	Nursery Christmas Show to Parents
14 th December 2pm	Year 2 Christmas Show to Parents
15 th December 10am to 11am	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
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 EYFS & KS1 – 1.10pm KS2 – 1.20pm
4th January 2023	INSET Day - school closed
5 th January 2023	Spring Term begins