

**Knebworth
School Values**

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

**Autumn 1
British Value**

***Individual
Liberty***

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

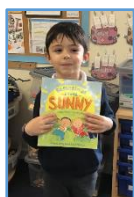
The first half of the Autumn term has simply flown by! We are sure you will all agree that the children have been absolutely wonderful settling into their new classes and have enjoyed a whole range of memorable learning experiences. It was so lovely to see so many of you at Parents Evening this week and we hope you all enjoyed hearing all about your child's progress this half term. We are all so excited to see what Autumn 2 has in store!



On Monday we welcomed Reverend King into school for our annual Harvest Festival assemblies. The children discussed the significance of harvest time and how this festival can remind us to show care for those less fortunate. Thank you to all those families who donated to our annual harvest collection, items have now been donated to Knebworth Food Bank who support people in the local area.

Each and every entry for this years Pumpkin Festival was simply magical! We were so impressed with the creativity and precision to detail shown - a BIG well done to every child who entered this festival. The Year 6 Head Boy, Head Girl and House Captains had a very tough time judging the entries (they would have given everyone a prize if they could!) but eventually chose Alana (Thunberg Class), Frankie (Turing Class) and Oliver (Byron Class) as this years winners! Well done Alana, Frankie and Oliver!

Our School Ambassadors had a fantastic time visiting the House of Parliament this week. They were amazed by its size, all the colours and decoration, and the many statues. They experienced a live debate in the House of Commons and even managed to see Matt Hancock as he left! They had an opportunity to hold their own debate in a workshop, where they learned the value of opinion and the importance of respect.



Yoan celebrated his birthday this week and donated a wonderful book all about the different emotions we all experience. We cannot wait to have a read of this book – thank you Yoan!

This week some children from Year 3 and 4 represented the school at the Boccia festival and tournament. The Year 3 children took part in a round robin of activities learning the skills needed to play a game of Boccia - they all did really well and had a great time. The Year 4s were part of a competition coming 2nd in the group on the same points as 1st place but losing out by a couple of points in a game. They then played in the 3rd and 4th place playoff winning 6-1 and finishing 3rd overall. Well done to all of the children involved and thank you to Miss Breckenridge for facilitating yet another wonderful learning opportunity for the children.

Today the children came to school in red to show our support of Show Racism the Red card. This anti-racism educational charity funded by ex-Newcastle United goalkeeper Shaka Hislop supports schools in reducing the incidences of racism by sharing stories and providing resources and workshops for schools. At Knebworth we are anti-racists. We teach the children that we are active in addressing racism and are dedicated to creating an inclusive environment for all. In class children were reminded of what racism is and how it can be identified, we talked about how we can be anti racists and pledged to not be bystanders.

We are all aware that many more adults and children are dealing with mental health or wellbeing difficulties in this current economic climate. The website below contains some fantastic information on where to go for support for yourself or your children. If you do have any wellbeing concerns about your child, please do contact one of the Inclusion Team. <https://www.justtalkherts.org/news-and-campaigns/mental-health-support-for-hertfordshire-children-and-young-people.aspx>

Lastly, don't forget The Knebworth Environmental Group have organised a village litter pick tomorrow (21st October) to help keep our village clean! If you are interested in joining, please meet them at the Village Hall at 9:30am.

Have a lovely, restful half term break 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!

Halloween Chocolate Apples

These chocolate apples are so easy to make and a lovely half-term Halloween activity to do with little ones.

Makes: 4

Ingredients:

- 4 apples, washed and dried
- 4 lollipop sticks
- 200g good quality dark chocolate (I used Lindt 70%)
- Sprinkles - you could use desiccated coconut or chopped nuts to make these healthier, but my little ones insist on sprinkles!

Method:

1. Line a baking tray.
2. Break the chocolate into chunks and melt in the microwave.
3. Push a lolly stick into each apple.
4. Dip the apples into the melted chocolate then scatter sprinkles on them.
5. Place them on a baking tray and pop in the fridge to set. This takes about 20 minutes.

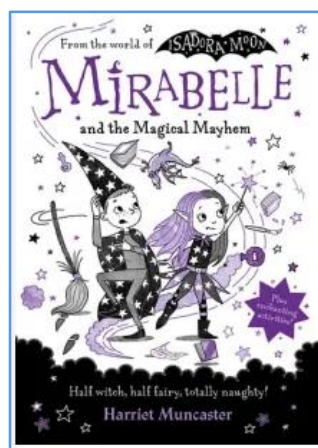


This Week's Book Recommendation

Isla in Turing Class recommends ...

The Isadora & Mirabelle series written by Harriet Muncaster

Isla met the author of the Isadora Moon & Mirabelle series of children's books, Harriet Muncaster, at a recent book signing at the British Schools Museum in Hitchin! Not only was it an exciting experience to hear from the author and join her in an illustration masterclass, Isla was also excited about seeing the Victorian classrooms at the museum that tied in nicely with her history lessons this year. Thank you for sharing this experience with us Isla!



Attendance Cup

Congratulations to our winning class this week: Pankhurst 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 |
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| 96.3% | 96.8% | 96.7% | 97.3% | 95.2% | 95.9% | 98.6% | 94.3% | 90.8% | 98.8% | 93.4% | 94.3% |



Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery Class

Lily

Chandi Class

Bonnie & Stanley

Henson Class

Grace & Sienna

Year 3: Finley & Avery

Year 4: Mia & Rosie

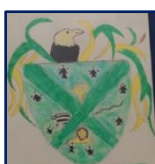
Year 5: Elisa & Zach

Year 6: Avel, Sunny & George

House Points

Aschil

97



Bulwer

95



Eudo

97



Lytton

95



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 |
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| Fabian Sahana | Albie Seren | Joshua M | Scarlett | Emmie | Bella L | Mia | Sofia | Zach | Callum Ollie | Ashray | Isabelle Faith |

Children's Achievements

For the second year running our Boys Football team reigned victorious competing against 20 schools in Stevenage and surrounding villages. Earlier in the month we finished 2nd in our group in the qualifying tournament which took us through to finals along with the other top 7 teams in the area.

Captain Tommy and Vice-Captain Jake used their experience from last year to help guide the team with victories over Bedwell in the semi-final and a 1-0 win in the final against Aston. The whole squad were superb with a special mention for the defence and Goal Keeper Isaac who did not concede a single goal in any of the four matches played on finals day.

Exciting times lie ahead as Knebworth School will be representing Stevenage schools in

two County tournaments that take place in Watford and St Albans later in the season. Watch this space!



Well done to Flo in Churchill Class who competed in a gymnastics competition last weekend at Disneyland Paris. She competed in three groups & a duo routine and performed amazingly doing the club proud. Amazing news Flo!



Well done to the Year 6 girls football team who participated in the autumn tournament. They finished 2nd in the group showing great teamwork and sportsmanship. We then progressed to the semi finals playing against the team that finished top of the other group. In the semi final we lost 1-0 but this was a closely contested game with both teams having plenty of chances to score. The team were a credit to Knebworth school showing all of the school values and enjoying the afternoon.



Notices & Reminders

School Website: Some of you may have noticed our current school website is not live. This is because we are in the process of finalising and launching our new school website and we will keep you updated on this. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Coats for Kids: See picture to the right if you are in need of a winter coat for your child.

A big thank you to Claire from Fairhaven Farm Grooming who came in to school to help Mrs Maguire cut the Guinea Pigs claws – they seem very happy with their pedicure!



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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| 21 st October 9:30am | The Knebworth Environmental Group Village Litter Pick – <i>Please meet at the Village Hall at 9:30am if you are interested in joining.</i> |
| 23rd to 27th October | October Half Term |
| 2 nd November 9am | Healthy Eating Working Party Meeting - <i>all parents are invited along to this meeting</i> |
| 2 nd November 3:30pm | Diversity Working Party Meeting – <i>all parents are invited along to this meeting to discuss our school strategy in this area</i> |
| 6 th November to 17 th November | Intensive Swimming for Year 4 |
| 17 th November | Children in Need - <i>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.</i> |
| 18 th November | FOKS Christmas Fayre & Elfridges |
| 1st December | Occasional Day – school closed |
| 5 th December | Flu Vaccination |
| 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 |



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| 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 |