

**Knebworth
School Values**

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th March 2024

**Spring 2
British Value**

Self-Belief

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another action-packed week at Knebworth School! The week started with children in Year 1 walking to Knebworth Train Station as part of their history learning. The children thoroughly enjoyed seeing the trains at the station and also observing the first signs of spring on the walk down. Lily noticed that "The train station has changed since it was first built and has got bigger", Sahana commented that "Trains do not always stop at every station they pass through" and Mason would have loved to see a steam train! A BIG thank you to the Year 1 team for organising such a wonderful *hands on history* learning experience for the children. Also, thank you to all the adults who helped supervise the children on the day - we were all so proud to hear how *responsible* they were during their visit.

On Tuesday Miss Breckenridge took a group of children to the Year 3 and 4 Stevenage Sporting Futures Team Cricket Festival. The children had an excellent time putting their cricket skills into action in a competitive environment and were awarded seventh place in the festival - well done to all involved! On Thursday, Miss Breckenridge took a group of Year 2 children to a new event titled Inspire and Engage organised by the Stevenage Sporting Futures Team where the children were introduced to the following sports – Yoga, Karate, Gaelic Football and Flag Football. The children had a wonderful time exploring and playing these new sports in a non-competitive environment. Thank you to Miss Breckenridge for all her hard work with organising both sports events this week.



On Wednesday our Nursery children were visited by Little City. Little City is a role play where the children can explore and use their imagination in a range of play based scenarios such as visiting the hairdressers, the café, the shops etc. Arthur liked "Taking my cat to the Vets as he was sick", Benjamin enjoyed serving some coffee to Stesha and Luke enjoyed fixing his vehicle in the garage! A BIG thank you to Miss Leatham for organising this experience for our nursery children for the second consecutive year – it is an experience that the children benefit from immensely.

This week children in Year 4 have undertaken their Level 1 Bikeability with members of the Hertfordshire Cycle Team. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning key cycling skills which are so important when they are using their bicycles in the local area. A BIG thank you to the FOKS team for once again funding this vital life skill for our children.

On Thursday we celebrated World Book Day in school. Thank you so much to parents and carers for the effort put into the children's outfits- the children all looked fantastic. Across the school children enjoyed book focussed activities and all were visited by a guest teacher who read to them. Classes also visited each other to do some paired reading and to promote reading for pleasure. This year we were lucky to have a range of books provided by Next Page Books in Hitchin so children from reception upwards could select a title they liked the look of and bring it home to keep. The children loved this free book fair and enjoyed choosing a title - a great way to ensure all book tokens get spent. Reading is such an important skill and hopefully these events help to promote our whole school ethos of everyone being a reader. A BIG thank you to Mrs Day and Mrs Cooke for all their hard work in organising an excellent day in school.

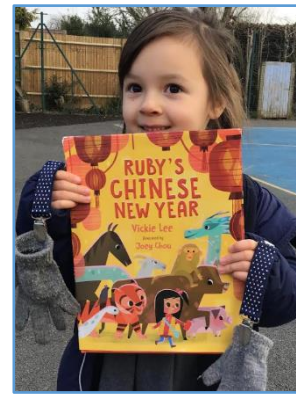
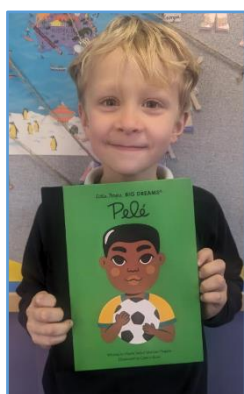
Today, Year 6 visited St Martin's Church to explore The Easter Story. They completed little booklets and stuck lots of different things in them to illustrate the story. The children found it incredibly interesting and were able to learn lots of new things. Some of them even washed our feet like Jesus washed the disciple's feet! Thank you to Reverend King and the team for facilitating this opportunity for the children.



Happy International Women's Day to all the amazing women in our community. Today the children have been singing along to the catchy songs from the musical 'Fantastically Great Women Who



World,' alongside reading the wonderful book by Kate Pankhurst. Some classes have explored the women who are featured on Amazing People Schools during their independent learning time. Year 1 have learnt all about local heroine Dr. Nicola Fox who is currently Head of Science at NASA! Did you know she was born in Hitchin? Poppy, Mohsina and Coco in Johnson Class created some wonderful posters during independent learning time today which they proudly shared with Miss Bains earlier today. Alba in Johnson Class brought in her impressive collection of Little People, Big Dreams books today which she proudly shared with her class. Thank you Alba for sharing such important stories with us all!



Thank you to Finley in Turing Class, Alexia in Nadal Class and Zoe in Henson Class for donating such brilliant books to school on their birthdays this week! All four books donated this week are incredibly special and meaningful to the children and families who have donated them and we cannot wait to read and share these in school.

Thank you to those parents who attend our Parent Forums this week. Knebworth is a listening school therefore it was so lovely to see you all and to receive such insightful feedback and comments from you all. If you were unable to attend then parents and carers will have a chance to speak to Governors during Parents Evening consultations about the school behaviour policy and communication channels and there will also be a Google survey sent next week so we can capture as much stakeholder feedback as possible.

Booking for Spring Term Parents Evening Consultations will go live at 10am on Monday 11th March via Arbor. Both evenings will be face to face appointments in school unless families request a virtual appointment. Please book early so you can receive your preferred time and date.

Don't forget next Friday 15th March is Red Nose Day! Children are invited to come to school wearing something red alongside their school uniform i.e. red nose, red socks, red t-shirt etc. If you would like to then families are invited to donate directly to the charity through this [Just Giving link](#).

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone and for those families who are celebrating Mothers Day we hope you and your families have a lovely time celebrating.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard



Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

Almond and Coconut Bites

These bites taste like Bounty Bars. Quick to make and so delicious.

Makes: 24

Ingredients:

- 200g almonds
- 2 tbs maple syrup
- 2 tbs coconut oil
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 100g desiccated coconut
- 200g dark chocolate
- Pinch of salt



Method:

1. Line a baking tray with baking paper.
2. Add all ingredients, except the dark chocolate, to a food processor and process well until you get a dough-like consistency.
3. Press the mixture into the baking tray and pop in the freezer for 15 minutes while you melt the chocolate (I use a microwave to melt mine).
4. Take the mixture out of the freezer and cut it into 24 little bite-size pieces. Using two forks coat each piece in the melted dark chocolate then set aside on another baking tray.
5. Pop the bites back into the fridge to set. They keep well in the fridge for a few days but mine go immediately!

Attendance Cup





Congratulations to our winning class this week: Nightingale 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
91.7%	96.1%	96.6%	97.2%	94.4%	99.6%	99.0%	96.6%	97.8%	98.3%	96.6%	98.3%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery Class Arthur	Chandi Class Pearla & Nathan	Henson Class Arthur & Sienna
Year 3: Bluebelle, Tallulah & Annie		
Year 4: Harrison, Imaan & Hamish		
Year 5: George S & Simon		
Year 6: Ronnie		

House Points

Aschil 128 	Bulwer 99 	Eudo 133 	Lytton 183 
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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
Mason Emily	Ava	Amelia	Alfie	Maya Kitty Avery	Jacob	Max	Alfie	Brody	Callum	Thane	George WN

Children's Achievements



Well done to Arlo and Noah in Year 2 who passed their recent karate grading and have progressed onto Orange belt! We are so proud of you boys!



Well done to Zach in Nadal Class and Dylan in Seacole Class for their recent sponsored swim. They undertook this for their swimming teacher who has bowel cancer as they wanted to raise money towards this important cause.

Zach swam 34 lengths, and Dylan swam 38 lengths and they raised an AMAZING £352. Well done!

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

14th March	Year 3 trip to St Albans Cathedral
14th March	FOKS AGM
15 th 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 th March 3:40 to 6:40pm	Spring Term Parents Evening Face to Face Consultations – <i>children's books/learning will be available to view on this date.</i>
27 th March 3:40 to 6:40pm	Spring Term Parents Evening Face to Face Consultations - <i>children's books/learning will be available to view on this date.</i>
28th March	End of Spring Term Nursery – 12pm Reception & KS1 – 1.10pm KS2 – 1.20pm