

**Knebworth
School Values**

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th September 2023

**Autumn 1
British Value**

***Individual
Liberty***

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

The second week of the new academic year has once again enjoyed a wonderful week of sunshine! It was so lovely to see so many of you at Monday's *Meet the Teacher* event and we hope you all enjoyed the opportunity to see your child's new class teacher and classroom – there was most definitely a buzz of excitement around the school!

On Tuesday, children in Years 5 and 6 received a workshop from Diversity Role Models where they looked at diversity in our society, that it is okay to be different and they learned how important it is to treat everyone equally. Luis really enjoyed his time at Knebworth and was especially impressed with the children's excellent questions during the session.



Miss Bains' Wonder Wednesday assembly this week saw Aoife in Seacole Class take the lead. Aoife spoke about how inspired she was during last year's Take One Picture event about the safety and plight of Orangutans and as a result she and her family have adopted one! We all loved hearing about this kind gesture and the children had lots of interesting questions to ask her. Watch this space for further child-led assemblies!

Today, our EYFS children started with us full time and it has been so lovely to see them settling into routines, making friends and getting used to school life. Also, this afternoon, Celebration Teas recommenced with KS1 first and both Miss Bains and Mrs Rix thoroughly enjoyed sharing and celebrating the achievements of the children who received the first Silver Values certificates of the new academic year. We wonder who they will see next week for KS2 Celebration Tea ...

We are very pleased to inform you that our school's Eco-Committee has achieved the Eco-Schools Green Flag Award as a result of all their hard work last academic year! As part of the award process we were provided with some amazing feedback and here are just some of the highlights:



It's brilliant to read that the child-lead Environmental Review helped your pupils to appreciate everything that your school is already doing to benefit our environment whilst also enabling them to identify areas to work on in the future.

Your Action Plan shows that your Eco-Committee have carefully considered how they can involve their entire school in their planned Eco-Schools' activities to achieve maximum impacts and raise awareness amongst their school community. We love the variety of practical and fun activities planned for delivery this year, such as creating a bee corridor, caring for class plants and recycling batteries.

Furthermore, getting involved with outside organisations such as Duracell and Hertfordshire County Council shows an impressive ability and willingness to form collaborative partnerships. We'll all need to adopt this approach to fight the impact of climate change in the future! Your rhyming Eco-Code is punchy and powerful, full of direct calls to action. It's a great reflection of the ethos that your Eco-Committee has created.

A BIG well done to the 2022-23 Eco-Committee and to both Mrs Greet and Mrs Isaac-Romani for all their hard work towards achieving this award.

The Year 6 team has been busy this week nominating children to our annual leadership roles. This is always a difficult choice because there are so many children who consistently demonstrate our school values and who make fantastic role models. However, they were able to reach a decision and we are very pleased to announce this year's Head Children and House Captains:

Head Boy: Jake & Head Girl: Ruby

Aschil House Captain: Ella, Bulwer House Captain: Lily G, Eudo House Captain: Ashray & Lytton House Captain: Avyel.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone. For those of our families celebrating Rosh Hashanah we hope you have a wonderful time celebrating with your families.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard





Message from The FOKS Team

It's great to be back for a new school year and we have lots of exciting events planned, kicking off with the new starter coffee morning (free cake- what's not to love!) and a bags 2 school collection next week. Please see the calendar which gives you advance warning of all the events such as the disco and pumpkin festival!

We know there are lots of new families joining the school so if you have any questions or want to get involved in FOKS please send us a message on Facebook or email FOKSchool@outlook.com

You may notice on the calendar that there are lots of TBC events in the final term. ***Our current co- chairs are due to step down from the role in March and therefore we need someone or a group of people to step up to help make them happen!*** You don't have to have been involved with FOKS previously to do so. If you would like a chat then please let us know.

Unfortunately without new chairs in place then events like bounce day and gala day cannot take place and this also means less funding for the children in school.

But lots of events happening and fun to be had soon! Please get in touch and thank you for your support.

Friends of Knebworth School

2023-2024 Calendar

Autumn/Winter

- 18th September Nursery/Reception Coffee Morning
- 22nd September Bags 2 School
- 29th September Wonka Bars- Find the Golden Tickets!!
- 13th October Rainbow Non-Uniform & Raffle Donation
- 19th October Pumpkin Festival
- 17th November Christmas Jumper Stall
- 18th November Christmas Fayre & Elfbridges
- 8th December Christmas Disco

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We earn 30% commission!
Our fundraising number: 35731

Spring Term

- 26th January Bags 2 School
- Half Term Sponsored Read & Young Bookworm Award
- 9th Feb- Non-uniform Crazy Hair Day
- TBC Quiz Night
- 2nd March Book Bonanza
- 6th March Mothersday Stall
- 14th March AGM
- 26th March Bunny Hop

Summer Term

- 2nd May Bags 2 School
- Colour Run- TBC
- Fathers Day Stall- TBC
- 29th June Gala Day- TBC
- Bounce Days- TBC
- Enterprise Challenge Market- TBC

We need reps for:
Nursery
please email
fokschooll@outlook.com
if you are interested

Have you joined the Lottery yet?

Diversity, Equality, Inclusion Spotlight

This week we shared the following blog: Why should we include LGBTQ+ people in our primary curriculum

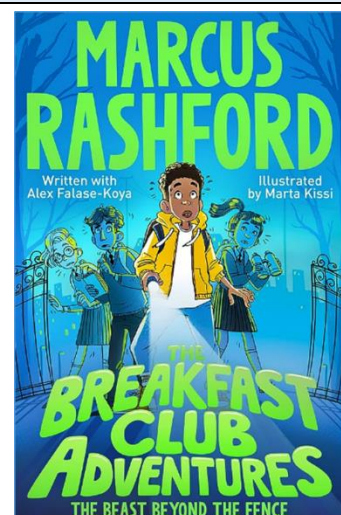
<https://www.hfleducation.org/blog/why-we-should-include-lgbtq-people-our-primary-curriculum>

This Week's Book Recommendation

Miss Hall recommends ...

The Breakfast Club Adventures by Marcus Rashford

This is a brilliant, exciting and fast paced book that will take you on an adventure! As you read this book, you will feel like you have become part of the Breakfast Club Investigators team and will try to solve the mystery but all is not as it seems!





Attendance Cup

Congratulations to our winning classes this week: **Chandi, Nadal, Thunberg and Turing 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
100%	100%	99.7%	100%	99.7%	96.9%	97.6%	97.7%	95.0%	99.2%	94.3%	97.3%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Year 1: Alfie & Harrison

Year 2: Eve & Jenson

House Points

<i>Aschil</i> 88 	<i>Bulwer</i> 74 	<i>Euda</i> 67 	<i>Lytton</i> 82 
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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
Owen Mason	Archie Jessica	Alice	Noah Poppy	Reggie Lily	Luisa	Jack Harry	Sergio	Ivy B	Roman	Ellie S	Leon

Notices & Reminders

Football before school: Can we remind all parents and carers that children should **not** be playing football on the school playground before school. We ask all parents **not** to provide children with footballs for doing so. Thank you for your co-operation.

Donations: The school is looking for the following donations, please contact the school office if you are able to support us:

1. A battery operated leaf blower.
2. A children's toy car garage for Nursery.
3. A washing machine.

Spaces available at Knebworth Guides and Brownies

1st Knebworth Guides and 1st and 2nd Knebworth Brownies currently have space for new members.

Girlguiding gives girls the chance to have fun, build friendships, try challenges & go on adventures. We offer an action-packed programme with a wide variety of activities – there is something for everyone!

Guides is open to girls aged between 10-14. 1st Knebworth Guides meet on Mondays, 7.30-9pm

Brownies is open to girls aged 7-10. 1st Knebworth Brownies meet on Mondays, 6pm - 7.15pm. 2nd Knebworth Brownies meet on Wednesdays from 6.15-7.30pm.

To join the fun please go to: [Register a child | Girlguiding](#) and choose Knebworth when selecting a Unit.

It's not too late to book your child onto any of the clubs listed below and get them started next week!

MONDAY YEAR 4,5,6 FOOTBALL

TUESDAY (MULTI SPORTS) YEAR 1-6

WEDNESDAY (DODGEBALL) YEAR 1-6

THURSDAY YEAR 1,2,3 FOOTBALL

Use the link below to book onto a club and make a payment to confirm the booking.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdWuH0oKPDwBMd77_e7rkVnGHhKLUREL57niqB3nSzDbxj7vw/viewform

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

18th September 9:15 to 11:00am	FOKS Coffee Morning for all EYFS parents at The Station Pub, Knebworth
19th September 9:00am	Healthy Eating Working Party Meeting – <i>all parents are invited to attend</i>
22nd September	FOKS Bags to School
29th September	FOKS Wonka Bars – Find the Golden Tickets
3rd October 10:00 to 11:00 am	Open Morning for Prospective Parents
5th October	National Poetry Day
9th October	Children's Individual Photos
10th October	World Mental Health Day
10th October 3:30 to 6pm	Open Evening – children's books/LJ's available to view before Parents Evening
13th October	FOKS Rainbow Non-Uniform & Raffle Donation
16th October	Harvest Festival Assemblies
17th October 3:40 to 6:40pm	Seacole Class Parents Evening (Virtual)
18th October 3:40 to 6:40pm	Parents Evening (Virtual) – <i>No Parents Evening for Seacole Class on this date</i>
19th October 3:40 to 6:40pm	Parents Evening (In Person)
19th October	FOKS Pumpkin Festival
20th October	Harvest Festival donations deadline
23rd to 27th October	October Half Term
6th November to 17th November	Intensive Swimming for Year 4
18th 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
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