

**Knebworth
School Values**

Respect
Responsibility
Resilience



Knebworth Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th April 2024

**Summer 1
British Value**

Responsibility

Message from the Senior Leadership Team

Dear Parents and Carers,



The week started with a wonderful day in school on Monday celebrating Earth Day. The theme for the event this year was "Planet versus Plastics." We started our day with one of our school governors, Aubrey coming into school to speak to KS1 and KS2 about sustainability and the ways we can protect our planet. We had lots of wonderful discussions in our assembly. Then in the afternoon, each class was given a country to create a geographical fact file about and also research what they are doing to reduce their plastic usage. The classes then paired up to present their findings to a different year group. EYFS also got involved by reading the book "Clean up", making an earth collage and helping sea/river creatures by getting rid of the plastic! Year One made some reusable bags from old t shirts and also a bag from crisp packets for Miss Breckenridge who needed a bag for her scarves – doesn't it look fantastic! It has been wonderful to feel a real buzz around school and we have even spotted lots of children litter picking on the school playground this week in line with our school value of responsibility. Well done Knebworth School! We know the future of our planet is in safe hands with you. A BIG thank you to Aubrey for coming into school to speak to the children in assembly and to Mrs Bickerdyke and Miss Dimmock for organising such an excellent Earth Day in school.

On Wednesday Miss Breckenridge took a group of Year 2 children to a Cricket festival where they were awarded 5th place – amazing news! Well done to all the children who participated and to Miss Breckenridge for facilitating this opportunity for the children.

Thank you to all the children who created an Easter bonnet over the holidays as part of the FOKS competition. We were all so impressed with the entries which have brightened up our library over the last two weeks. The Year 6 House Captains, Head Boy and Head Girl had a tough time choosing just two winners from all the entries but nevertheless they have crowned Annie in Nightingale Class 1st place and Eddy in Thunberg Class with 2nd place (prizes are on their way!). Well done Annie and Eddy we are so proud of you!



Another week has seen some more birthdays celebrated in school. Thank you to Esmée-Louise and Emmeline in Nadal Class, Luisa in Nightingale Class and Sierra in Thunberg Class for donating such wonderful books to the school. We are so looking forward to reading them!

On Wednesday children in Years 1 to 6 came together in a special assembly where Mrs Maynard revealed who the school's new Headteacher will be in September. The children were so, so pleased to hear that Miss Bains will be taking over from Mrs Laskey in September and the applause and cheering from the school was incredibly touching. Miss Bains has also spent some time visiting children in EYFS to share her special news with them. Thank you to all those children and parents who have expressed their warm wishes to Miss Bains and we know she is incredibly excited for September.

Don't forget it is Class Photos on Wednesday 1st May. All children should come to school dressed in their school uniform ready for their photo.

Don't forget it is FOKS Kings and Queens day on Friday 3rd May. Children are invited to come to school dressed as a King or Queen or anything royal etc from any culture/region of their choice.

Have a lovely, restful weekend everyone.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Laskey, Sim Bains & Grace Maynard

Diversity, Equality & Inclusion (DEI) Spotlight

Bringing together Diversity and Sustainability

As part of our weekly spotlights we will be looking at ways where we can tie together both DEI and Sustainability. Here is a short (90 second clip) that staff have watched this morning for your information:

<https://youtu.be/R22TKkHHZas?si=bKIG40faaNQ1JVRv>



Sylvie in Turing Class has created a lovely poster reminding everyone to look after the plants in our school – what a lovely idea Sylvie.

Healthy Eating Spotlight

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

Plastic Free Healthy School Snacks

To help reduce our environmental footprint, I've been asked to share some ideas for healthy school snacks that are free from single-use plastic. Here are some ideas that are nutrient-dense and affordable. They are also nut-free and egg-free.

1. Whole fruits like apples, bananas and satsumas are convenient, portable, and naturally packaged in their own skins! Serve with some cubes of cheese for a more filling snack.
2. Homemade energy balls, flapjacks or saoury muffins are quick and inexpensive to make. Bake in batches, freeze, and pack them straight from the freezer. They will defrost by break time.
3. Slice carrots, cucumbers, and peppers into sticks and serve with hummus.
4. Combine dried fruit like apricots, raisins, and cranberries with seeds such as pumpkin seeds and sunflower seeds.
5. Layer yogurt with granola and berries in reusable jars or containers. Choose yogurt sold in larger tubs to minimise plastic packaging.
6. Pair wholegrain crackers or breadsticks with slices of cheese.



Tip: Ikea do affordable stainless steel snack boxes. Lunchbots bento-style snack boxes are pricier but a good solution for separating foods e.g. vegetables with a dip. Also, beeswax wraps are a good alternative to cling film.

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
99.7%	95.7%	100%	98.6%	94.6%	98.5%	93.9%	85.4%	98.7%	93.0%	90.7%	97.7%

Knebworth Silver Values Certificates

Nursery Class Nava	Chandi Class Freya & Ellena	Henson Class Keith & Phoebe N
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Year 3: Thomas M, Lily & Ollie

Year 4: Alfie W & Alfie F

Year 5: Callum, William & Noah

Year 6: Thane, Theo, Agatha & Isabelle

House Points

<i>Aschil</i> 56 	<i>Bulwer</i> 70 	<i>Eudo</i> 49 	<i>Lytton</i> 55 
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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 Isabella	Alana Ronnie	Isobella	Bea	Aoife	Ruva	Jack Leo	Sergio	Alex Brody	Archie Elisha	Isla P	Jake

Children's Achievements



Well done to Isla in Turing Class who has just gained her 25m swimming badge and passed her Swim England Stage 4, which we think is great progress for a 6yr old. Well done Isla!

Notices & Reminders

MAY HALF TERM (FOOTBALL FUNWEEK) 3 DAY CAMP
(TUESDAY 28TH - THURSDAY 30TH MAY)



We are excited to announce our next 3 day Football Camp at Knebworth School is taking place over May Half term on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 28th, 29th & 30th May. Boys & Girls from age 5-11 of all abilities are all welcome.

So If you would like to get your kids off their electronic devices and out into the fresh air where they can enjoy HEALTHY, SOCIAL and FUN activities then use the link below for more info and to book your child/children onto the camp. (1,2 & 3 Day options available)

<https://futuresportscoaching.co.uk/holiday-clubs/>

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Don't forget to sign up for our popular **Knebbers Crew Summer Camp** taking place during the first two weeks of the Summer Holidays - this can be done through this [form](#).

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>
6 th 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
6th July 12 – 8pm	FOKS Gala 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