

**Knebworth  
School Values**

*Respect*  
*Responsibility*  
*Resilience*



**Knebworth Primary School Newsletter**

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

**Spring 1  
British Value**

*Mutual  
Respect*

**Message from the Senior Leadership Team**

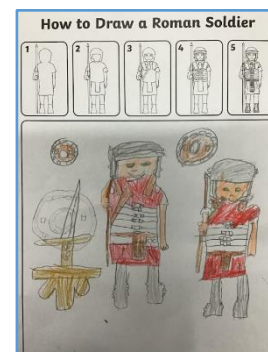
Dear Parents and Carers,

We cannot quite believe that Spring 1 has come to an end! What a busy and productive half term we have had with many, many excellent learning opportunities and highlights for the children such as Dogs Trust assemblies, Take One Book, visits from Kingsley Nebechi and Pari Thomson, Mini Police, a Harry Potter trip, Young Voices... The list is endless. Thank you to all staff involved with facilitating these learning opportunities this half term for the children.

This week, children across Year 5 and 6 represented the school at the Stevenage Sporting Futures Team Sportshall Athletics and Badminton Racket Pack festivals. At the athletics festival, children participated in relay races and indoor athletics events that included jumping and throwing. The children performed really well and all the races and events were closely scored. We are so proud to announce that the children were unanimously awarded the school games value award of respect by all of the organisers present! At the badminton festival, children completed a round robin of activities learning the skills needed to play badminton. The children had to work as a group in order to complete the activities and score points as a team. All children that have represented the school this week have been an absolute credit to the school and this has been noticed by other schools, the sporting futures team and the Barnwell school leaders running the activities. Well done to all children involved – we are all so proud of you. Thank you to Miss Breckenridge for organising these sporting experiences for the children.

Also this week, children in Reception to Year 2 enjoyed a session on Nutrition with Caroline Farrell. They learnt about how each colour in fruits and vegetables has a unique superpower and the importance of eating a rainbow. Thunberg Class said "We were amazed that pineapple could help you if you're sick. We were surprised the orange group can help you see in the dark. We are really excited about making our rainbow chart over half term." Thank you to Caroline for providing such excellent sessions for the children.

Today, the Year 3 classrooms were full of Romans! Year 3 have had a wonderful Roman day. Everyone had their own Roman name for the day, they found out about Roman Numerals, drew Roman soldiers and created their own Roman fact files by exploring a variety of Roman books. Not only this, but we got to try some Roman foods – our favourites were the meat, unleavened bread and grapes. We were very arty and created mosaics and Roman crowns. What a busy day! Thank you to the Year 3 team for providing such a memorable learning experience for the children.





Year 2 have been studying Chris Ofili in art and have loved exploring pattern and shape this week. They were inspired by Chris Ofili's portraits in 'Untitled' (1998) which celebrate the diversity of black identity and afro hairstyles. The children used water colours and collage to create their own intricate designs. Don't they look wonderful! Well done Year 2.

Lastly, thank you to our wonderful HCL catering team who created an array of Valentine themed desserts for the children

on Wednesday and they most definitely were enjoyed by all!

Have a lovely, restful half term break everyone and don't forget the FOKS Sponsored Read challenge – we look forward to hearing all about this after half term!

Kind Regards,

Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard



## Diversity, Equality & Inclusion (DEI) Spotlight

### No Outsiders Spring 1

Please do ask your child about the No Outsiders books they have been exploring this half term – we do hope they have enjoyed them ☺

<p><b>To celebrate our differences</b></p> <p>Nursery</p>	<p><b>All families are different</b></p> <p>Reception</p>	<p><b>Proud to be me</b></p> <p>Year 1</p>	<p><b>To understand what diversity is</b></p> <p>Year 2</p>
<p><b>To recognise and help an outsider</b></p> <p>Year 3</p>	<p><b>To be proud of who I am</b></p> <p>Year 4</p>	<p><b>To express an opinion</b></p> <p>Year 5</p>	<p><b>To consider causes of racism</b></p> <p>Year 6</p>



## Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

### Eat The Rainbow

This week, I spoke to the children in Reception, Y1 and Y2 about how each colour in fruits and vegetables has unique superpowers.

**RED:** Contain lycopene to keep our hearts strong. Good sources: strawberries, tomatoes, and red peppers.

**ORANGE:** Contain beta-carotene for our eyesight. Good sources: carrots, oranges, and sweet potatoes

**YELLOW:** Rich in Vitamin C to help prevent us getting sick and help wounds heal. Good sources: bananas, sweet corn, and pineapples.

**GREEN:** Contain calcium to help our bones grow big and strong! Good sources: spinach, broccoli, and kiwi calcium.

**BLUE/PURPLE:** Contain anthocyanins for our brains. Good sources: blueberries, grapes, and aubergine.

We spoke about eating all the colours of the rainbow so we get a range of these amazing superpowers. Some children also went home with a rainbow chart to track how many colours they can eat over a week.



## 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
93.0%	97.5%	97.9%	97.2%	94.8%	98.6%	89.3%	95.2%	91.4%	99.1%	93.8%	98.7%

## Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery Class Freddie	Chandi Class Kieran & Penelope	Henson Class Sebastian & Hannah
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Year 3: Maya & Eddy

Year 4: Sofia, Louis & Leo

Year 5: Elsie, Jessica & Fleur

Year 6: Jack, Faith & Maddie

## House Points

<p><i>Aschil</i></p> <p>48</p> 	<p><i>Bulwer</i></p> <p>42</p> 	<p><i>Eudo</i></p> <p>50</p> 	<p><i>Lytton</i></p> <p>28</p> 
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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
Austin Isla	Seren Sophie Adam R	Eve	Hattie	Avery	Lenny	Cassius Lily	Kai	Rosie Maia A	Elisha Fleur Jenny Sophie Isabelle	Theo Thane Ashray Reggie	Aaliyah

## Children's Achievements



Well done to Fleur, Elisha, Sophie, and George in Pankhurst Class for selling the valentines chocolates Fleur made to raise money for The Dogs Trust. They raised £45 – amazing!

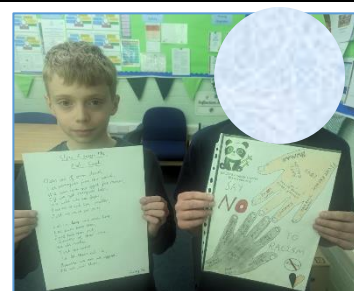
Well done to Ivy, Ellie M, Teddy and Ella whose entries for the Show Racism the Red Card competition have been chosen to represent Knebworth School in this national competition! The DEI Ambassadors were thoroughly impressed with their entries and wanted to put them forward for the next stage.



Ivy in  
Churchill  
Class



Ellie M  
in  
Dahl  
Class




Teddy and Ella in Rosen Class

## Key Dates for your Diary – Spring Term 2024

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

**New/amended dates are highlighted in yellow**

<b>19<sup>th</sup> February to 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	<b>February Half Term &amp; FOKS Sponsored Read &amp; Young Bookworm Award</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> &amp; 29<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>FOKS Mother's Day Stall</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> March to 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Cycling
<b>6<sup>th</sup> March 2 to 3pm</b>	<b>Parent Forum on Behaviour and Communication – all parents are invited to attend</b>
6 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm	Diversity Working Party Meeting – all parents are invited to attend
7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March 9 to 10am</b>	<b>Parent Forum on Behaviour and Communication – all parents are invited to attend</b>
14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 3 trip to St Albans Cathedral



14 <sup>th</sup> March	FOKS AGM
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Red Nose Day – <i>Children are invited to come to school wearing something red with their school uniform i.e. red nose, red socks, red t-shirt etc.</i>
26 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40 to 6:40pm	Spring Term Parents Evening Consultations – <i>children's books/learning will be available to view on this date.</i>
27 <sup>th</sup> March 3:40 to 6:40pm	Spring Term Parents Evening Consultations - <i>children's books/learning will be available to view on this date.</i>
28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>End of Spring Term</b> <b>Nursery – 12pm</b> <b>Reception &amp; KS1 – 1.10pm</b> <b>KS2 – 1.20pm</b>