

**Knebworth
School Values**

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2024

**Spring 2
British Value**

Self-Belief

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,

And in the blink of an eye the Spring Term is complete. We cannot quite believe we have finished two thirds of this academic year! As always, it has been another busy week in school and a fantastic end to a wonderful term.



On Monday we held our annual French Day where children across the school partook in a number of different french related activities. In Year One, they learnt all about France, where it is and how it is very close to the UK. They looked at the different ways they can get there. Then they focused on Chatelaillon-Plage, the town Knebworth is twinned with. They learnt about its annual kite festival and made their own French flags and kites. They then had great fun eating croissants and flying their kites! We would like to extend a BIG thank you to The Twinning Association for providing each child with a croissant to enjoy on this day as well as holding the ever popular French Café after school. All monies from this café have been split between the school and the Twinning Association. Lastly, a BIG thank you to Miss Dimmock and Mrs Bickerdyke for organising such a wonderful French Day in school.

Some of our Year 5 children had a lovely visit to the local Knebworth Care Home this week, where they made cakes following a recipe that had been given to them by one of the residents. This was followed by games of scrabble and cards along with a snack. We look forward to hearing how the cakes turn out! Thank you to everyone who was part of this community event.

Thank you to everyone who attended Parents Evening over the last two nights, it was so lovely to see so many of you in person. We do hope you enjoyed sampling the food which was on offer from our excellent HCL catering team and if you haven't had time to complete our Behaviour and Communication survey then there is still time over the Easter break. The link is as follows: <https://forms.gle/Bsk7vzH23RerKTCA7>. Thank you to everyone who has completed it so far, your feedback is so appreciated.



This week children have been completing the annual FOKS Bunny Hop challenge where they see how many hops they can complete in one minute in their PE lessons. Miss Breckenridge has had the very tough job of awarding just one prize per class which the children will be bringing home today. Thank you to FOKS for providing these prizes to the children. We are also pleased to announce that FOKS contributed additional monies to our February Half Term Reading Challenge and as a result the school now has £960 to spend on new books for the library! We are so, so grateful to the FOKS team for their continued support in promoting and supporting our Reading for Pleasure ethos in school.

Yesterday some Year 4 and 5 children participated in the Stevenage Sporting Futures team Inspire and Compete festival. In the morning they took part in Tri-Golf where they were shown the skills needed to play golf and completed a round robin of activities using the skills and scoring points. They were awarded 3rd place. In the afternoon they took part in rapid fire cricket, the children showed great teamwork and as a result were awarded 2nd place overall and only missed out on 1st place due to goal difference. Well done to all children involved and thank you to Miss Breckenridge for facilitating such an excellent sporting opportunity for the children.

Our termly acknowledgement of our winning house (for Years 1 to 6), is celebrated with an extra reward due to the collective efforts of being awarded House Points when displaying our core school values. As part of our pupil voice review of this reward, School Ambassadors were keen to see a slight change to how it is given. From next term, teachers will be deciding what the winning house reward will be, with the class, and they will present it to them in class. As it will be decided with the class, it will look different across the school. It could be a day to wear slippers or an item of clothing in their house colour, bringing in a teddy, extra time on the Chromebooks, a chance to wear odd socks... We will be celebrating **House Lytton** who were the winning House for this Spring Term on **19th April** in school so if your child is in House Lytton please do look out for communication regarding this from your child's class teacher.

This Spring Term we have welcomed some new members to our Governing Body. We are pleased to announce that Trisha Sewell has joined us as Clerk to the Governing Body, Trisha brings with her a wealth of experience and expertise in this area. We have also welcomed Sarah Aggrey, Pam Jardine and Aubrey Holt to our Governing Body as Governors and we are so looking forward to working with them.

We have also welcomed Sara Thornton and Zanna Mihailova to our team of Midday Supervisory Assistants. They have thoroughly enjoyed their first few weeks in school, getting to know the children and we know they will be an asset to our team.



Thank you to Robin in Chandi Class for donating such a humorous book as part of our Birthday Book Initiative. We know his class have loved reading this book and it will be treasured for years to come.

Have a lovely, restful Easter break everyone and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on **Tuesday 16th April**.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard

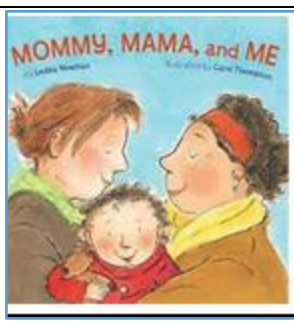
Diversity, Equality & Inclusion (DEI) Spotlight

No Outsiders Spring 2

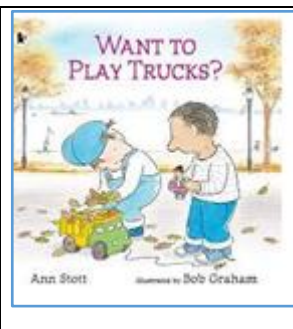
Please do ask your child about the No Outsiders books they have been exploring this half term – we do hope they have enjoyed them ☺



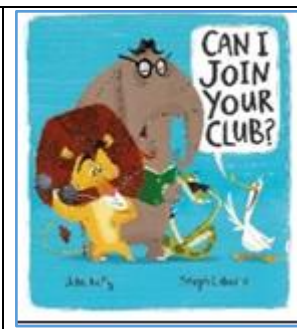
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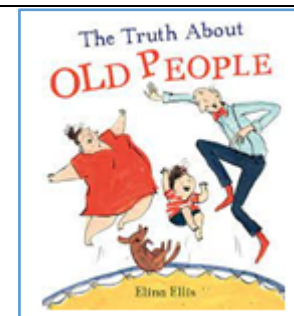
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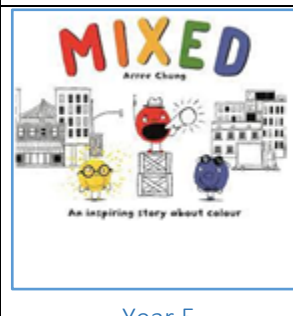
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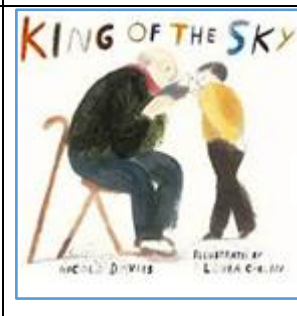
Year 3



Year 4



Year 5



Year 6

Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

Smoothies

My girls seem to constantly want snacks during school holidays and smoothies are one of my go-to options as they are quick, easy to make with little ones, and a great opportunity to combine lots of nutrient-dense ingredients into one meal.

Here are my tips for creating a healthy smoothie.

1. Start with a Base: Choose a nutritious base such as milk or live yogurt. We like to use kefir milk as it's an excellent source of healthy bacteria for good digestion and immunity.
2. Add fruits: Frozen berries, bananas and mangoes work well.
3. Add Greens: Incorporate greens such as spinach, cucumber, or avocado for a boost of vitamins, minerals, and fibre. I love using frozen avocado chunks as they add creaminess.
4. Experiment with seeds: Seeds like chia seeds, flaxseeds, or hemp seeds boost the nutritional content of your smoothie with their high levels of omega 3 and minerals.

Strawberry Banana Smoothie Recipe

Ingredients:

- 1 cup kefir milk
- 1/2 cup frozen strawberries
- 1 small banana
- ¼ avocado
- 1 tbs chia seeds

Method:

Add all the ingredient to a blender and blend well, adding more fluid if needed.



Enjoy!

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
96.1%	87.1%	95.7%	95.7%	94.7%	98.2%	89.7%	93.5%	95.3%	95.7%	91.4%	96.3%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery Class Charlie	Chandi Class Maximus & Reuben	Henson Class Barney & Oliver
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House Points



*Winning House for Spring 2024 is
House Lytton!*



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
Ava Hugo	Jessica Seren	Alba	Bea Maxwell	Imogen Emmie	Jacob Brooke	Reggie	Violet Alfie	Flo	Sophie	Ellie M Theo Leo	Matthew Isabelle

Children's Achievements



Well done to Emmeline in Nadal class for achieving her Level 1 Gold Gymnastics Award.
We are so proud of you!

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.

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

15th April	INSET Day – school closed
16 th April	Summer Term begins
17 th April	Year 2 Trip to Roald Dahl Museum
1 st May	Class Photos
3 rd May	FOKS Kings and Queens Day – <i>children are invited to come to school dressed as a King or Queen or anything royal from any culture/region of their choice</i>
6th May	Early May Day Bank Holiday – school closed
18 th May 10am to 2pm	Knebworth School Sustainability Fair
22 nd to 24 th May	Year 6 PGL Trip
27th to 31st May	May Half Term – school closed



3rd June	INSET Day – school closed
24 th June 1:30pm	Year 5 & 6 Sports Day
25 th June 1:30pm	Year 3 & 4 Sports Day
26 th June 1:30pm	Year 1 & 2 Sports Day
27 th June 9:30am	EYFS Sports Day
28 th June	Reserve Sports Day
3 rd July 3:30 to 6pm	Take One Picture Exhibition
4 th July	Year 4 Celtic Harmony Trip
5 th July	Reserve Sports Day
11 th July	Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day
11 th July	Class Swap Day – <i>children will spend time meeting their new teacher for next academic year and seeing their new classroom</i>
12 th July	End of Year Reports to Parents
16 th July	Year 6 Hazard Alley Trip
17 th July 7pm	Music Evening
23rd July	End of Summer Term