

**Knebworth
School Values**

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

Friday 15th March 2024

**Spring 2
British Value**

Self-Belief

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy but productive week in school filled with many wonderful learning opportunities for the children. Following on from their recent walk to the train station, Year One loved watching Arlo's story and learning about how to be safe at the railway station as it linked incredibly well with their history topic. During the children's *free to be me* time this week some of the children decided to design a poster to teach other children what they had learned. Such fantastic responsibility towards our learning here – well done Year One!



On Wednesday this week children across the school were visited by Su Murley, a local children's author. It was fascinating listening to Su talk about her latest book 'Shirley Murley' and the process she went through to write it. The children loved the abundance of rhyme in the book and how fun the character Shirley Murley was. Su also stayed for a book signing for those children who had pre-ordered her book and we know the children absolutely loved having their book signed by her. Thank you to Miss Bains for organising this wonderful experience for the children.

Yesterday the KS1 children loved their visit from Safari Stu. They were all fascinated by the unusual animals he brought with him and really enjoyed getting to hold and touch the creatures in such a relaxed environment. The lesser tenrec and the python were definite favourites! Thank you to Mrs Day for organising this experience for the children.

Also yesterday Year 3 visited St Albans Cathedral as part of their history topic on The Romans this term. They had the opportunity to design and make their own mosaics using tiles and grout - they were all very creative. In addition to this, they also had the opportunity to explore the cathedral and learn about the story of St Alban. Year 3 got to dress up and tell the story as well as see and feel some Roman armour. Max even said - 'Best trip ever!' A BIG thank you to the Year 3 team for organising such an excellent learning experience for the children.

In this week's Wonder Wednesday assemblies Miss Hall delivered an assembly promoting our new and exciting Young Aspirers' competition! Miss Hall would like the children to design a bronze, silver and/or gold badge - which will be made and presented to children once they have completed their tasks (along with a certificate) throughout the school year. Additionally, we would love to collect any photos of children completing their tasks to include in the Knebworth School newsletter! Please email photos and/or badge designs to support@knebworth.herts.sch.uk

There has been a sea of red in school today with both children and staff showing awareness of Red Nose Day in school. There is still time to donate directly to the charity through this [Just Giving link](#). Thank you.

Thank you to Reuben in Chandi Class for donating such a magical book titled 'Do something for someone else' This wonderful book illustrates how even the smallest of actions can impact the lives of others, and teaches children the value of spreading kindness each day. We cannot wait to read and share this book in school. Thank you Reuben!

Next Thursday and Friday our DEI Ambassadors will be selling our school DEI badge for 50p for children to buy and wear proudly as part of their school uniform. All monies raised will be used to buy more books for the school incorporating authors and characters from a range of diverse backgrounds – this was the children's choice on how to spend the money raised. Please do send your child in with 50p if you would like them to purchase a badge!



Lastly, we would like to say a BIG BIG thank you to Maddy and Holly for their exceptional work as Co-Chairs of FOKS over the last three years. They have taken on this volunteer role and worked tirelessly to raise much needed funds for the school and they have raised an outstanding total of £35,000 for the school which has been used to enhance the educational experience of each and every child. We are forever grateful for their dedication, efforts and hard work. Thank you Maddy and Holly for leaving such an inspiring legacy! The school looks forward to working with Georgia and Maya (the new Co-Chairs) to continue the brilliant work of FOKS who are a vital part of our school community.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone and for those families who are observing Ramadan and/or St Patrick's Day we hope you and your families have a lovely time celebrating.

Kind Regards, Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard



Message from The FOKS Team

Hi Everyone,

We would like to take this time to confirm our resignation as the FOKS Co-Chairs. Since taking over during the COVID pandemic, we were able to successfully navigate the additional complications the pandemic created; and then as life eased, re-introduce family favourite fundraising events such as the Summer and Christmas Fayres, the Year 6 Entrepreneurial Market and of course the Discos. We introduced new events such as Crazy Hair Day, Bunny Hop, Walk to Chatillion, Treasure Hunts, Smartie Challenge, Half Term Reading Challenge and of course our favourite - Wonka Bars! As a team, we are proud of the £35,000 we have raised during our time as Co-chairs!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Miss Bains and Mrs Laskey for trusting and supporting us to run events at the School. We would also like to thank our Committee and Parent Helpers who have been there through rain and shine selling books, doughnuts, watermelons, Christmas Jumpers and many many other items! And finally, thank you to all of you, our school community, for attending our events, buying those Mothers Day cushions and teddies (when it may be the last thing you would like!) and encouraging the children to take part in all of the different activities.

Looking forward, we hand over the Chair-ship to Georgia and Maya, who are both Year 2 parents, we look forward to the new activities and ideas they will bring to FOKS. Please continue to support FOKS to make sure it continues to successfully raise vital funds for the children at school.

Thank you once again,
Holly and Maddy

Diversity, Equality & Inclusion (DEI) Spotlight



Georgia in Johnson Class was so inspired by International Women's Day last Friday that she has created a beautiful, informative poster spotlighting the achievements of 12 influential women. Well done Georgia – this demonstrates such fantastic responsibility for your learning.

Notices & Reminders

Knebbers Crew will be running their very popular Summer Camp during the first two weeks of the Summer Holiday. Please use this [online form](#) to book your child's space. Knebbers Crew will then confirm the space via email.



Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

Irish Soda Bread

For Saint Patrick's Day weekend, I thought I would share my traditional Irish soda bread recipe. Shop-bought bread is often highly processed. Soda bread is delicious and very easy to make. It's a staple in our home!

Makes: 2 loaves

Ingredients:

- 500g wholemeal flour
- 500g white flour
- 2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 500ml of natural yogurt
- 500 ml milk



Method:

1. Preheat the oven to 200C/fan 180C.
2. Line 2 loaf tins (I buy loaf liners to save time).
3. Sift the flour and bicarbonate of soda into a large mixing bowl and stir in the salt.
4. Make a well in the centre and pour in the milk and yogurt, stirring as you go.
5. Pour the mixture into the loaf tins and bake for 40 – 45 minutes. The bottom of the loaf should sound hollow when tapped.
6. Once baked, turn the bread out onto a wire rack until it has cooled.

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
94.0%	98.2%	99.0%	97.9%	92.2%	97.9%	96.5%	95.9%	95.2%	98.%	90.3%	96.3%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery Class Remy	Chandi Class Nevaeh & Bonnie	Henson Class Daisy & Theo
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Year 1: Isla & Elsie
Year 2: Hannah & Maisie

House Points

<i>Aschil</i> 112 	<i>Bulwer</i> 108 	<i>Eudo</i> 120 	<i>Lytton</i> 127 
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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
Finley Alyssia	Yoan	Mohsina	Imogen	Mick	Jacob	Harvey	Harrison	Haytham Jessica Tilly	Max George S	Ashray	Matthew

Children's Achievements



Well done to Eve in Johnson Class who has completed and was awarded her Level 2 Gymnastics Gold Award. We are so proud of you!



On Sunday 10th March Reuben in Johnson Class and Theo in Henson Class competed in the Regional Schools Acro Gymnastics qualifiers.

Representing Knebworth School and HoriZen Academy of Gymnastics, they performed their routine brilliantly and came away with 2nd place!

An amazing achievement, well done boys!

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Knebworth House Parish Open Day

Knebworth House are delighted to invite all school and nursery children to come free of charge with their household to their parish open day on Sunday 24th March.

To enter for free please show proof of a Knebworth address, bring a copy of the March Knebworth Parish Magazine, or proof of attendance at Knebworth Primary and Nursery school.

For Parish Open Day we ask attendees to use the back entrance off Old Knebworth Lane, SG3 6PY.

They will be open from 10.30am – 5pm, with last admission at 4pm.

French Day 25th March

As part of our annual French Day celebrations The Twinning Association will be providing each child with a croissant as part of a French Breakfast. If you would prefer for your child **not** to receive a croissant then please let your child's class teacher know by **Friday 22nd March**.

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

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