

**Knebworth
School Values**

Respect

Responsibility

Resilience



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

**Autumn 1
British Value**

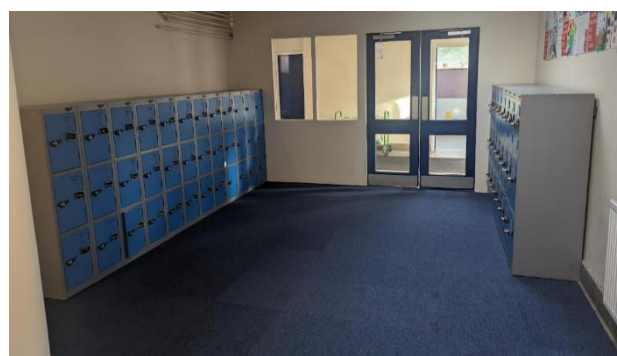
***Individual
Liberty***

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

As with the great British weather, summer started the day we returned to school! We do hope you all had a wonderful summer and managed to spend some quality time with your families and loved ones.

The children have settled back into school incredibly well – it is almost as if they had never left! The lockers for Years 4 and 5 have created a great deal of excitement and have also really smartened up our cloakroom areas – watch this space for more lockers to appear for the other year groups.



This week the children have spent time getting used to their new teachers, classrooms and routines and are quickly getting back into the swing of school life. In addition, it has also been so lovely welcoming our new EYFS families into the school. The EYFS children enjoyed their stay and play sessions today, meeting their new teachers and have well and truly started the beginning of their learning journey with us at Knebworth School.

Each day at school we remind our children about our school values of ***Respect, Responsibility and Resilience***. During our assemblies we look at examples of where these values have been shown in the community and beyond and we link our school values to the British Values. This half term we will be focussing on ***Individual Liberty***, please do talk about this value at home with your child.

At the end of this newsletter, you will see the key dates for the Autumn Term – please do add these dates to your diaries. If you have any ideas of events you would like to see this academic year please do email support@knebworth.herts.sch.uk with your ideas.

This week we have welcomed some new members of staff to our Knebworth team! A very warm welcome to Miss Talbot who is teaching Nightingale Class in Year 3 and to Miss Clark who is working in our school office. Please do say hello if you see them in and around school.

Don't forget Meet the Teacher on **Monday 11th September from 3.30 to 4.30pm**. This is an informal drop in session for parents to meet their child's new class teacher in their new classroom. Please enter and exit via the school office only.

Lastly, Celebration Tea will commence again next Friday starting with KS1. A text message via Arbor will be sent to those invited parents on a Thursday afternoon. **Please do ensure your contact details on Arbor are up to date.**

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone and enjoy the sunshine!

Kind Regards,

Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard

Diversity, Equality, Inclusion Spotlight

As part of our weekly staff business meetings, staff across the school share and discuss a Diversity, Equality or Inclusion spotlight. This may be a link to a blog they have read, websites of interest, recommended reading or TV/movie viewing, resources to support children etc. As part of our No Outsiders approach we thought we would now start sharing these spotlights with our parent community for your information. We do hope you enjoy these spotlights and do get in touch at support@knebworth.herts.sch.uk if you have any you would like to add.

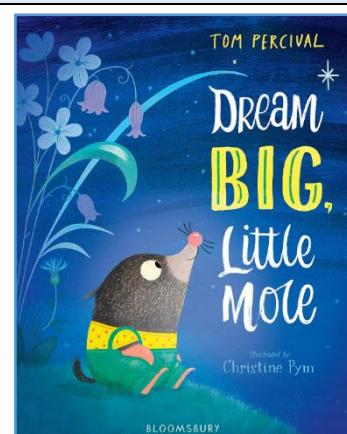
This week we shared 10 Engaging books for children promoting inclusion and understanding:
<https://www.diverseeducators.co.uk/10-engaging-diversity-books-for-children-promoting-inclusion-and-understanding/>

This Week's Book Recommendation

Mrs Leatham recommends ...

Dream Big, Little Mole by Tom Percival

I recommend this book about a mole who has big dreams but his ideas don't always go to plan. The mole shows great resilience and realises he needs to not compare himself to others and focus on what he is good at. A lovely book suitable for KS1 readers.







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 |
|-------------|----------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------|-------------|
| 94.8% | 96.0% | 97.9% | 96.35 | 92.4% | 98.7% | 95.3% | 94.4% | 88.0% | 100% | 96.7% | 98.3% |

House Points

| <i>Aschil</i> | <i>Bulwer</i> | <i>Eudo</i> | <i>Lytton</i> |
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| 52 | 48 | 48 | 41 |
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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 |
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| Alfie Emily | Otty Ronnie | Eve Isaac | Jenson | Lily Hannah | Varvara | Albie Amelia | Sofia Kai | William Noah R | Toby Fleur | Alfie | Ella |

Notices & Reminders

Term dates: Please find attached our Term Dates for 2023/24 for your information.

Acceptable Use Agreement: Please find attached our Pupil Acceptable Use Agreement, which outlines our expectations of the children when using any electronic devices in school as well as online safety guidelines. Please do take the time to share this information in a child appropriate way with your child. Teachers will also be reiterating these messages as part of our Computing Curriculum. Thank you.

Guinea Pigs: Rani, Rosa and Ruth (our school guinea pigs) have settled back into school life after their summer holidays! If you would like to host the guinea pigs for a weekend or a school holiday period please do email support@knebworth.herts.sch.uk with your name and preferred dates.

Key Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2023

Details for upcoming events will be sent nearer the time where and when applicable

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| 11 th September 3:30 to 4:30pm | Meet the Teacher |
| 15 th September | Celebration Teas resume starting with KS1 |
| 18 th September 09:15 to 11:00am | FOKS Coffee Morning for all EYFS parents at The Station Pub, Knebworth |
| 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 |
| 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) |
| 19 th October 3:40 to 6:40pm | Parents Evening (In Person) |
| 20 th October | Harvest Festival donations deadline |
| 23rd to 27th October | October Half Term |
| 6 th November to 17 th November | Intensive Swimming for Year 4 |
| 18 th November | FOKS Christmas Fayre |
| 2nd December | Occasional Day – school closed |
| 5 th December | Flu Vaccination |
| 7 th December | Christmas Jumper Day |
| 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 |



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| 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 |