

NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Whatever it is you're scared of doing, do it.
Make your mistakes, next year and forever." – Neil Gaiman*

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely week, albeit very cold!

On Monday, we saw some snow flurries come down around NHP, to say the children were excited was an understatement! As we know, it did not settle and the children had an opportunity to stay inside if it was too cold for them.

We have had a lovely week of learning with the children at NHP; new topics are being taught and the big bang days took place! We have been getting the children back into the school routine after the Christmas holidays and have introduced our new value for this term – resilience. We have spoken about how we learn and that failing is ok, that to get better, we need to keep trying.

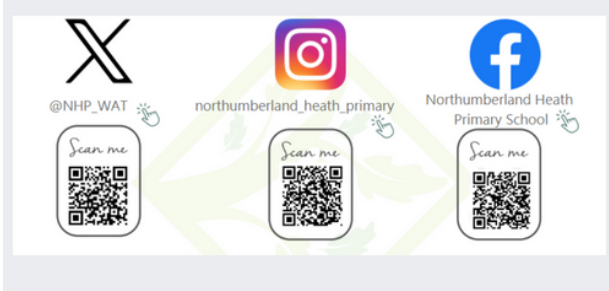
On Tuesday, we had a visit from Katie from the Teaching and Learning team in Bexley to have a tour of the school with a focus on EYFS. She commented on the vast improvement in the school and spoke about so many positives. She also spoke about our next steps and how Bexley can support us with that. She will be working closely with Miss Webber, who oversees EYFS and KS1 over the coming months.

Remember to wrap up warm, the weather is set to get colder next week and we are even predicted some snow!

Have a wonderful weekend, keep warm and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Ms D Indresano and the NHP Team!

Please keep up to date with our social media pages to see
upcoming events, reminders, notices and more.



Please ensure that you have an active Arbor account. If you need help to set up an account please contact the school office.

If you have a query, please email us
nhpoffice@watschools.org.uk where possible.

You can also check our website
www.northumberlandheathprimaryschool.co.uk
social media pages, Arbor messages and notices for more information too.

Early Years



Bluebells have been learning some Nursery Rhymes this week. They have explored building walls for Humpty Dumpty to sit on and making their own puzzles to try and put back together again.

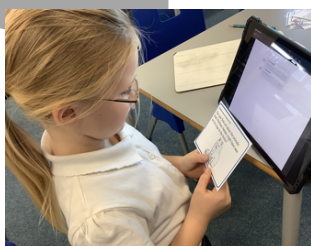
This week year 1 have been exploring Forest school to help spark our creativity when describing different seasons

Year One



This week, we introduced our new topic in history: 'Significant Explorers'. We enjoyed learning about three important historical figures (Christopher Columbus, Ibn Battutah and Matthew Henson) and their voyages across the world. We used talk partners to discuss key points such as: why we thought these explorers were significant, if we thought they were brave to go on their journeys and would we take on their adventures if we had the chance. It was lovely to listen to the insightful comments. There are definitely some explorers in the making in Year Two!

Year Two



Year Three



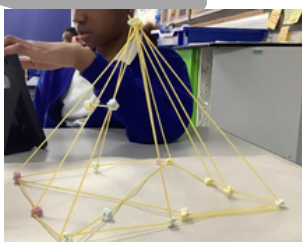
Year 3 have started the term off with multiplication in maths. This week the children have been exploring grouping and arrays. An array in maths is an arrangement of objects, numbers or pictures in columns or rows. It can help pupils to understand multiplication and division.

Year Four



This term, in Year 4 our focus in Science is 'States of Matter'. We have been looking at identifying the three main states of matter solid, liquid and gas. We experimented using balloons, filling one with water and freezing it to represent the solid, the second with water to represent the liquid and the third with air to represent gas. We enjoyed passing the balloons around and then discussing the similarities and differences between each state of matter.

Year Five



$$\frac{8}{10} + \frac{1}{10} = \frac{9}{10}$$

This week the children had an amazing day during their big bang day, they were introduced to Ancient Egypt through a range of hands on and engaging activities such as hieroglyphic code breakers, building pyramids and dressing up as mummys as part of learning about mummification. The children have also been showing resilience in their maths learning, whilst reaching the end of their journey on fractions, they have been exploring through cuisine how to add fractions with different denominators.

Oak Class in year 6 completed a programming activity on code.org. Their design task was to write some code so their some enjoyed a dance party! They enjoyed programming special effects for their backgrounds and included upbeat music tracks for their characters to dance to. It was great fun.

Year Six



STAR OF THE WEEK

Class	Name
Bluebells AM	Anjolaoluwa
Bluebells PM	Rosaleigh
Catkin	Zarah
Saplings	Rowan
Aspen	Tirisimi
Hawthorn	Ifeoluwa
Elm	Barron
Rowan	Stanley
Nettle	Victoria

London Plane	Phil
Silver Birch	Ela
Mountain Ash	Toby
Maple	Alfie
Spruce	Ria
Whitebeam	Amelia
Pine	Ava
Beech	Zayn
Linden	Lenny
Oak	Aayana
Cedar	Holly
Elder	Johnny

ATTENDANCE

Class	12.1
Bluebells	88.7
Saplings	91.6
Catkins	92.2
Hawthorn	82.7
Aspen	83.2
Nettle	95
Elm	88.6
Rowan	92.1

London Plane	94.8
Mountain Ash	94.6
Silver Birch	93.1
Spruce	94.8
Maple	91.4
Whitebeam	96.4
Linden	91.3
Pine	93.7
Beech	90.9
Elder	89.6
Oak	95.3
Cedar	82.5



Once you have logged into your Pantry account you can choose your child's meals for the week, and for future dates. If you do not book your child's meal they will receive a jacket potato. Meals must be ordered before 9am, if ordering the same day. If you need support please contact the pantry directly on:
Telephone: 020 8813 7040
Email: office@thepantrycatering.co.uk
(Include your child's name, school, year group and guardians details)



Arbor and Communication

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.

Also, please follow our social media pages on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram to see what's going around school.

We also have a weekly newsletter that is uploaded to Arbor, social media, and our website.

SAFEGUARDING WITH MRS BEALE

Do you know how to talk to your child about supporting children's mental health: 10 conversation starters for parents.

Talking about mental health to children is sometimes hard. The guide takes a look at a number of tips such as talking about mental health naturally, being open and honest and asking twice.

[Mental Health Conversation Starters | Free E-Safety Guide \(nationalcollege.com\)](#)



BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Arianata, Phoebe, Brody, Stefanie & Ted



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

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<u>15th</u> Remember to book your child's school meals for the week before 9am. 9am - Coffee with SENCO	<u>16th</u>	<u>17th</u>	<u>18th</u>	<u>19th</u> Children's University Launch Meeting at 8.45am-9.05am for parents of Reception and KS1
<u>22nd</u> Remember to book your child's school meals for the week before 9am.	<u>23rd</u> 9am - Parent Forum with the Head Teacher Ms Indresano	<u>24th</u> 9.15am - Bexley Voice coffee morning Year 5 & 6 Growing against violence workshops	<u>25th</u> Year 1 Parent Community Event	<u>26th</u> Year 2 Science Museum
<u>29th</u> Remember to book your child's school meals for the week before 9am. 9am - Positive mental health and anxiety workshop MHST coffee morning 10am EYFS tour Choir - Young Voices	<u>30th</u> School Nurse Drop-in	<u>31st</u>	R E M I N D E R If you have a query, please email before calling the school office as call volumes are high, and this can delay us in completing important tasks. Email: nhpoffice@watschools.org.uk	

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 Ball Skills (KS1) Storytelling Club	PE Day - Reception PE Day - Year 4 Drama Club Ball Skills (KS2)	PE Day - Year 1 PE Day - Year 5 Swim - Mountain Ash Forest School - Catkin Chess Club Stop Motion Animation	PE Day - Year 2 PE Day - Year 6 Swim - London Plane Swim - Silver Birch Forest School - Saplings	Forest Sch -Nursery PM PE Day - Reception