



NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dear Parents/Carers,

It really has been a busy week here at NHP.

Throughout this week, PC Ryan has been in to educate our children on stranger danger, the children really responded well to the sessions. It has been anti bullying week and we have had workshops with the children around what is bullying and how it makes people feel. The children engaged well with the sessions as we linked it in with this term's value of Kindness.

Our CEO, Nav Sanghara visited the school on Tuesday morning to have a walk around and discuss our successes and our next steps. She was pleased to see the progress we have made as a team; the school was calm, children were engaged with their learning and the classrooms were consistent. We talked about having a big focus on teaching and learning to ensure our children get the best education and reviewing our curriculum so that it reflects what is relevant today and relevant to our community.

Thursday after school, the staff team had a joint staff meeting with our colleagues from the other schools hosted by Pearswood. It was an opportunity to discuss writing and have professional conversations. It was a good session to be altogether.

Today we promoted Children in Need. The choir welcomed children into school this morning and sang 3 of their songs; it was a lovely start to the day. Teachers were having a delivering some fairground theme activities in class and lunch today was hot dogs and chips. We are looking forward to having our Children in Need fair after school, we hope you can join us to raise money for a worthwhile cause.

We wish you all a wonderful weekend and see you on Monday.

Ms D Indresano and the NHP Team!

Staff Update :

Just to update parents, Mrs Fleary will be continuing with us as our behaviour consultant, 3 days a week until July next year. We are really pleased to keep her with us as she has had a real impact on the behaviour at our school.

Mrs Clarke will be remaining as the SENCO at NHP; however, her working patterns will be changing. Due to personal reasons, she will be partly working remotely and partly in school. Mrs Clarke has made huge progress as the SENCO at NHP and we are confident that this new arrangement will continue to benefit our community. She will still be contactable every day.

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




Christmas Fete : Stalls

Would you like a stall at our Christmas Fete on Friday 8th December please drop us a message nhpoffice@watschools.org.uk or call 01322 334 638.

We will need to know your name, contact number/email and type of stall. Thank you.

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association

We held an AGM meeting to elect our new PTFA. They are:

- Chair: Nicola Williams
- Vice Chair: Katie Golding
- Secretary: Sarah Davis / Sarah Riordan
- Treasurer: Aimee Coyne



We would like to encourage all parents to offer their support to the PTA. If you are available around the time of events and can volunteer to help, please let the school office know.

Early Years



In Reception we have been exploring Diwali as the festival of light, we created our own Diya lamps by manipulating clay. We have also been looking at positional language in maths using puppets.

In year 1 this week we have been using the iPads to help us research our chosen animals for our characters we are creating in English this term.

Year One



Recently in art, year 2 have been learning about the artist Eugene Seguy. Eugene used stencils shaped in various different bugs. He used these bug stencils to create patterns using different colours. Year 2 created a bug stencil using card and then used sponges to print. Children used various colours and rotated their stencils to make different patterns.

Year Two



Year 3 had a wonderful time with Perform Theatre Company, who visited us as part of Anti-Bullying Week 2023. We learned about the different types of bullying (physical, verbal, cyber and social), and got to do some brilliant role play. The children were able to act as very realistic teachers and adults!

Year Three



This week, Year 4 have started to plan their suspense story, using our model text to support as well as a box up grid. We have looked at techniques to help build suspense through using short sentences, use of ellipses and showing how the character responds to a situation. Some of our stories are set in either a creepy mansion, a dark dense forest or an eerie damp cave.

Year Four



Year Five



This week Year 5 have had such a varied week full of workshops and visits! They had a visit from PC Ryan to talk about Stranger Danger, and then they had an exciting anti-bullying workshop, creating an antibullying rap! In maths, they have been exploring Prime Numbers, and in English they have been exploring newspapers. Great work!

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we had Marilen from Perform come in and run a drama session with us. The class discussed what to do in different scenarios where there were different bullying issues and then in small groups, acted out different scenes...thinking of the people who would be involved. Once they had performed their piece, the rest of the class had to identify the characters being played, the bully, the bystander, the safe adult etc. The class had fun and had good discussions through the session.

Year Six



STAR OF THE WEEK

Class	Name
Bluebells AM	Llazar
Bluebells PM	Saul
Catkin	Billy
Saplings	Thomas
Aspen	Esther
Hawthorn	Seren
Elm	Cody
Rowan	Diana
Nettle	Skyla

London Plane	Chelsea
Silver Birch	Ryan
Mountain Ash	Henry
Maple	Lennox
Spruce	Holly
Whitebeam	Aaron
Pine	Caleb
Beech	Kyle
Linden	Isaac
Oak	Sophia
Cedar	Yuliia
Elder	David

ATTENDANCE

Class	3.11	10.11	17.11
Bluebells	90.6	91	83
Saplings	93.1	88.5	90.7
Catkins	92.5	87	83.1
Hawthorn	84.4	86.7	86.7
Aspen	91.0	92.7	88.8
Nettle	89.7	91.5	92.3
Elm	94.7	92.9	91
Rowan	89.7	88.1	85.7

London Plane	92.0	93.4	94.5
Mountain Ash	88.9	94.5	93.6
Silver Birch	90.3	96.2	92.6
Spruce	94.4	93.3	91.3
Maple	94.7	96.4	95.9
Whitebeam	94.7	94.7	93
Linden	88	96.8	94
Pine	94.5	94.3	95.8
Beech	81.2	97.4	96.1
Elder	88.9	88.3	87.9
Oak	93.8	92.5	93.4
Cedar	89.9	89.2	91.1
Whole School	93.1	93.4	93.3



We use Arbor to communicate important notices and information with parents. You should have set up your account when your child joined the school. If you are unable to access the Arbor app, please speak to the front office.

Safeguarding (Mrs Beale)

As the days are now shorter it is so important that we are visible to traffic on our way to school and when we are out and about. In this game, pupils will decide whether a series of pedestrians walking during the day and at night are wearing the right clothes to make sure that they can be seen by other road users.

Be bright be seen game – THINK!

Coming up...

FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Isla, Johnny, Blake, Leia and Darron



Half Term 2 Calendar - please check back each week for updates. Also look on our social media pages & Arbor app.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
20th Elder Library Visit School Photo catch up	21st Oak Library Visit	22nd 9am - Parent Forum Flu Vaccinations 9am - Parent Phonics Workshop	23rd	24th 9am - Coffee Morning in the Hub with inclusion team - Internet Safety. PM- Cedar Library Visit
27th Catkin Library Visit	28th Saplings Library Visit	29th 8.50am - SENDco Coffee morning in the Hub Parents' Evening	30th Parents' Evening	1st (Dec) Non-Uniform Day - please donate boxes of chocolates to the school for our Christmas fete.
4th 9.30am - New EYFS Tour	5th	6th Year 2 Trip to Greenwich	7th	8th Father Christmas & Fete
11th Year 3 & 4 Carol Service MHST - School Anxiety Workshop	12th Nursery Nativity 9.30am & 2pm	13th 9.30am Y2 Christmas Songs 1pm Y1 Christmas Songs	14th 9.30am - Reception Nativity	15th Christmas Dinner Day Y5 & 6 Carol Service
18th	19th - Last day before Christmas holidays	20th - Closed	21st - Closed	22nd - Closed

W E E K L Y E V E N T S

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE Day - Year 3 Forest Sch -Nursery AM Choir Club	PE Day - Reception PE Day - Year 4	PE Day - Year 1 PE Day - Year 5 Swim - Mountain Ash Forest School - Catkin	PE Day - Year 2 PE Day - Year 6 Swim - London Plane Swim - Silver Birch Forest School - Saplings	Forest Sch -Nursery PM PE Day - Reception