

**Knebworth
School Values**

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

Friday 6th October 2023

**Autumn 1
British Value**

**Individual
Liberty**

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

How is it October already? It has been another busy week in school with many wonderful learning opportunities for the children which they have thoroughly enjoyed.

On Thursday we celebrated National Poetry Day. This is an annual celebration on the first Thursday in October that encourages everyone to make, experience and share poetry with family and friends. Each year we come together because voices, words and stories help to bridge understanding in our community. The theme for this year is Refuge and all children across the school have thought about this theme and there were some really meaningful conversations taking place and some great discussions and work. In Nursery, the children read the poem *Home is....* and thought about their own home and drew these. In Year One they wrote their own class poem about Refuge (see poem to the right.) In Year 4 children listened to Joseph Coelho's poem *Home is...* and written their own version inspired by this! A BIG thank you to Mrs Day for organising this event in school.

This October for Black History Month the children are learning about Black British musicians and their contributions to our society. Each year group has their own artist and will also hear musical influences from the past. This will be the start of Knebworth School having a song of the month going forwards to broaden the music genres the children hear and spotlighting musicians from all around the world. We will also be honouring this years theme of *Saluting our Sisters* and learning about the contributions of black women including Maggie Aderin Pocock and Dr Samantha Tross. Do listen out for these pieces of music when you visit classrooms during our Open Evening next week.



Thank you to Henry in Turing class and Molly in Byron class who have both donated a Birthday Book to the school this week. KS1 in particular loved listening to Henry's story in their Wonder Wednesday assembly with Miss Bains this week. Also, KS2 enjoyed hearing about Maya Angelou from Gabryella in Bronte class who created a presentation all about her. Well done Gabryella!



All schools have recently received a letter from The DfE, and several medical officers, including Professor Chris Whitty, Chief Medical Officer regarding attendance and the loss of confidence as to whether to send children in to school when they are under the weather. With the autumn bugs now circulating, they have recommended using the really helpful NHS site – [Is my child too ill for school?](#) and also created this [guide](#) with further advice. **Please do note that current guidance for children with Covid is that there is no requirement for them to be tested, and if they feel well enough, they are able to come in to school.**

Don't forget it is individual photos for all children on **Monday 9th October** therefore all children should come to school in their school uniform. Also, it is Open Evening on Tuesday 10th October (3:30 to 6pm) where you can view the children's wonderful work before Parents Evening.

Lastly, The Knebworth Environmental Group have organised a village litter pick on Saturday 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 weekend everyone.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard



Message from The FOKS Team

Hi Everyone,

We are looking forward to the return of the Rainbow Raffle this Christmas, next Friday children can dress up in rainbow themes and bring in a contribution towards the rainbow raffle! Check out the poster for the colours per year group.

And then to close the half term we have our annual Pumpkin Festival where children can bring in their own pumpkin designs, whether that's actual pumpkins or drawings and craft! It is £1 to enter and winners will be picked per Key Stage!

Thank you
FOKS

Diversity, Equality, Inclusion Spotlight

This week we discussed and shared the following resource: But, is it age-appropriate?

<https://www.diverseeducators.co.uk/but-is-it-age-appropriate/#DiverseEd>



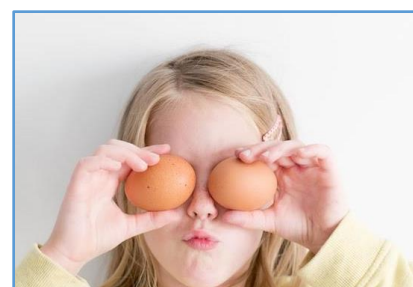
Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

Encouraging Children to Have a Healthy Relationship with Food

I know first-hand how disheartening it can be when your child refuses to try new foods or stops eating foods they previously ate. However, it is important to remember that this is very common, and usually just a phase. Here are five tips to help our little ones to develop a healthy long-term relationship with food:

1. Engage children in choosing recipes, shopping for ingredients, and preparing their meals. This makes them more likely to eat it.
2. Educate them about the nutrients in their food and how it supports their health and wellbeing. We love the Usborne book "Lift the Flap Questions and Answers about Food."
3. If you're worried your little one isn't eating enough fruit or vegetables blend them into sauces or smoothies. However, it's important to continue to serve them whole as well so they can get used to them.
4. Don't give up on a new food first time round! Research shows it can take up to 20 attempts before a child will try a new food. I served my youngest broccoli for six months before she finally picked it up and ate it!
5. While it's hard, try not to force your little ones to finish their plate as this can override their natural ability to recognise when they are full, potentially leading to overeating later in life.



This Week's Book Recommendation

Miss Baylis recommends ...

The Nelly the Monster-Sitter Series by Kes Gary

This set of books are a brilliant read for KS1/2 and follow the many adventures of Nelly who is a babysitter... but for monsters! I remember reading these at school and thoroughly enjoying how funny, eventful and action-packed they were.



Attendance Cup





Congratulations to our winning class this week: Turing 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
90.33%	99.29%	97.33%	99.33%	97.41%	99.31%	96.21%	96.67%	98.46%	95.0%	86.67%	99.0%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery Class Isaac	Chandi Class Penelope & Jacob C	Henson Class Georgie & Max
Year 3: Scarlett & Kitty		
Year 4: Harvey & Delilah		
Year 5: Isaac & Giovanni		
Year 6: Lucca & Isabella		

House Points

<i>Aschil</i> 70 	<i>Bulwer</i> 63 	<i>Eudo</i> 81 	<i>Lytton</i> 81 
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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
Roisin Anna	Evie George	Noah C	Finley	Mick Penelope Nathan	Mia-Amber	Koby-Rae	Jack	Elsie Maia T	Isabelle	Avyel	Ella

Children's Achievements



A BIG well done to Reggie in Bronte class who has achieved his Grade 2 Merit in Piano! We are so proud of you!

A BIG well done to the Year 5 and 6 Boys Football Team who played in the Autumn Football Tournament this week. They won three of their group games, drew one and only lost one therefore meaning they have reached the final! Watch this space for news on how they get on in this final. Thank you to John Mckessick for coaching the children during this tournament.

Notices & Reminders

Marshmallow Men: Maia in Year 5 will be selling some Marshmallow Men (not made of marshmallows!) after school on Wednesday 11th October to raise money for a Romanian dog charity. Please do bring along some change if you would like to buy one and support her venture.

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.



Term Dates: Please find attached the Term Dates for 2023/24 and 2024/25 for your information.


Second hand uniform: Please do contact the school office or support@knebworth.herts.sch.uk if you are in need of second hand school uniform. We are here to support all our families.

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

9 th October	Children's Individual Photos – <i>Children should come to school dressed in their school uniform on this day</i>
10 th October	World Mental Health Day
10 th October 3:30 to 6pm	Open Evening – children's books/learning available to view before Parents Evening
13 th October	FOKS Rainbow Non-Uniform & Raffle Donation
16 th October	Harvest Festival Assemblies
17 th October 3:40 to 6:40pm	Seacole Class Parents Evening (Virtual)
18 th October 3:40 to 6:40pm	Parents Evening (Virtual) – <i>No Parents Evening for Seacole Class on this date</i>
19 th October 3:40 to 6:40pm	Parents Evening (In Person)



19 th October	FOKS Pumpkin Festival
20 th October	Show Racism the Red Card day – <i>Children are invited to come to school wearing something red with their school uniform i.e. red t-shirt, red socks, red hairband etc.</i>
20 th October	Harvest Festival donations deadline
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>
23 rd to 27 th 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
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