

**Knebworth  
School Values**

*Respect*  
*Responsibility*  
*Resilience*



**Knebworth Primary School Newsletter**

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

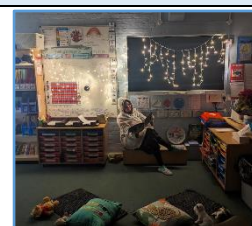
**Autumn 2  
British Value**

*Tolerance &  
Equality*

**Message from the Senior Leadership Team**

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has seen the beginnings of Christmas in school. Children have been creating their annual Christmas hoop decorations which will be displayed around the school for the month of December to get us all well and truly in the festive mood. Also, the classrooms and corridors have come alive with the practising and rehearsing of Christmas carols/songs in preparation for our annual Christmas performances and Carol Concert. This has been so lovely to hear - long may it continue!



Thank you to all those children and families who attended our Bedtime Stories event on Wednesday. It was so lovely to see so many of you enjoying the range of stories on offer and everyone looked incredibly warm and comfy in their pyjamas. Thank you to FOKS for supplying refreshments during this event and a BIG thank you to all the Teachers for their excellent story telling skills during the evening. Following on from this reading for pleasure event, Next Page Books ran their book fair on Thursday. It was so lovely to see their wide range of diverse books with a big emphasis on inclusivity on display and we do hope lots of you picked up a new book or too! A BIG thank you to Mrs Day for facilitating this opportunity.

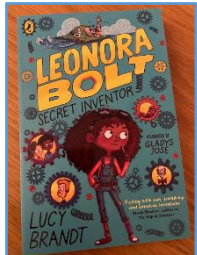


Miss Bains and Mrs Lowry are very pleased to announce Knebworth School's very first Diversity, Equality and Inclusion (DEI) Ambassadors! These are children in KS2 who applied for this important role in school because they would like to make a difference. Isabelle wanted this role because *"I think everyone should know the importance of No Outsiders and equality"* and Maya wanted this role because *"I want people to be happy and treat people how they would like to be treated"*. The Ambassadors already have lots of great ideas on what they could do in school such as Jessica's idea which is to have a "Do You" day where you can just be yourself and celebrate uniqueness. Watch this space for further updates!

This week children were visited by Chris from WheelPower who talked about his life experiences and how he came to be a Paralympian. He also told the children all about the different types of wheelchairs that are used for different sports which the children were fascinated to hear about. Thank you to Miss Leatham for arranging this excellent experience for the children.



Lastly, thank you to Eve in Johnson Class, Marcel and Stanley in Turing Class and Hannah in Seacole Class for their Birthday Book donations. Miss Bains and KS1 thoroughly enjoyed reading/listening to Eve's story in our weekly Wonder Wednesday assembly. Stanley's book is all about a local sporting hero, Lewis Hamilton, which we know the children will absolutely love reading about, Marcel's book is all about how we can help our planet – a cause which we know is close to many of our hearts and Hannah has chosen two books which we are so excited to read as these are ones we have not read before in school!



Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone and don't forget school is closed on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December for our Occasional Day.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard

## Message from The FOKS Team

Hi Everyone,

Thank you so much to everyone who attended our Christmas Fayre last Saturday, we raised a fabulous £1074.45!

A special mention to Aaliyah from Year 6 who was the only entry for the Baking competition, a brilliant entry and quite deserving of the prize!



Please make sure you purchase Christmas Disco

tickets: [https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofnebnworthschool/1050051?fbclid=IwAR1Qw8kwoMES0q2rrt85H0Ue1AQrkYd5GkoiZcao910txUPzo1h6SJX9R5Q\\_aem\\_ASFiZldZkbnXge6N6EVZ5ky9trRTL1XPfB3\\_qJSw0O\\_jt2RAe3uUzYqRBmon--Z-Wzo](https://www.tickettailor.com/events/friendsofnebnworthschool/1050051?fbclid=IwAR1Qw8kwoMES0q2rrt85H0Ue1AQrkYd5GkoiZcao910txUPzo1h6SJX9R5Q_aem_ASFiZldZkbnXge6N6EVZ5ky9trRTL1XPfB3_qJSw0O_jt2RAe3uUzYqRBmon--Z-Wzo)

Thank you  
FOKS

## Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

### Tips For Healthy School Packed Lunches

Packing a healthy school lunch that your child will eat can be a challenge. Here are some tips on what to include and how to make packed lunches more appealing! Include a source of each of the following food groups each day:

1. Protein: cheese, yogurt, fish, meat, beans, pulses, tofu, falafel, hummus.
2. Whole grains: bread, wrap, flatbread, crackers, bagel, pitta, pasta, potato, rice, couscous, quinoa.
3. Fruits: berries, sliced apple (rubbed in a little lemon juice to stop them browning), grapes (cut length-ways), satsumas. For convenience tinned fruit (in juice, not syrup) is a great option when running low on fresh fruit.
4. Vegetables: cucumber, olives, cherry tomatoes, baby corn, carrot sticks, pepper sticks. If your child likes dips such as hummus, you could add a small pot alongside the vegetables.



### Tips

- Include your child in the process of planning and preparing their lunch.
- It's best to ensure that you try any new foods at home first.
- Children are more likely to eat foods that look appealing. For example, you can make fruit kebabs, and use cookie cutters to make sandwiches into fun shapes.
- Be mindful of portion sizes. Big portions can be overwhelming for young children. Adjust portions based on your child's age, activity level, and individual needs.
- If your child isn't keen on sandwiches, try serving a hot meal (such as pasta) in a thermos.



## Diversity, Equality & Inclusion (DEI) Spotlight

### 10-Year-Old Hephzibah Akinwale Writes Longest Fiction Book For Children

This week we discussed the following news story:

Hephzibah Akinwale has made an inspirational contribution to the young literacy world. The ten year old from East Cambridge has published a novel titled *Chronicles of the Time Keepers: Whisked Away*. The 58,000 word book follows Akinwale herself as the main character and has captured many hearts with her adventurous and inspiring story. At just ten years old, Hephzibah has broken records as the youngest author to write a novel of over 58,000 words! Amazing!



## This Week's Book Recommendation

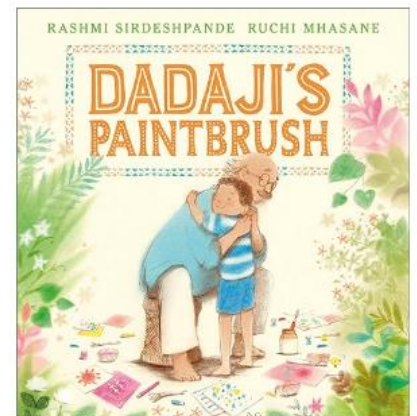
Miss Bains recommends ...

### Dadaji's Paintbrush by Rashmi Sirdeshpande

Lots of children and parents saw Miss Bains read this story at this week's Bedtime Story event. This is a beautiful story with beautiful illustrations that shares one boy's grief when he loses his beloved grandfather. It shows us that bereavement can be a beginning, not an ending. It has also won the following awards.

#### Awards

Winner of the Diverse Book Award for Best Picture Book 2023  
A School Library Journal Best Books of the Year book  
Longlisted for the Yoto Carnegie Medal for Illustration



## 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
96.7%	92.5%	95.2%	97.3%	90.7%	96.6%	95.9%	96.0%	97.3%	97.5%	94.5%	98.0%

## Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery Class Stesha	Chandi Class Noah & James	Henson Class Zoe & Sara
Year 3: Poppy & Harry		
Year 4: Zachary, Holly, Dulcie, Bow & Lily		
Year 5: Leighton & Savannah		
Year 6: Ashray & Dylan		

## House Points

<b>Aschil</b> <b>68</b> 	<b>Bulwer</b> <b>68</b> 	<b>Eudo</b> <b>101</b> 	<b>Lytton</b> <b>50</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
Zachary Alyssia	Adam Elsie	Harry	Imogen	Dylan	Oliver	Lily Jack	Maxwell	Brody	Isabelle Jenny Callum	Lucca	George

## Children's Achievements



Well done to Rose in Churchill Class who was awarded the medal for sports acro at the annual presentation evening for Splitz Dance and Drama school. It was presented for high standards, focus and hard work in her class.

A BIG well done to Freddie in Pankhurst Class who has achieved his white belt in Kickboxing! We are all so proud of you.

## 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**

28 <sup>th</sup> November	Turing Class Bridge Builders Church Visit
30 <sup>th</sup> November	Johnson Class Bridge Builders Church Visit
<b>1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Occasional Day – school closed</b>
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 – <b>children are invited to come into school wearing a Christmas/Winter Jumper alongside their school uniform.</b>
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
<b>20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>End of Autumn Term</b> Nursery – 12pm EYFS & KS1 – 1.10pm KS2 – 1.20pm
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January 2023</b>	<b>INSET Day - school closed</b>
5 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Spring Term begins