

**Knebworth
School Values**

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

Friday 29th September 2023

**Autumn 1
British Value**

**Individual
Liberty**

Message from the Senior Leadership Team



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has been a hive of activity in school! In Nursery the children have been exploring their *No Outsiders* book, Hello, and focusing on the different ways in which they can say hello. In Reception the children have been looking at autumn and noticing different changes in the environment. The Year One's have shown tremendous amounts of creativity to create their own self-portraits and have been learning all about Frida Kahlo. In Year Two the children have used their computing skills that Miss Bains taught them last year to create their very own robots on Google Canvas. The Year Three's have been learning all about the Stone Age and Bella was able to recall on her prior learning to make comparisons and help her decide which house would be the safest to reside in. In Year Four the children have been learning how to round numbers and also putting their English skills to great use by describing their dragon slayer characters. The Year Fives have been using different fruits to recreate the solar system and have had great fun and doing so and in Year Six they have using the stimulus of Harry Potter to engage in some suspense writing. As always it has been an absolute pleasure visiting classrooms and seeing all of the magical learning

occurring!

Mrs Jolly visited the KS2 Wonder Wednesday assembly this week to share a range of instruments with the children. She played a range of different tunes for the children and they had great fun guessing the music played. If your child would like to learn how to play a musical instrument please refer to the email sent earlier this week with the relevant information from Herts Music Service.



Due to popular demand, our fantastic *Young Aspirers Award* is back again this year! Last year, many Young Aspirers completed exciting tasks that focused on our three school values: *resilience, respect and responsibility*. These tasks included: helping others, cleaning (a parent favourite!), litter picking, crafting, donating time, hosting tea parties and many more! In order to save paper, we have only printed copies for those children who wish to take part. These children will be provided with a booklet where they must complete and reflect on each task. Children can complete as many tasks as they would like to and they have from now until June to do so (there is no rush to complete). Although this is an optional award, it is a brilliant way to increase independence, boost confidence and become more mindful towards others. If you would like to send pictures for the newsletter, please send these to support@knebworth.herts.sch.uk. We look forward to hearing all about your Young Aspirer journeys!

This week we have received three new books as part of our *Birthday Books Initiative*! Thank you to Noah and Arlo in Year 2 for their wonderful book choices and also to Bronte in Year 1 for her book. Bronte has donated a book all about a little boy who happens to only have one leg (just like the author - James Catchpole). The little boy just wants to play with his friends and not answer questions about his body and we know Thunberg class will love exploring this book. We cannot wait to see which other books we will receive in school!



Yesterday children from Year 5 and 6 represented the school at the Stevenage Schools Cross Country Festival. This is one of the biggest festivals that we attend. The children showed great resilience running and all participants completed the race. Well done to all involved and a BIG thank you to Miss Hall and Miss Breckenridge for coaching and supervising the children during this event.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard



Message from The FOKS Team

Hi Everyone,

We are pleased to announce we have been given £100 from the Warburtons/Co-Op competition! Knebworth School was chosen by the winner of the competition to win the money! This money will go towards the Year 4 swimming donation.

Thank you to everyone who bought the Wonka Bars today, we really do appreciate your support with these new events.

We will be holding our Rainbow Non-Uniform and Rainbow Raffle donations on Friday 14th October. Please check out the poster for the colour of item we would like you to donate!

And then following this will be our Pumpkin Festival, now in its 3rd year, we look forward to seeing everyone's creations!

And finally, we have a NEW addition to our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 18th November- Our Children's Christmas Baking Competition! This will be judged event, with three categories to enter:

1. Biscuits, Cookies and Brownies
2. Cupcakes
3. Showstopper

It is free to enter and for more details please see the poster!

So, lots going on over the next few weeks!

FOKS

Diversity, Equality, Inclusion Spotlight

This week we shared the following video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nZpVNOvoZFQ>

Today's spotlight is a story about Jacki and her mum. Jacki's mum is slowly losing her hearing. Together they are learning sign language so that they'll always be able to tell each other everything. 'Listening to the quiet' is read and signed by Discover Story Centre in this video. This beautiful retelling is being shared with the children in school to expose them to British Sign Language. We are sharing diversity in all its forms at school and are beginning to include videos that use sign language in our lessons. We are even watching the signed version of Newsround!

Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

Chocolate-Chip Banana Cookies Recipe

My girls love these cookies. They taste delicious, contain just five ingredients and are super- easy to bake. They are low in sugar due to the natural sweetness from the ripe bananas. The oats add fibre, which helps to keep you fuller for longer. The dark chocolate is a great source of antioxidants, which may support our immune system. Perfect for a healthy after- school snack. We love to bake them when we need to use up over-ripe bananas!

Makes 12

Ingredients:

- 2 ripe bananas



- 2 tbs coconut oil, melted
- 3 tbs honey (or maple syrup)
- 200g oats
- 50g dark chocolate chips (or raisins)

Method:

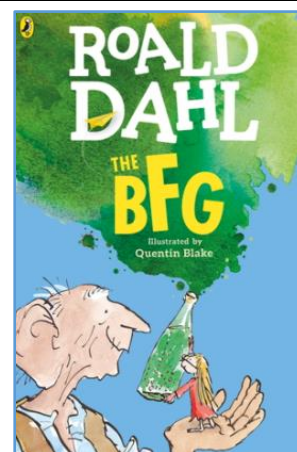
1. Preheat the oven to 170°C. Line a baking tray.
2. Mash the bananas then mix with the oil, honey and oats. Leave the mix to sit for around 10-15 minutes. This makes it easier to shape.
3. Stir in the chocolate chips then hand-roll the mix into balls. I use about 1 tbs mix for each cookie.
4. Pop them onto the baking tray and flatten a little into a cookie shape. Bake for around 15-20 minutes until golden.

This Week's Book Recommendation

Mrs Haley recommends ...

The BFG by Roald Dahl

I loved reading The BFG with my Son. It is a heart-warming and exciting adventure with lots of laughs along the way. This story of friendship, trust and bravery between Sophie and the Giant really captured the imagination. I would highly recommend it.



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
93.7%	97.9%	99.0%	97.7%	96.3%	98.3%	96.6%	95.7%	93.8%	97.9%	92.7%	93.7%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery Class Nava & Benjamin	Chandi Class Nathan & Ellena	Henson Class Toby & Daisy
Year 1: Emilia & Yoan		
Year 2: Imogen & Isaac		

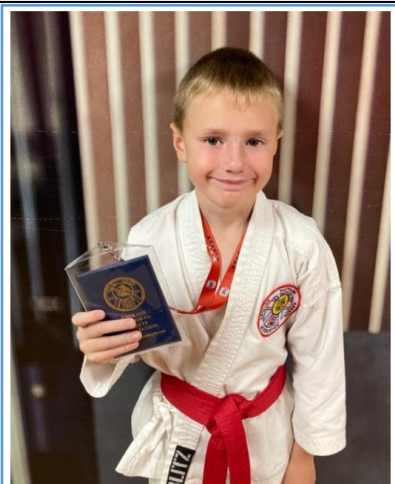
House Points

<i>Aschil</i> 52 	<i>Bulwer</i> 43 	<i>Eudo</i> 52 	<i>Lytton</i> 52 
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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
Alexia Ashley- Paul	William Rafe	Jackson	Hattie	Reggie Avery	Bella L	Amelia Hamish Jack	Beaux	Giovanni Oliver Flo	Isabelle Eliza	Ruby	Agatha

Children's Achievements



Well done to Maxwell (Byron Class) who has received his red belt in Karate!



Well done to Damon (Byron Class) for moving to green hat during his swimming grading!



Well done to Jack (Seacole Class) who showed superb resilience last weekend, when he cycled 30 MILES (including a few to and from the event as well)! An incredible achievement!

Notices & Reminders

Dogs: Can we remind all parents and carers that dogs are not allowed on the school premises and we also request that they are not left tied up outside the school. Thank you for your co-operation.

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

3 rd October 10:00 to 11:00 am	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
5 th October	National Poetry Day
9 th October	Children's Individual Photos
10 th October	World Mental Health Day
10 th October 3:30 to 6pm	Open Evening – children's books/LJ's 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
23rd to 27th October	October Half Term
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