



NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

"History has shown us that courage can be contagious and hope can take on a life of its own."
- Michelle Obama

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a wonderful way to end the half term! It has been a truly enjoyable and busy week filled with learning, creativity, and community spirit.

This week we welcomed many of our parents into school for our parent learning afternoons. It was fantastic to see so many families engaging in classroom activities and learning alongside their children. The children were so proud to share their work, explain what they've been learning, and show their parents how lessons take place day to day. The atmosphere across the school was full of enthusiasm and excitement – thank you to everyone who joined us and supported these sessions.

Our Year 6 gallery was another highlight of the week. The children worked incredibly hard to prepare and display their learning for parents, showcasing projects, artwork, and writing that reflected their recent topics. It was lovely to see the pride on their faces as they talked about their achievements and explained the process behind their work. A big well done to Year 6 for presenting their learning with such confidence and maturity.

In Reception and Year 1, parents joined their children for phonics sessions. We hope you found these workshops useful and enjoyed seeing first-hand how we teach phonics and early reading skills. The children loved having their parents in the classroom and were eager to demonstrate what they've been learning. Thank you for your participation and continued support in helping our youngest learners develop strong reading foundations.

After school, our PTFA Spooky Discos were a huge success! It was fantastic to see so many children attending, dressed up and ready for some Halloween fun. The music, games, and dancing created such a joyful atmosphere, and the children had an amazing time. A huge thank you to our PTFA and volunteers for organising such a popular event and for making it such an enjoyable evening for everyone.

Today marks the end of this half term, and we also celebrated our Headteacher's Awards. Well done to all the children who achieved a certificate and badge – we are so proud of your hard work and dedication. We want to thank all our children, staff, and families for their hard work, support, and positivity over the past few weeks. We hope you all have a lovely and safe half-term break and enjoy some well-deserved rest. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Monday 3rd November.

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

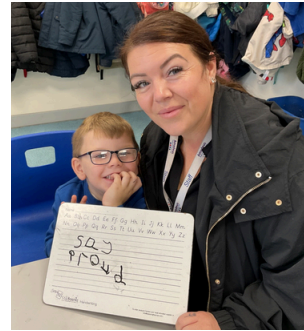


Reception have been taking part in their daily 'Rainbow Challenge'. They have been busy exploring all the different areas in the classroom to complete their challenge and receive a sticker for completing. We have been very proud of all the learning that Reception have completed this half term!

What an amazing morning we had in Year 1! Our "Learn with Your Child" phonics session was a huge success. It was wonderful to see so many parents join us to take part in their children's learning.

The children were absolutely buzzing with excitement as they showed their parents how we learn phonics in school. From sounding out words to reading sentences, the classroom was filled with learning, and pride. Parents couldn't have been prouder watching their children's growing confidence and enthusiasm. It was a fantastic opportunity to share in their progress and see the joy that learning brings every day.

A huge thank you to all of the parents who came along and made the session so special. Your support means so much to us and to the children – we can't wait for the next one!



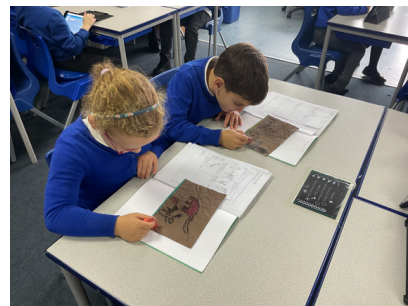
Year One

Year Two



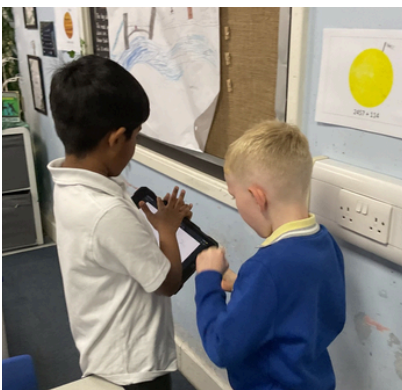
This week, Year 2 welcomed their parents into school to showcase the artistic skills they've been developing this half term. The children used sketching pencils to draw scenes of Erith, choosing either a past or present view of the town. They then explored shading techniques and experimented with different types of lines using charcoal, creating some truly impressive artwork.

This week in Year 3, we have been developing our final pieces of artwork, inspired by the plans we created last week. Our focus has been on recreating cave drawings and exploring the natural colours that people in the past might have used. The children particularly enjoyed experimenting with texture to create a realistic, uneven surface that represents the walls of a cave.



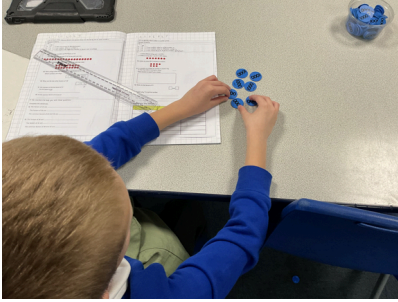
Year Three

Year Four



Year 4 have enjoyed collaborating lots these last few days. In reading, the children used their skimming and scanning skills to retrieve information from the text 'This Morning I Met A Whale' by Michael Morpurgo. They then drew the information they gathered. The children have also been learning adding and subtracting using written methods in maths. In one of our Teach Active lessons, they worked in pairs and took it in turn to travel round the planets by solving the calculations.

Year
Five



This week, Year 5 have been using manipulatives to create arrays and explore patterns in numbers. This hands-on approach helped them identify prime numbers and understand why some numbers can only be made into one array. A fantastic way to make maths visual and meaningful!

This week, Year 6 had the honour of welcoming our parents to visit our Term 1 Learning Gallery. Pupils proudly showcased their newspaper articles and shared their impressive learning journey in mathematics, particularly their work on numbers. They also presented their exciting history learning, exploring and debating the question: "Is it appropriate to celebrate lawbreakers?"



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	92.5%
R Catkin	92.0%
R Saplings	95.0%
1 Aspen	96.8%
1 Hawthorn	96.4%
2 Elm	97.5%
2 Nettle	93.9%
3 Mountain Ash	94.4%
3 Silver Birch	92.9%
4 Maple	89.5%
4 Spruce	97.0%
4 Whitebeam	94.8%
5 Beech	96.2%
5 Linden	98.2%
5 Pine	90.0%
6 Cedar	96.9%
6 Elder	93.8%
6 Oak	96.5%

STAR OF THE WEEK



	Achievement	Effort
Bluebells AM	Rayan	Arlo
Bluebells PM	Ollie	Rois
Saplings	Adhriha	Siena
Catkin	Sashmi	Harley
Aspen	Neerja	Jacob
Hawthorn	Rateek	Fynley
Nettle	Harrison W	Musa
Elm	Leea	Ali
Silver Birch	Lennie	Ariana
Mountain Ash	Evie	Harriet
Spruce	Livvy	Harlo
Maple	Maja	Semra
Whitebeam	Mithran	Maia
Beech	Sophia	Micheal
Pine	Teddie	Maggilee
Linden	Rubie	Cristian
Oak	Holly	Holly
Cedar	Sarah	Mahaveer
Elder	Millie	Freddie

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 to understand Phonics better. I now understand what it is that me and my son have been doing when we play eye spy and sound out the letters."

Halloween Safety

It's October which every teacher knows means two things; half-term and Halloween. Halloween has long given concern to school leaders and parents as well as the general public. Largely this has been due to anti-social behaviour, social disorder linked to trick or treating, house party overflows, late opening hours in the nightlife sector and so on.

Whilst educational professionals up and down the country may spend the lead up focusing on preventing anti-social behaviour, there are other dangers lurking for children and young people. These secondary dangers including unsafe costume design, and the low nocturnal visibility of participants have been addressed in a recent article from the Child Accident Prevention Trust.

[Click here for more information](#)



Reminder

All free school meal vouchers have now been sent via to those eligible, via the primary email on the child's account. If you have any issues, please read the voucher email and contact nhpoffice@watschools.org.uk. Responses will now come after half if received after 3pm today.

Please check out the What's on posters that have been sent via Arbor and posted onto our social media for all upcoming events.

Highlights include Rock Kidz, our dress up day where children will take part in a rock concert style assembly focusing on kindness and confidence - Tuesday 4th November.

We will also be updating our Curriculum Overviews to our website after half term so that our families can follow what their children are learning.

We look forward to seeing you back on Monday 3rd November after half term.

**Check back each week
for updates.**