

NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

"We all require and want respect, man or woman, black or white. It's our basic human right." - Aretha Franklin

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely week. It has been another busy and enjoyable few days in school, full of exciting opportunities and community spirit.

On Monday, our Year 6 pupils took part in a Cyber Safety Talk delivered by our local police officers. The session helped children understand how to stay safe online, the importance of protecting personal information, and how to make sensible choices when using the internet and social media. The officers were impressed with the thoughtful questions our pupils asked and the maturity they showed when discussing such an important topic.

Our Book Fair came to an end on Tuesday. A huge thank you to all the families who visited and purchased books. Your support means a great deal — the school receives a percentage of the sales, which we can use to buy new books for our classrooms and our Book Barn. This helps us to continue nurturing a love of reading across the school.

We also held our Parents' Evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. It was wonderful to see so many parents meeting with their child's teacher. Strong partnerships between home and school are vital in supporting every child's learning and wellbeing, and we hope you found these meetings helpful and informative. If you were unable to book an appointment, please speak directly to your child's teacher to arrange a time after school.

On Wednesday, Year 1 and Year 2 had an exciting trip to a theatre in London to see The Three Little Pigs. The children absolutely loved the performance — they were captivated by the music, the colourful costumes, and the lively storytelling. It was a fantastic opportunity to experience live theatre, and they returned to school full of enthusiasm and smiles.

Our PTFA have been busy this week selling tickets for the upcoming Spooky Discos next week. There is still time to buy tickets if you haven't yet done so — it promises to be a fun event for the children!

Today, we dressed in yellow to support Mental Health Day. This day is an important reminder of the need to talk openly about mental health, to look after our own wellbeing, and to support others who may be struggling. In the afternoon, teachers led a range of activities focused on wellbeing, mindfulness, and kindness — helping children understand how small, positive actions can make a big difference to how we feel.

Finally, a gentle reminder to parents and carers to be considerate of our neighbours when arriving and leaving school. Please park safely and respectfully, and supervise children closely at all times. We ask everyone to be mindful that our neighbours' homes and property should be treated with the same care and respect as our own. Our neighbours are an important part of our community, and we want to ensure we maintain positive relationships with them.

We would also like to share that Yvonne Bruce, our School Business Associate, will be leaving us. Yvonne has worked for the Trust since 2011 and has dedicated her time to NHP since 2019. We are incredibly grateful for her hard work, professionalism and care over the years, and we wish her every success and happiness in her new role. Along with Yvonne, our much-loved wellbeing dog, Treacle, will also be leaving us. Treacle has brought so much joy, comfort and calm to both children and staff — she has been a wonderful part of our school community and will be greatly missed by everyone. We are pleased to confirm that we have appointed Melissa Tyrell, who will be joining us during November, and we look forward to welcoming her to the team.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. Wishing you all a relaxing weekend, and we look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday.

Ms Indresano and the NHP Team!

Year 6 Parents - Have you applied for Secondary School?

Application Deadline - 31st October 2025

Click to apply via the Bexley Council website:

[Apply for a Secondary School](#)



Early Years



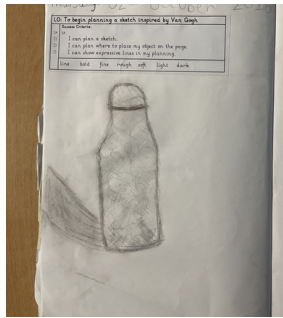
This week EYFS have been working on a harvest inspired art piece. We painted the background with sponges. We cut our own tree trunk and stamped leaves with different objects. We loved mixing the colours to make our tree.

Year 1 have been learning about Claudia Jones as part of Black History month. She was a clever and brave lady who wanted things to be fair for everyone. We explored how she helped start the Notting Hill Carnival and made our own carnival masks which we will wear to celebrate her achievements in assembly next week.



Year One

Year Two



This week in Year 2 we continue to work on our sketches inspired by Van Gogh. We have been practicing different techniques like cross hatching, blending and smudging in our art work ready for our final pieces.

This week, Year 3 have been learning all about the Harvest Festival and exploring ways we can give back to our community. We've been busy practising some special harvest songs and even made our own bread in class to donate to our local church for people in need. While baking, we discovered how important yeast is in helping the bread rise and become soft and fluffy.



Year Three

Year Four



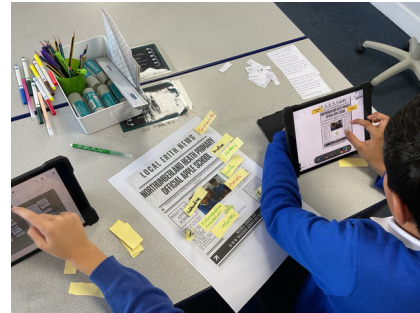
This week in RE, Year 4 have been learning about Hinduism, with a focus on Hindu music and Bhajans. The children explored what Bhajan is and why they are important for Hindus. They then had the opportunity to create their own short Bhajan using instruments, chanting positive values as part of their performance. The children really enjoyed this activity, and it helped them to gain a deeper understanding of the meaning and purpose of Bhajan in Hindu worship.

Year
Five



Today, Year 5 have been learning about common multiples in maths. They worked as a team to drop bean bags on to their designated multiple, while other teams did the same for their multiple. We then looked to see which numbers had more than one bean bag and we could recognise that as the common multiple.

This week, Year 6 have been exploring features of a newspaper in preparation for their final outcome. They were looking at both structural and language features, and building up to an exciting piece of writing based on the highway man.



Year
Six

ATTENDANCE

Take a look at this week's attendance. Please remember to inform us if your child is absent by calling 01322 334638 and speaking to the school office. Alternatively you can nhpoffice@watschools.org.uk

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks (%)
N Bluebells	90.8%
R Catkin	88.0%
R Saplings	90.3%
1 Aspen	89.6%
1 Hawthorn	92.8%
2 Elm	100.0%
2 Nettle	96.8%
3 Mountain Ash	91.0%
3 Silver Birch	91.8%
4 Maple	94.1%
4 Spruce	97.3%
4 Whitebeam	91.7%
5 Beech	97.9%
5 Linden	98.6%
5 Pine	93.2%
6 Cedar	99.6%
6 Elder	93.8%
6 Oak	98.7%

STAR OF THE WEEK



Friday 10th Oct	Star of the Week
Bluebells AM	Kimalie
Bluebells PM	Semilore
Saplings	Kayla
Catkin	Aleya
Aspen	Albie-James
Hawthorn	Paramdeep
Nettle	Scarlett
Elm	Dollie
Silver Birch	Matei
Mountain Ash	Joshua
Spruce	Tayah
Maple	Melissa
Whitebeam	Jasondeep
Beech	Emilia
Pine	Anisa
Linden	Camillia
Oak	Theresa
Cedar	Harry
Elder	Harneet

HAPPY *October* BIRTHDAY

Theresa, Nahida, Oscar, Seerat, Daisy, Bryanna, Mia, Millie, Theo, Jun Qi, David, Semilore, Freddie, Neerja, Amelia, Marcello, Teddie, Japkirat, Lola-Rose, Skyla-Rae, Tommy, Ekham, Toby, Miray, Chris, Freddie, Micaela, Finley, Gurkirat, Mankirat, Joshua, Samin, Adelaide, Greyson, Hudson & Albie-James.

Feedback Friday

SHARING THE
FEEDBACK FROM
OUR COMMUNITY

"Thank you for helping me. I now understand how to use my Arbor app! I haven't missed any school news, it's great."

Important Safeguarding Notice: Children's "Spy" Books

We want to make you aware of a recent issue affecting some popular children's books by Andrew Cope, including the Spy Dogs, Spy Cats, and Spy Pups series.

Some editions of these books include a printed web address at the back. This link used to go to the author's website, but the domain is no longer under his control. It has since been taken over by another party and now leads to inappropriate adult content.

The publisher, Puffin, has paused sales and distribution of the books and is working with schools, libraries, and retailers to remove copies from circulation. They have stressed that the website has no connection to the author or publisher.

What this means for you:

If your child has any Spy Dog, Spy Cat or Spy Pups books at home, please check the back for website links and make sure they do not try to visit the site.

It is safe for children to continue reading the stories themselves – the concern is only with the outdated link.

We recommend talking with your child about the importance of not following web addresses in books without checking with an adult first.

We will continue to share updates from the publisher as more information becomes available.

Reminders

Please label your children's uniform and belongings with their name. This makes it easier when we have lost property as we return named items to class. If the item does not have a name it will be left outside of the office near the rail of clothes.

Coming Up

Monday 13th October

Individual and Sibling Photos
- Full Uniform

Nursery & Y2 Parent Learning 2.30pm

Tuesday 14th October

Reception Trip

Wednesday 15th October

Y3, 4 and 5 Parent Learning
2.30-3pm

Spooky Disco : Y 1 & 2 4pm

Thursday 16th October

EYFS & Y1 Phonics with Parents
9am

Year 6 Gallery Event
Elder Class: 1:30 – 2:00 pm
Cedar Class: 2:00 – 2:30 pm
Oak Class: 2:30 – 3:00 pm

Spooky Disco : Y 3 & 4 4pm

Friday 17th October

Year 5 Trip

Spooky Disco : Y 5 & 6 4pm

Half Term

Monday 20th October - Friday 31st October

School resumes Monday 3rd November

**Check back each week
for updates.**

