



NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Be yourself; everyone else is already taken." - Oscar Wilde

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had an incredibly busy but exciting week at NHP, and I would like to begin by saying how proud we are of our whole school community.

From Tuesday through to Friday, we welcomed visitors from schools and educational professionals from across the country and around the world, who came to see our use of technology and digital learning in action as part of our work as an Apple Distinguished School. It was a fantastic opportunity to showcase what makes NHP so special, and the feedback we received was extremely positive.

Our visitors were truly blown away by the independence and skills demonstrated by our children, as well as how calm, engaged and focused they were in their learning. Many commented on how beautiful and welcoming the school environment is, and how confidently both staff and pupils could speak about the learning taking place across the school. This kind of exposure is a wonderful achievement for NHP and reflects the hard work, commitment and pride shown by our pupils and staff every day.

On Thursday, we held our celebration assembly, where we recognised our Stars of the Week and celebrated the classes with the highest attendance. It was a lovely opportunity to reward children for their effort, attitude and achievements, and to remind everyone how important it is to be in school every day, ready to learn. Well done to all the children who received certificates and to the classes who were awarded the attendance trophy this week – we are very proud of you.

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

Ms Indresano and the NHP Team.

Early Years



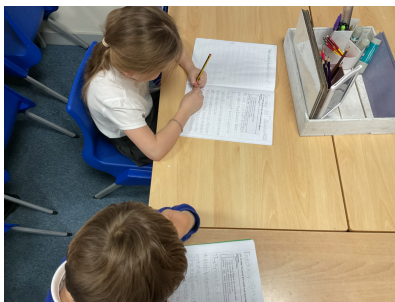
In Maths this week, our Reception children have been busy exploring capacity! They've enjoyed learning how to make sensible estimates, using key words such as full and empty, and investigating how much different containers can hold. The children loved getting hands-on with a variety of resources as they poured, compared, and discovered together. Lots of great learning and fun all round!

Year 1 have been practising their phonics by confidently reading levelled reading books and building their decoding skills. Well done Year 1 for your fantastic effort and growing love of reading!



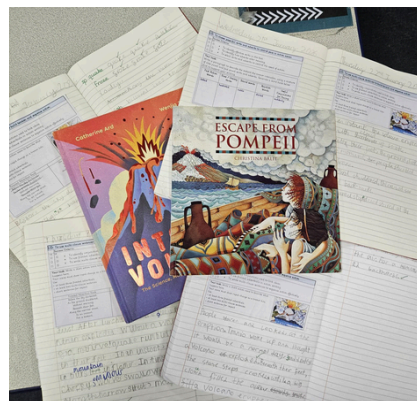
Year One

Year Two



This week Year 2 have been continuing to work on their knowledge of castles and writing about the most important features of a castle.

In Silver Birch, we have been learning all about volcanoes and the destruction of Pompeii. We have been writing accounts using carefully considered language and a range of sentences to add tension.



Year Three

Year Four



This week Year 4 have been extremely busy sharing their skills and learning, particularly in science - where the children have been learning about food chains. They worked collaboratively to match up the correct producers and consumers and were verbally able to share their learning before using their iPad to create a mock-up app. They have blown us away with their creativity, knowledge and digital skills. Well done everyone.

Year Five



Selected Year 5 children had a fantastic time enjoying the first of three PE events in the Just4Fun program, taking part in an energetic dodgeball session. The focus was on teamwork, cooperation, and—most importantly—having fun. Pupils worked together, encouraged one another, and showed great sportsmanship throughout, making it a positive and exciting start to the program.

In Year 6, we have been looking at the parts of the human eye and their functions. We started off by looking at our own eyes and observing the shapes and colours inside of them. This then helped us when we looked at the parts of the eye, functions and how they help us see



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 email nhpoffice@watschools.org.uk

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks (%)
1 Aspen	93.2%
1 Hawthorn	93.5%
2 Elm	94.8%
2 Nettle	89.6%
3 Mountain Ash	94.1%
3 Silver Birch	95.9%
4 Maple	91.8%
4 Spruce	91.4%
4 Whitebeam	91.9%
5 Beech	91.7%
5 Linden	94.6%
5 Pine	90.4%
6 Cedar	94.8%
6 Elder	89.2%
6 Oak	92.2%
N Bluebells	85.5%
R Catkin	94.3%
R Saplings	93.7%

STAR OF THE WEEK

Friday 23rd Jan	Star of the Week
Bluebells AM	Michelle
Bluebells PM	Paddy
Saplings	Ajla
Catkin	Sashmi
Aspen	Louie
Hawthorn	Riana
Nettle	Melody
Elm	Tomiwa
Silver Birch	April
Mountain Ash	Racsael
Spruce	Elana
Maple	Albert
Whitebeam	Ana-Maria
Beech	Emmanuel
Pine	Henry
Linden	Harry
Oak	Darsheel
Cedar	Kyron
Elder	Meghan

HAPPY January BIRTHDAY

Isla, Billy, Harry, Jenson, Olivia, Arianita, Michelle, Brody, Ted, Ria, Maxim, Micheal, Emmanuella, Oscar, Harriet, Andria, Vlad, Isla, Louie-James, Ethan, Amaya, Saipraveen, Amira, Cristian, Robert, Amelia & Livvy.

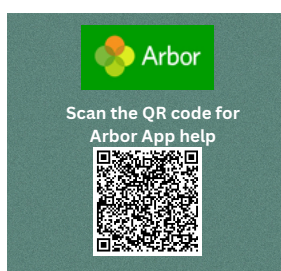
What's On at NHP?

Monday 26th	Tuesday 27th	Wednesday 28th	Thursday 29th	Friday 30th
Reception Forest School Year 5 PE Day Reception Phonics Games Afterschool Club	Year 3 PE day Year 2 / 3 / 4 Stay & Draw	Year 1 PE Day Year 1 Trip Year 4 PE day Multi-skills Years 1-4	Nursery Forest School Year 3 Swimming Year 6 PE Day KS2 Ping Pong Club Multi-skills Years 5-6	Reception PE Day Year 2 PE Day



On Tuesday, the Junior Leadership Team met with Jacqueline Smith from 'The Pantry (UK) Ltd to discuss some potential changes to our school menu. Jacqueline was very impressed with the children and commented on how confidently they shared their ideas.

Some of the suggestions will be taken back to her team for further discussion, while others provide a valuable opportunity for the children to learn why certain changes are not currently possible due to government legislation. The JLT are now looking forward to seeing if any of their ideas can be introduced in the future.



Safeguarding

Year 5 and 6 children are allowed to walk home alone with permission.

Things to share with your child

Awareness & Presence:

Stay alert, avoid distractions like headphones, and project confidence.

Route Planning:

Stick to well-lit, familiar routes; know your address and phone numbers.

Communication:

Text or call a trusted adult when you start and arrive; check in if delayed.

Stranger Danger:

Never accept rides or personal info from strangers; know what to do if approached.

Trust Your Gut:

If a situation feels wrong, leave immediately and find a safe place or person.

Emergency Plan:

Know when to call 999/emergency services and who to contact.

Feedback Friday SHARING THE FEEDBACK FROM OUR COMMUNITY

We are very impressed with your school. We have really enjoyed our visit.
-Visitors from Latvia, coming to see how we use technology in our school.