

NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness." - Ola Joseph

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful week so far. We have had a mix of rain and sun this week. Autumn has definitely begun; please can you ensure your child has appropriate clothing to keep them warm during these months ahead.

On Tuesday, we launched Black History Month, the focus this year is 'Reclaiming our Narrative'. We sent out a poster of what we will be celebrating and learning and we launched this with an assembly on Tuesday. We hope to produce digital portfolios per year group which we will share with parents. Our curriculum lends itself to learning about different cultures and religions but for us it is important to highlight the importance of Black History Month as well.

We had Julie Carson, Director of Education for the Woodland Academy Trust visit us on Wednesday. She did a walk around the school and spoke to senior leaders about the progress of the school. She was so pleased to see the consistency in classrooms, children and staff using iPads to support the quality of learning. Children were engaged in their learning and responding well. She spoke about the calmness and purpose of the school as well.

On Friday, Year 5 went on their trip to the British Museum in London, linked to their topic this term. They had a great day and behaved really well.

Wishing you a lovely weekend and see you all on Monday.

Ms Indresano and the NHP Team!



Please label your children's uniform so that if they are lost, we have a better chance of getting them back to you.

Applications for Reception and Secondary school are now open via the Bexley Council website, for September 2025.

Secondary applications close on 31st October 2024
Reception applications close on 15th January 2025



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Early
Years



In EYFS have been exploring 2D shapes this week. We have learnt that 2D means they are flat shapes. We are now learning how to recognise and name a circle, square, triangle and rectangle by their properties. A circle has 1 curved side. A triangle has 3 straight sides. A square has 4 sides the same. A rectangle has 2 short sides and 2 long sides.

Year 1 enjoyed their first trip to the Book Barn. We looked at some of the lovely books and then chose one to take home. We are looking forward to sharing them with our families. We can't wait until our next visit!



Year
One

Year
Two



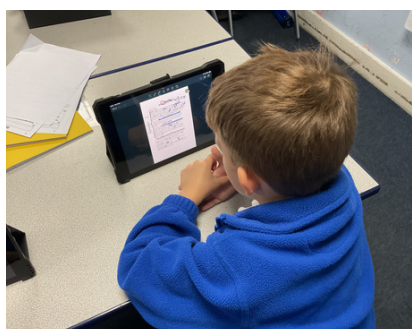
This term in science, Year 2 have been learning about 'living things and their habitats'. We have learnt about what animals and humans need to survive and what kind of environment they need. This week we got to choose a habitat that we have explore and used junk modelling to create it.

This week in Art, Year 3 enjoyed learning about cave paintings, exploring caves from the past and creating colour palettes to use for their own cave paintings later in the term.



Year
Three

Year
Four



Today, in Year 4 the children completed a diary conventions lesson on their iPads. They were tasked with finding past tense, first person and conjunctions in a diary entry. They are loving our core text This Morning I Met A Whale and are finding the fact that the whale talks very humorous.

Year Five



Year 5 have thoroughly enjoyed computing activities. They are ipad experts and have mastered some excellent skills. The pupils have also been working with larger numbers in maths.

Year 6 have been working on a radio script for one of the racing events in our book: The Wreck of the Zanzibar. They chose the event to report on and wrote a dramatic script to reflect the excitement of the characters who won the race. They delivered the presentation with great zeal and comedy, and successfully held the attention of our audience.



Year Six

ATTENDANCE

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks
N Bluebells	92.2%
R Catkin	95.1%
R Saplings	95.0%
1 Aspen	94.2%
1 Hawthorn	93.2%
2 Elm	96.4%
2 Nettle	93.4%

3 London Plane	97.9%
3 Mountain Ash	86.4%
3 Silver Birch	92.8%
4 Maple	96.1%
4 Spruce	96.7%
4 Whitebeam	94.7%
5 Beech	94.4%
5 Linden	99.0%
5 Pine	95.8%
6 Cedar	91.7%
6 Elder	93.3%
6 Oak	94.6%

STAR OF THE WEEK

Class	Name
Bluebells AM	Lexi-Lou
Bluebells PM	Marcello
Catkin	Parampdeep
Saplings	Lola-Rose
Aspen	Harrison W
Hawthorn	Daisy
Elm	Leia
Nettle	Joshua O

London Plane	Henry
Silver Birch	Lile
Mountain Ash	Finley
Maple	Ryan
Spruce	Teddy
Whitebeam	Ruby R
Pine	Evie
Beech	Darsheel
Linden	Aaron
Oak	Juida
Cedar	Olivia
Elder	Betty

SAFEGUARDING

Continuing from last week, as our children grow up in an increasingly digital world, ensuring their safety online is more important than ever. Many children under 11 have access to phones and tablets, which brings exciting opportunities but also certain risks. Here are some key points to consider regarding phone safety and the age appropriateness of apps for young users:

3. Parental Controls & Monitoring

Use built-in parental controls on devices to manage screen time, restrict access to certain apps, and block inappropriate content.

Regularly review app usage to ensure they are interacting safely.

Discuss responsible use: Encourage open communication about the apps they are using and teach them how to handle inappropriate messages or content.

4. Screen Time Balance

Excessive screen time can affect your child's well-being. Ensure they are balancing digital interactions with real-world activities like playtime, reading, and family time.

5. Privacy Settings

Review the privacy settings on apps and devices to prevent your child's information from being shared publicly. It's also a good idea to discuss the importance of keeping personal information private with your child.

If you ever need guidance on specific apps or safety tools, feel free to reach out. Let's work together to ensure our children are navigating the digital world safely and responsibly.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Seerat, Bryanna, Mia, Millie, Theo & Riana

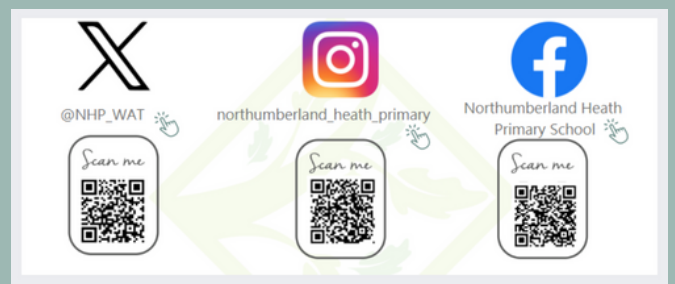


Please check back each week for updates. Also look on our social media pages & Arbor app.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7th Y6 - Bikeability Starts	8th	9th	10th Hello Yellow - World Mental Health Day Children can wear something yellow with their uniform like socks, hairband etc.	11th
14th	15th Phonics Workshop	16th	17th SENCO coffee morning 9am	18th
21st Harvest Festival Week	22nd	23rd	24th Look out soon as new clubs will be on Arbor!	25th



Download the ASDA Rewards app and register our school, thank you!



WEEKLY EVENTS (Clubs finish at 4.10pm)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year One - PE Year Five - PE Year Six - PE Choir Club	Year Three - PE Year Four - PE	Swimming - London Plane Year Two - PE Year Four - PE Dance KS1 Multi-Skills KS2	Swimming - Silver Birch & Mountain Ash Year Six - PE Year Five - PE	Year R - PE Year One - PE Year Two - PE