



NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful week. I obviously spoke too soon about the weather as it drastically changed this week. With that in mind, please make sure your child is adequately dressed for rain and the cold.

On Monday, we had a visit from Bexley School Improvement, and they commented on how much the school has changed since they visited in May. Here are a few quotes from their visit note:

"The atmosphere in the corridors was very calm, and the children were engaged in their learning in those classrooms visited."

"Behaviour around the school is very calm."

"...on a tour of the school, where the changes were evident. It was clear that the school had a focus on consistency, and purposeful displays."

We also had a visit from our external School Improvement Partner on Wednesday who focused on SEND and ensuring we are providing the right support for our children with SEND needs. She was extremely complimentary of all the work we are doing and the provisions we have in place. Once the report comes in, I will share with you some of her feedback.

On Thursday, we had an external company filming a promotional video of the school, this video only included some of our children who had video and picture permissions. Once the video is edited, we will share it with you.

Thank you to those parents who have responded to the values letter, once the deadline has passed, I will be sharing the 6 values that were the most popular and we will then launch and ensure we change our signs across the school.

Wishing you all a restful weekend and see you all on Monday!

Ms D Indresano and the NHP Team!



Well Done

Leah had her first bowling competition for nationals this Sunday, and the biggest competition in the bowling calendar.

Leah competed in group, doubles and single games. In every game she beat her average score. As well as achieving her best scores not once but twice her last game she got her new personal best of 179. Leah has only been bowling last three months. She did extremely well and proud of her achievements she made this weekend.



Early Years



We have been practising writing our name into sand.

This week in Topic Year 1 used their iPads, to discover physical and human features, all around the Heath. The children were able to change the settings to look at different maps and look at street view pictures.

Year One



Year Two



As part of DT in year 2 this week we have been looking at food safety and hygiene, as well as the healthy eating triangle. We cleaned our surfaces, hands and our fruits to make sure everything was hygienic and then we practiced cutting them up. We really enjoyed discovering the different textures of the fruits and we even got to taste test them all once we were finished. The apples were a lot harder for us to slice than the banana was and this allowed us to use our key vocabulary to describe the difference between the fruits.

Year 3 constructed a human timeline from early Stone Age to modern times to gain a better understanding of history.

Year Three



Year Four



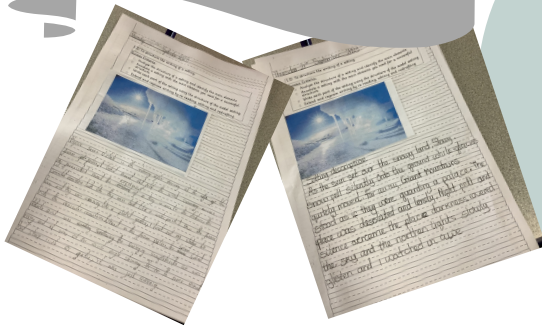
This week in year 4, we have been practising to read our poems with prosody and intonation. We then performed them in front of the class!

In Year 5 this week, we explored place value in Maths, reading and writing numbers to 1,000,000. We drew the numbers on our whiteboards to be able to see the number visibly in each numbers correct place value.

Year Five



Year Six



This week, year 6 have been using their core text of Race to the Frozen North as a stimulus for our writing. We have been using figurative language to create descriptions of frozen landscape settings.

Harvest Festival



As is our custom, we will be collecting items to support a local charity as part of the Harvest celebrations which will take place in October.

This year, in collaboration with St Paul's church, Mill Road, all donations received will be given to our local food bank who support Women's Aid shelters. They have therefore asked for donations of the items listed below which they currently require. Which you can find on your Arbor messages, or by asking the office.

All donations will be collected during the week 2nd – 6th October. You are welcome to send in your donations with your child, or you can give these directly to your child's class teacher if you prefer. On Friday 6th October, all donated items will then be taken over to the church by our Year 2 children as part of their focus this term on 'Helping our Community'.

We thank you in advance for your generosity in helping those less fortunate than ourselves. Please do not hesitate to ask if you have any questions.

- Women's toiletries
- Childrens toiletries
- Baby toiletries
- Nappies
- Nappy bags
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Bubble bath
- Deodorant
- Baby food
- Laundry products
- Washing up liquid
- Sanitary product

Help us choose our school values

On Thursday we sent an email to parents, via Arbor, to ask for your help to choose our school values.

We believe that NHP deserves 6 new values that really support our children. It has been a long time since we looked at our values and we feel it is a good time to refresh them. Our values inform our thoughts, words, and actions. They are important because they help us to grow and develop and help us to create the future we want to experience. Staff at NHP have had time to select the 6 they feel are relevant to the children and community and the children have also done this as a class. The last part of this is getting the views from parents. Using the link below please can you select the 6 values you feel our children, staff and community should live by. We will then select the 6 most popular ones and launch them before half term. The idea is that we teach and embed these values and focus on one each half term.

Please can you complete the form via your Arbor email by Monday 25th September 2023
Thank you for your continued support.

If you need help to access your Arbor app. Please contact the school office.

Parent Forum

On Tuesday 3rd October after drop off, I will be holding a parent forum in the hall. This will be an opportunity to meet some more parents but also talk about the journey of school improvement for NHP. This is not a time to bring up individual concerns, but a chance to discuss the plans going forward and gather any ideas from parents that we could consider. I would like to do these meetings every half term to continue to build the relationships between the school and the community. Come along and have a coffee or tea with us!

Christmas Cards

Our local MP, Abena Oppong-Asare MP is holding an annual Christmas Card competition.

The theme for this year is: 'What makes me happy in Erith and Thamesmead.' I would like children to draw or paint a design that shows what they love about living in our constituency. This might include a special place in the community such as the parks or open spaces; a favourite shop or landmark; or a person, friend or family member, who makes them smile.

Entries must be accompanied by a few sentences explaining why the picture makes the young artist happy and why they chose to draw it. The artwork will be assessed by a panel of judges, and the winning design will be used as my Christmas Card and sent to more than 1,000 local people and groups.

In addition to the main prize, the winner and two runners up will receive a gift.

The submission process is as follows:

1. The artwork must be A4 in size (including the pupil's name, age, class and school).
2. It must be accompanied by a few sentences explaining why you chose to draw it.
3. Please take a scan or a photo of the artwork and send via email to abena.oppingasare.mp@parliament.uk
4. All entries must be accompanied by the completed consent form, also attached to this email.
5. Submissions must be received by 5:30pm 1st November.

Thank you and good luck!



Communication

If you have something that you would like to discuss, we ask that you follow this channel to have your query resolved. This will allow us to be efficient and involve the appropriate staff members.

Class Teacher



Phase Leader



Assistant Head Teacher



Deputy Head Teacher



Head Teacher

If your query is general the office may be able to help. You can email them nhpoffice@watschools.org.uk or call 01322 334 638.

If your query is SEN related, you can contact us to request a call back from our SENCO, Miss Clarke or a member of the inclusion team. However, if this is related to a new issue - we do encourage you to always speak to the Class Teacher in the first instance.

Ways to keep updated...



Northumberland Heath
Primary School



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Please ensure that you have downloaded the Arbor app for important updates, trip payments, booking clubs, parents evening and more!



http://

Our website:

www.northumberlandheathprimaryschool.co.uk

Coming up...

October Half Term MULTI-SPORT COURSE

BOYS AND GIRLS 4-13 years
All abilities

£45 per week or £15 a day

- Woodland Academy Trust Discount
- Sibling discount (non trust members)

Friday Funday!

Limewood Primary School,
2 Sandy Road, Erith,
Kent, DA8 1FJ

23-27 Oct | 10am-3pm

Please Bring: Packed Lunch, Drinks, Trainers & Shipads.
Rewards Include: Certificates, Medals & Trophies.
Sports Include: Basketball; Dodgeball; Handball;
Motor Skills; Kick Ball; Benchball; Football; Tag Rugby;
Racket Skills; Tennis; Badminton.

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October Half Term FOOTBALL COURSE

BOYS AND GIRLS 5-13 years
All abilities

£45 per week or £15 a day

- Woodland Academy Trust Discount
- Sibling discount (non trust members)

Friday Funday!

Northumberland Heath Primary School,
Wheelock Close, Erith, DA8 1JE
(Brook Street entrance)

23-27 Oct | 10am-3pm

Please Bring: Packed Lunch, Drinks, Trainers & Shipads.
Rewards include: Certificates, Medals & Trophies.
Coach Qualifications: UEFA and FA Qualified Coaches;
FA Child Protection; Safeguarding & First Aid Training.

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Applying for Reception or Nursery for September 2024?

Come and Visit

Choose your date

- Thursday 19th October 2023 2-3pm
- Tuesday 7th November 2023 10-11am
- Monday 4th December 2023 9.30-10.30am
- Friday 5th January 2024 10-11am
- Monday 29th January 2024 10-11am

We welcome you to come and meet our Head Teacher Ms Indresano, and our Early Years Leader, Mrs Skeels, who will tell you all about our wonderful school!

Please use the contact details below to book your place now.

please email
nhpoffice@watschools.org.uk
or call
01322 334 638
Thank you



If you are unable to access the Arbor app, please speak to the front office.

BIRTHDAYS

Cameron, Ela, Zak, Apraj, Thomas and Ruby.



STAR OF THE WEEK

22/09/2023	
Class	Name
Bluebells AM	Jade
Bluebells PM	Jacob
Catkin	Aysegul
Saplings	Grace
Aspen	Evie
Hawthorn	Jake F
Elm	Harlo
Rowan	Maia
Nettle	Valeria
London Plane	Teddie
Silver Birch	Sophia
Mountain Ash	Rubie-Mae
Maple	Leon
Spruce	Leah
Whitebeam	Jazmin
Pine	Phoebe
Beech	Isabelle L
Linden	Kayleigh
Oak	Skye
Cedar	Holly
Elder	Paige

Class	11.9	18.9
Bluebells	85.1	86.2
Saplings	93.4	95.9
Catkins	93.7	92.9
Hawthorn	91.9	96.1
Aspen	92.9	90.9
Nettle	96.8	84.8
Elm	94.5	100
Rowan	91.2	88.7
London Plane	98.1	91.5
Mountain Ash	98.1	96.9
Silver Birch	94.8	94.6
Spruce	96.7	93.3
Maple	91.3	96.7
Whitebeam	93.6	97.3
Linden	96.4	96.9
Pine	97.6	96
Beech	97.0	96.4
Elder	90.4	95.6
Oak	96.4	91.3
Cedar	96.4	95
Whole School	94.5	94

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