

**Knebworth  
School Values**

*Respect*  
*Responsibility*  
*Resilience*



**Knebworth Primary School Newsletter**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Autumn 2  
British Value**

*Tolerance &  
Equality*

**Message from the Senior Leadership Team**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We started the week with children in classes across the school sharing their Diwali celebrations with their peers. Ashray in Dahl class spoke about how he and his family celebrated Diwali by creating colourful art patterns outside their front door and lighting candles as this was to guide home Rama and Sita. Amelia in Johnson class showed us a diva she had made and put on her traditional dress. She even had a bindi for each of the girls – how kind! Sahana in Nadal class also spoke about lighting divas at home as part of her celebrations. Lastly, Nursery also had a



parent visitor who came in to speak about fireworks and rangoli patterns as part of their Diwali celebrations. It was so lovely to see the children talk so confidently to their peers about their celebrations and all the children listened with high levels of respect and asked some thoughtful questions. Thank you to everyone who shared their celebrations with us. Following on from this, on Wednesday, children in Years 1, 2 and 4 took part in Diwali themed dance workshops. They learnt a little about the story of good over evil and then the instructor Manav taught the children a dance which incorporated the actions of the story. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience - Leo said 'I really enjoyed learning the story' and Sylvie said 'I really enjoyed the different dance moves'. Thank you to Miss Baylis for organising this wonderful learning experience for the children.



Today, the school has been awash with pudsey ears, spots and yellow to mark Children in Need and classes across the school have discussed the importance of this national event. If you haven't done so already and would like to donate here is the link: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/knebworth-primary-and-nursery-school10> Thank you to those families who have donated already, this is so appreciated.



There have been Birthday Books galore this week with Isabella, Austin and Anna in Nadal class and Imaan and Sofia in Byron class all donating their chosen books to the school. We know their classes cannot wait to read these books and they will form a treasured part of their class library. We will attach the Birthday Book guide to this week's email in case anyone needs a reminder of the books that can be bought

as part of our Birthday Book Initiative. Thank you again for your co-operation with this reading for pleasure initiative. Continuing with the reading for pleasure theme please see attached the timetable for Bedtime Stories on **22<sup>nd</sup> November. Doors open at 4:20pm with stories at 4:30, 4:50 and 5:15pm** with refreshments provided by FOKS. Pyjamas and comfy clothes are most welcome! We cannot wait to see you all and share our stories with you.



A BIG well done to Year 4 who have completed their two weeks of intensive swimming! We have been so impressed with their resilience during the past two weeks as well as their excellent standards of behaviour. Well done.

Lastly, we would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Nicholls who has joined our Nursery Team this week, please do say hello if you see her around school. Also, Miss Smith has given birth to a baby girl called Sophia. Both mum and baby are doing well and we cannot wait to meet her!

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone. Don't forget the FOKS Christmas Fayre tomorrow from 1 to 4pm – we look forward to seeing lots of you there!

Kind Regards,

Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard



## Message from The FOKS Team

Hi Everyone,

We look forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Fayre tomorrow, we are open 1-4pm. There will be plenty to do from Swing Chairs, Crazy Cars, the Snowglobe, as well as lots of games raising money for FOKS and a lovely selection of stalls to pick up a few Christmas presents! We are also being joined by Waffle Wands and there will be pizza and ice cream on offer as well. Thank you to everyone who is volunteering before, during and after the event, we quite simply can't do it without you! Please bring CASH as there are limited card machines available.

If you can't make it to the Fayre, please do consider purchasing tickets for our Christmas Raffle:

<https://raffall.com/346850/enter-raffle-to-win-christmas-hampers-at-the-fayre-hosted-by-friends-of-knebworth-school>

Thank you

FOKS

## Healthy Eating Spotlight

*Did you know our wonderful catering team (Herts Catering) make all the Friday lunchtime pizzas from scratch on site each week? Here are some of the pictures of the team and their most delicious pizzas!*



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

#### Tips for eating healthy on a budget

Many of us want to eat healthier but are also trying to budget our weekly food shop. Here are some tips for eating healthy on budget:

1. Plan your meals each week: Having a plan not only saves time but also money by reducing impulse purchases and food waste. Before you plan your meals for the week check what foods you already have and base your meal plan around these.
2. Shop online: It's easier to compare prices and we're less likely to make impulse purchases when we shop online.
3. Stock up on frozen fruit and veg: Frozen fruit and veg are often more nutritious than fresh. They also save waste as they stay fresh in the freezer for months.
4. Limit using your oven: With high energy prices using your oven can be an expensive way to cook. Consider investing in an air fryer or slow cooker. If you are using your oven, prepare larger quantities so you have leftovers for future meals. This is a great way to save time and money.
5. Bulk buy staples: Buying staple foods in bulk like rice, beans, pasta, and oats are usually more cost-effective.
6. Reduce meat consumption: Consider incorporating more plant-based protein into your family's diet. Plant-based proteins such as beans and lentils are packed full of protein and fibre and are often much less expensive than meat and fish.



## Diversity, Equality & Inclusion (DEI) Spotlight

#### Reading for Pleasure DEI Project

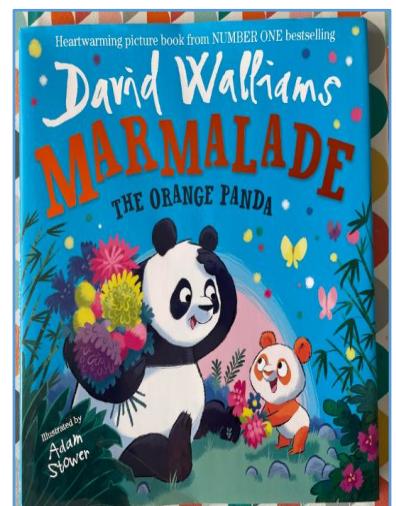
Following parent feedback in our Diversity Working Party meetings last academic year where parents mentioned they were often unsure which types of books to share at home which tie in with our school DEI vision we are pleased to announce our Reading for Pleasure DEI project that will be launched shortly. Each class has a book which each child will have an opportunity to take home to read and share with their families. The book will also be accompanied with a parent information sheet and questions to ask when reading. Lastly, there will also be a chance for children to leave their own review of the book. We do hope you enjoy this reading project.

## This Week's Book Recommendation

Mrs Wicks recommends ...

#### **Marmalade the Orange Panda by David Walliams**

This book has such a beautiful and powerful message. Trying to fit in when you're different can be a very hard thing to do but this book shows that we are all perfect as we are, to embrace your differences and to love yourself and others. "It doesn't matter if we are different - we ALL belong together!"





## 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
95.7%	92.5%	99.3%	98.3%	94.1%	93.1%	93.1%	97.3%	95.4%	95.0%	96.6%	98.7%





## Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery Class Georgia	Chandi Class Anthony & Reuben	Henson Class Rosie & Hannah
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Year 1: Ronnie & George

Year 2: Roman & Reuben

## House Points

<i>Aschil</i> <b>35</b> 	<i>Bulwer</i> <b>31</b> 	<i>Eudo</i> <b>46</b> 	<i>Lytton</i> <b>40</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
Austin Emilia	Bronte	Reuben	Isla	Reggie	Brooke	Bow	Violet Matilda	Sienna Rosie Florence Maisie	Cody Lewis	Willow	Ryan

## Children's Achievements



A BIG well done to Ashray in Dahl class who achieved a bronze medal this weekend in his Karate competition – amazing news!

## 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 <sup>th</sup> November	FOKS Christmas Fayre & Elfridges
22 <sup>nd</sup> November 4:30 to 5:30pm	Bedtime Story Event – <i>Children and their families are invited back to school in their pyjamas/comfy clothes to listen to Teachers reading a range of stories that reflect our school DEI vision. Children will be able to listen to a few stories on the evening and enjoy some refreshments. We do hope to see lots of you there!</i>



23 <sup>rd</sup> November 3:30 to 4:15	Next Page Book Fair – <i>Please do come along to see the range of beautiful books they have on offer. A great opportunity to buy a new book, discover a new author and/or pick up some Christmas gifts!</i>
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
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