

**Knebworth  
School Values**

*Respect*  
*Responsibility*  
*Resilience*



**Knebworth Primary School Newsletter**

**Thursday 30th November 2023**

**Autumn 2  
British Value**

*Tolerance &  
Equality*

**Message from the Senior Leadership Team**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Knebworth School is well and truly in the festive spirit with Christmas trees, decorations and hoops all adorning classrooms and communal areas around the school! The Christmas hoops are a much loved school tradition where children make decorations to be displayed on their class hoop in school and then they take their decoration home to hang on their own Christmas tree!



On Tuesday, Miss Breckenridge took a group of children to the Stevenage Sporting Futures Team Rowing festival. The children showcased some excellent rowing skills and were awarded 4<sup>th</sup> place in the festival – well done to everyone involved!

On Wednesday, Year 6 were lucky enough to receive a presentation around the topic of Hertfordshire Lieutenancy. The children found it really interesting to learn about the King's jobs and how busy he and the other royals are. They then took part in a couple of activities/discussions which was really interesting to see which values were the most important to everyone. Unsurprisingly, education was picked by most of us!



Also on Wednesday, Jessica, Elisha, Isabelle and Ellie (our DEI Ambassadors) along with Miss Bains and Mrs Lowry visited Peartree Primary School to listen to Gary Younge speak as part of the Herts Voices programme. Gary told us all about his mum who was born in Barbados, she moved to England and Gary was born in Stevenage. He spoke to us about his siblings but also about the many jobs he has held over the years which include being a journalist, an author and most recently a professor. Gary has been a journalist for The Guardian for 28 years and has been lucky enough to interview many famous people such as Nelson Mandela, Barack Obama and Stormzy. He spoke incredibly passionately about both his journalism career and his work as a professor. He was really inspiring and he told us all about how he thinks **we should work hard to do the best we can in the things we love** – an important message for us

all to remember. They also let us ask questions and Elisha was overjoyed to be picked to ask Gary a question! Thank you to Miss Bains and Mrs Lowry for facilitating such a memorable opportunity for our DEI Ambassadors.

Also this week, Turing and Johnson classes visited St Peter's Church in Stevenage to learn all about the Christmas story. The children got to meet all of the important characters such as the three wise men and the shepherds and had a great time listening to them, singing and creating objects to remind them of each of the parts of the journey. Bea said 'I liked it because we got to make our crowns and meet the baby Jesus.' Thank you to the Year 2 team for organising this learning opportunity for the children.

Classes across the school today marked Protecting Our Planet Day by watching a live Ice & Oceans lesson. They learned about protecting coral and the ocean from a marine biologist before speaking to a polar researcher on board the RRS Sir David Attenborough ship! She spoke to us about the impact of climate change on the Antarctic ice, what her research on board the ship involves and took us outside where we spotted some icebergs in the Antarctic Ocean!

Don't forget it is Christmas Jumper Day next Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December! Children are invited to come to school dressed wearing a Christmas or Winter jumper alongside their school uniform. Donations can be made online to this charity using this link - <https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD230033193>. Alternatively, as this is a charity donation the school will accept a cash donation which can be given to your child's class teacher, to the school office or to the staff on the playground in the morning. Thank you for your co-operation.

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!*

### Chocolate Chickpea Balls

These are a HUGE hit by everyone in our home. Don't be put off by the chickpeas! They add moisture and texture and are rich in fibre and plant-protein. You don't taste them at all in this recipe.

Makes 14 large ones (*you could also make more smaller ones*)

#### Ingredients:

- 1 can chickpeas, drained
- 60g oats, ground to a flour in a food processor
- 125g nut butter (or tahini if you have a nut allergy)
- 100g honey (or maple syrup if vegan)
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 1/8 tsp Salt
- 100 grams Dark Chocolate chips
- 200 grams Dark Chocolate

#### Method:

1. Line a baking tray with baking paper.
2. Add the ingredients except the chocolate and chocolate chips to a food processor. Process until smooth.
3. Add the chocolate-chips to the dough and stir to combine.
4. Roll the dough into balls and place on the baking tray. I used a tablespoon amount for each ball. Transfer to the freezer for 30 minutes.
5. Melt the chocolate (I use the microwave) then dip the chocolate balls in the melted chocolate until fully coated. Return them to the tray. Place in the freezer for another 15 minutes.

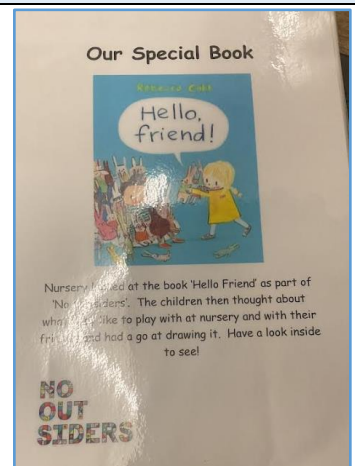
**Note, this recipe contains nuts so cannot be taken into school.**



## Diversity, Equality & Inclusion (DEI) Spotlight

### Nursery No Outsiders Book

This week children in Nursery have made their own version of their No Outsiders book. They also practiced the hello song in different languages and practiced saying hello to each other. Wonderful work Nursery!





## Attendance Cup




Congratulations to our winning class this week: Churchill 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
94.5%	92.4%	94.8%	93.3%	91.2%	88.8%	94.4%	93.8%	98.6%	97.9%	94.0%	97.9%

## Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery Class Denise-Antonia	Chandi Class Pearla & Robin	Henson Class Oliver & Finley
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## House Points

<i>Aschil</i> <b>63</b> 	<i>Bulwer</i> <b>66</b> 	<i>Euda</i> <b>65</b> 	<i>Lytton</i> <b>63</b> 
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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
Elias Isabella	Yoan Evie	Reggie Rory	Turing	Jack	William Mia- Amber	Chase Bow	Jack Matilda	Brody	George Cody	Reggie	Agatha George C Teddy



A BIG well done to Samuel in Bronte Class for earning his rainbow distance (20 meters) swimming certificate. He was very proud to achieve this and we are also incredibly proud of him 😊

Well done to Maia T, Fleur, Elsie and Elisha in Year 5 who sold handmade bookmarks and held a lucky dip to raise money for Children in Need. They raised an amazing £27 – well done!



Harry in Nadal class has been in hospital this week. However this has not stopped him showing all of our school values and being both kind and brave. Despite feeling poorly, Harry enjoyed the toys and playroom on the children's ward and asked to donate a bag of his own toys to the playroom for other children to enjoy. He very much liked the lovely card that his class made for him encouraging him to get better soon. We are all looking forward to seeing Harry in school when he is feeling better. Well done for showing such kindness and resilience.

## 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**

5 <sup>th</sup> December	Flu Vaccination
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 5 trip to Stem Discovery Centre
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day – <i>children are invited to come into school wearing a Christmas/Winter Jumper alongside their school uniform.</i>
8 <sup>th</sup> December	FOKS Christmas Disco
11 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	Reception Christmas Show to Parents
12 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	Year 1 Christmas Show to Parents
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch for children
14 <sup>th</sup> December 11.30am	Nursery Christmas Show to Parents
14 <sup>th</sup> December 2pm	Year 2 Christmas Show to Parents
15 <sup>th</sup> December 10am to 11am	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Carol Concert at St Martin's Church 1.30 – Years 3 and 4 2.30 – Years 5 and 6
18 <sup>th</sup> December 11.30am	Nursery Christmas Show to Parents
20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>End of Autumn Term</b> Nursery – 12pm EYFS & KS1 – 1.10pm KS2 – 1.20pm
4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	<b>INSET Day - school closed</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Spring Term begins