

**Knebworth
School Values**

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

Friday 10th November 2023

**Autumn 2
British Value**

**Tolerance &
Equality**

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has most definitely been a chill in the air this week therefore we would like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers that as we move into the winter months at school all children should have a jumper/cardigan and/or coat in school to keep them warm.



This week the children have been discussing Remembrance Day in both assemblies and in their classes and they have been learning that soldiers from all around the world with different backgrounds help to keep us safe. Lots of children have made poppies to mark this occasion and the children in nursery have also created a poppy soldier which is proudly on display in their nursery. Miss Bains also had the pleasure of hearing Ellie in Dahl Class read her beautiful poem to her class on this topic. On Sunday, our Head Boy Jake and Head Girl Ruby along with Ann (one of our school governors) will be laying a remembrance wreath on behalf of the school as our thanks to all those who have kept and do keep us safe.

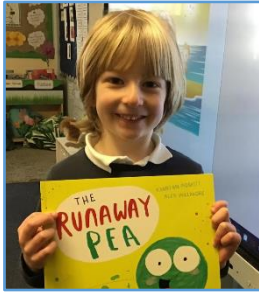
On Tuesday, children from Reception to Year 2 had the opportunity to join in with a professional drama group called Perform. The theme was 'Around the world' and the children journeyed into faraway lands and they were taught to how to say 'hello' in the countries they visited. We had lots of comments from the children saying "It was the best day ever!" Also, on Thursday, Year 2 enjoyed their Great Fire of London workshop where they recreated the fire using ribbons and enjoyed using drama to re-enact this historical event. The children have then worked exceptionally well on writing a recount linked to this experience and we have been so impressed with their writing. A BIG thank you to the Year 2 team for organising this wonderful opportunity for the children. Keeping with the writing theme Year 3 have also been working brilliantly this week on writing instructions for making jam sandwiches and have worked hard to ensure they use all of the features of this text type – well done all! Also, Miss Bains has thoroughly enjoyed reading all 32 stories that have been submitted for the BBC 500 Words story competition. Thank you to each and every child who took part – your story was an absolute pleasure to read.

On Wednesday children across the school took part in a virtual *School of Kindness* workshop where they discussed the qualities of kindness, why it is so important and looked at the definition of empathy and why this is a superpower! They also learnt about the science of kindness and the impact this has on our physical and mental health. As part of this workshop the children then took part in a kindness challenge which involved them spreading kindness across the school and many members of staff received personalised messages of kindness which most definitely brightened up their day. A BIG thank you to *52 Lives – School of Kindness* charity for facilitating this inspiring workshop - there was a real buzz around school for being kind to one another!

Last week some Year 6 children participated in the Stevenage Schools Basketball festival. Every child played really well showing some fantastic basketball skills and this was a very competitive festival with some close games. Well done to the children for receiving the school games value award of respect. This week, some Year 5 children attended the first ever Stevenage Schools Benchball festival. This was a very fast paced and tactical festival where all of the children adapted well and got involved with the games and all of the teams were closely scored in the final table. Lastly, the Year 5 Sports Ambassadors have been out every lunchtime leading games for the children which has been so positively received – well done! A BIG thank you to Miss Breckenridge for facilitating all of these opportunities for the children.

A BIG well done to Maia A, Maisie, Sienna, Rosie, Lewis and Cody in Year 5 who ran a very successful stall selling bracelets and as a result have raised £80 for the charity *Make a Wish*. Well done for showing such responsibility – we are all so proud of you.

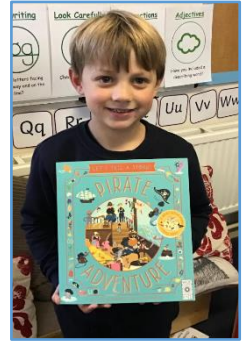




Thank you to both Adam in Nadal Class and William in Thunberg class for providing us with our next Birthday Books! We cannot wait to read and enjoy this stories!

Next **Friday 17th November** is Children in Need. Children are invited to come to school wearing something spotty or yellow with their school uniform i.e. spotty and/or yellow t-shirt, socks, hairband etc. If you would like to make a donation to this worthwhile cause the link is as follows: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/knebworth-primary-and-nursery-school10>

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Don't forget the FOKS Christmas Fayre next **Saturday 18th November (1pm to 4pm.)** This fayre is a vital opportunity to raise money for the children in order to provide resources and to support new experiences for the children. The FOKS team desperately need volunteers in order to run stalls. Are you able to spare an hour or two on this day? Please email FOKS at FOKSchool@outlook.com if you can help out.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone and for those families in our school community who are celebrating Diwali we hope you have a lovely time celebrating with your loved ones. We know Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about this festival of light and designing their own rangoli patterns and divas!

Kind Regards,

Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard

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 is the recipe if you would like to make this at home!

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

Chia Jam

This jam takes 10 minutes to make and requires just 3 ingredients. It's thickened with chia seeds, which provide healthy omega 3 fatty acids, fibre, and calcium. It's also much lower in sugar than shop-bought jam. Delicious with toast and nut butter or yogurt!

Makes: 1 large jar

Ingredients:

- 1 bag of frozen berries (blueberries, raspberries and cherries work well)
- 3 tbs honey or maple syrup
- 3 tbs chia seeds

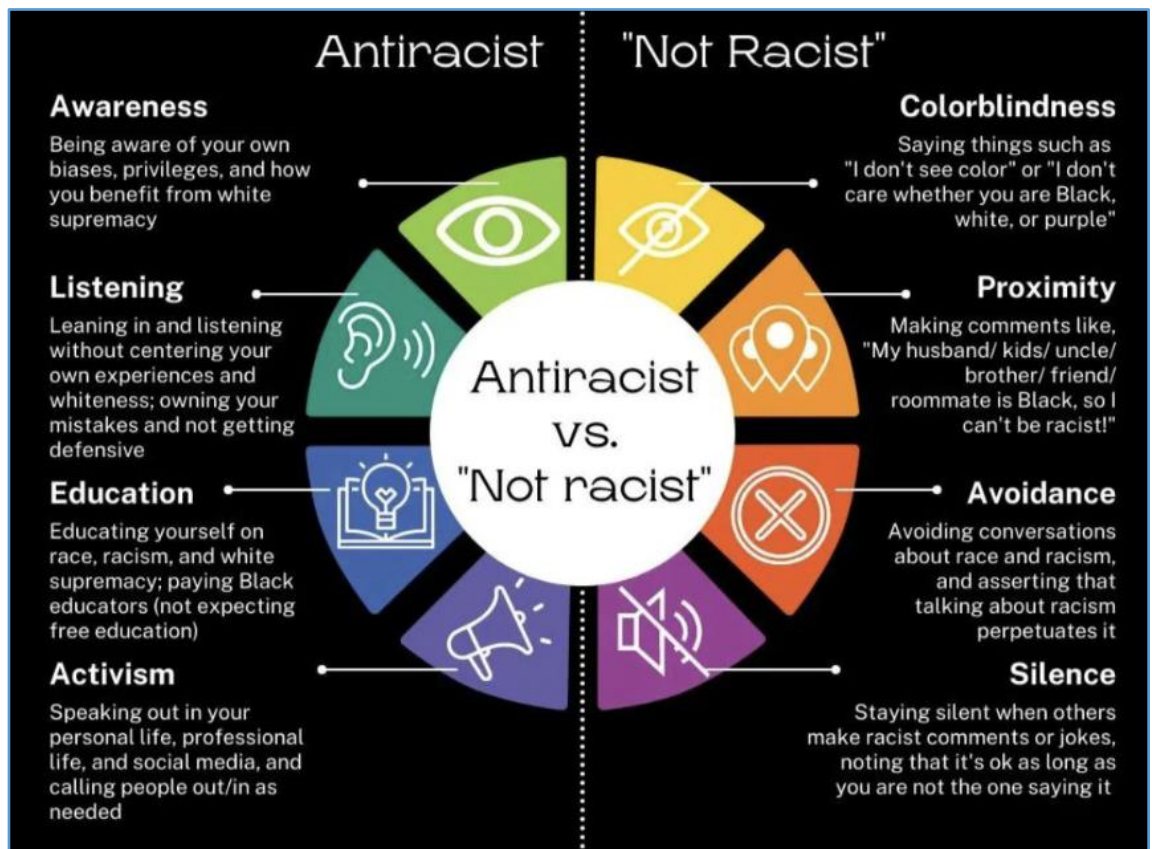


Method:

1. Add the berries and honey/maple syrup to a pan and simmer for 5 minutes, then mash the berries with a potato masher or fork. I like to leave some whole berries there for texture.
2. Add the chia seeds and simmer for a further 5 minutes. Pour the jam into a large jar. This will keep in the fridge for one week.

Diversity, Equality & Inclusion Spotlight

This week we discussed and shared the following resource from Diverse Educators. We discussed that as a school we are continuing to embed all of the work undertaken last year in this area and building on this within this year.

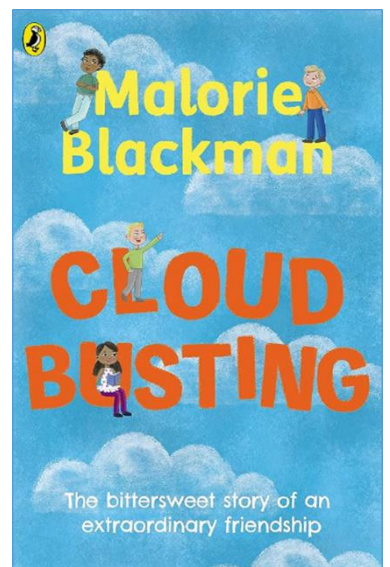


This Week's Book Recommendation

Ms Talbot recommends ...

Cloud Busting by Malorie Blackman

A great story for children aged 9 and over. Imagine becoming friends with somebody that you never thought you'd like. Sam thinks that Davey is strange, but somehow they become best friends, until it all goes wrong...this touching and funny story of unlikely friendship is told entirely in different poems! This is a great read if you want something a bit different.



Attendance Cup





Congratulations to our winning classes this week: Byron and Rosen Classes!

| Y1 Nadal | Y1 Thunberg | Y2 Johnson | Y2 Turing | Y3 Seacole | Y3 Nightingale | Y4 Bronte | Y4 Byron | Y5 Churchill | Y5 Pankhurst | Y6 Dahl | Y6 Rosen |
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| 96.7% | 88.9% | 98.3% | 99.3% | 98.9% | 96.2% | 94.8% | 100% | 99.6% | 99.2% | 95.2% | 100% |

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

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| Nursery Class Reggie | Chandi Class Zayne & Amelia | Henson Class |
| Year 3: Savannah & Ollie | | |
| Year 5: Max & Rose | | |
| Year 6: Austen, Ava & Isla | | |

House Points

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| <i>Aschil</i> 85  | <i>Bulwer</i> 61  | <i>Eudo</i> 95  | <i>Lytton</i> 51  |
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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 |
|--------------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|---------------|
| George Ava-Rose | Ava Alfie | Noah C | Klara | Imogen Avery | Poppy | Bow | Molly Meadow | Haytham | Roman | Leo | Leon Dylan |

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

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| 6 th November to 17 th November | Intensive Swimming for Year 4 |
| 17 th November | Children in Need - Children are invited to come to school wearing something spotty or yellow with their school uniform i.e. spotty and/or yellow t-shirt, socks, hairband etc. |
| 18 th November | FOKS Christmas Fayre & Elfridges |
| 22 nd November 4:30 to 5:30pm | Bedtime Story Event – 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. A timetable will be published nearer the time. We do hope to see lots of you there! |
| 23 rd November 3:30 to 4:15 | Next Page Book Fair – 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! |
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| 30 th November | Johnson Class Bridge Builders Church Visit |
| 1 st December | Occasional Day – school closed |
| 5 th December | Flu Vaccination |
| 7 th December | Year 5 trip to Stem Discovery Centre |
| 8 th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| 8 th December | FOKS Christmas Disco |
| 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 |
| 20 th December | End of Autumn Term Nursery – 12pm EYFS & KS1 – 1.10pm KS2 – 1.20pm |
| 4 th January 2023 | INSET Day - school closed |
| 5 th January 2023 | Spring Term begins |