



ORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that." – Martin Luther King Jr

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely week even though the temperatures have really taken a dive! Lots of exciting learning has taken place this week at NHP. Year 1 have been looking at structures and the best shapes to support them. Year 5 got dressed up as mummies this week to immerse them into their new topic of Ancient Egypt! The children had a great time and the pictures on social media showed this!

EYFS and KS1 had their launch of Children's University on Friday where they now all have learning experience passports and can accumulate points over the year by doing various activities!

Next week, we have a company coming in to start leading games on our Y5/6 playground 3 days a week. This will be great for our children and will support having a positive experience during lunchtimes. They will also be training up some play leaders who will then support with games with other year groups.

The PTA will be holding a Valentine's Disco for our children:

Wednesday 7th February – EYFS and Y1/2 2:30-3:15, these children to wear non uniform on that day and children will be collected from their classrooms.

Thursday 8th February – Y3/4 2:15-3:15, these children will wear non uniform that day and children will be collected from their classrooms.

Thursday 8th February – Y5/6 3:30-5pm, these children will wear non uniform that day. Teachers will take them to the hall and parents to collect from the hall.

We are asking for a donation of £1 to wear non uniform and the PTA will be selling tickets for £2 for children to come to the disco.

More information will come out to parents.

Wishing you a warm and lovely weekend and see you all on Monday!

Ms D Indresano and the NHP Team!

FRIDAY 19TH JANUARY 2024





This week in Saplings we have been exploring measures. We focused on capacity and use craft to show how full up our cups were. We also explored length and built a beanstalk taller than Jack's house using Lego bricks.

Year 1 have been working very hard in science this week. They have made a rain gauge to measure precipitation over the next couple of days.

They are excited to see what the results they will be have next week.





In year 2 this week we have been making great use of our iPads to practice our coding skills. We are learning how to give commands in the Swift Playgrounds app to make a character do certain actions. We have also been exploring how to debug instructions when they do not work. This has tied into our focus value this term of 'Resilience' and not giving up.

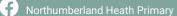
Year 3 have been learning about the layers of the earth and tectonic plates in geography. First we made a model of the earth from play dough showing the 4 layers - inner and outer cores, mantle and crust. Then we learnt how the earth's crust is broken into tectonic plates and used an orange peel to represent the plates of the earth.



Year Three



This week, year 4 was practicing different water techniques that we will use when creating our final art product later in the term. We looked at different techniques like blotting and bleeding using water colours.







This week trainee teachers from the University of Greenwich, came to visit a number of classes at NHP including Beech Class. The children showed our visitors how to code using Swift Playground, which they loved. They taught the trainee teachers how to code and use technology to enhance their learning through using Showbie.

This week, year 6 have been using the text Goodnight Mr Tom to write evacuee cards for a child being evacuated during World War II. They needed to include examples of formal language when considering the purpose and audience for their writing.



STAR T H <u>E</u> WEEK

Class	Name
Bluebells AM	Francesca
Bluebells PM	Anthony
Catkin	Zarah
Saplings	Ali
Aspen	Demidas
Hawthorn	Mia
Elm	Isabelle
Rowan	Lucas
Nettle	Oscar

London Plane	Ruby K	
Silver Birch	Adea	
Mountain Ash	Nova	
Maple	Albie C	
Spruce	Neve	
Whitebeam	Harry	
Pine	Yaya	
Beech	Joshua	
Linden	Aidan	
Oak	Kobi	
Cedar	Yanis	
Elder	AJ	

ATTENDANCE

Class	19.1
Bluebells	91.1
Saplings	88.9
Catkins	94
Hawthorn	91.2
Aspen	94.2
Nettle	90.9
Elm	88.6
Rowan	91.9

London Plane	94.5
Mountain Ash	92.5
Silver Birch	90
Spruce	87.6
Maple	97.7
Whitebeam	95.6
Linden	87.8
Pine	95.3
Beech	97
Elder	96.4
Oak	96.3
Cedar	89.7
Oak	96.3

Once you have logged into your Pantry account you can choose your child's If you do not book your child's meal they be ordered before 9am, if ordering the 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)



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

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

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

SAFEGUARDING WITH MRS BEALE

The NSPCC have some valuable information regarding Positive Parenting. All children need love, guidance and to have rules

and boundaries. Rules and boundaries help families to understand how to behave towards each other, and what's OK and not OK. But the best way to go about this will vary based on your child's age and stage of development. All children are different and develop and reach milestones at different rates. To find out more go to this website: https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/1195/positiveparenting.pdf







Ivy-Rose, Tyler-John, Rebecca, Ireoluwa, Oreoluwa, Bobby, Ria & Lucas.



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
22nd Remember to book your child's school meals for the week before 9am.	23rd 9am - Parent Forum with the Head Teacher Ms Indresano	24th 9.15am - Bexley Voice coffee morning Year 5 & 6 Growing against violence workshops	25th Year 1 Parent Community Event	<u>26th</u> Year 2 Science Museum
29th_ 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>	dream, believe, achieve	
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WEEKLY EVENTS					
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	