

NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Kindness is like snow—it beautifies everything it covers." — Kahlil Gibran

Dear Parents/Carers,

We saw our first sprinkling of snow this morning, how lovely was that. The Key Stage 2 children were out at play and did not want to come inside! Please make sure your child is wrapped up warm for this cold weather!

It has been a very busy week at NHP! It was lovely to see so many parents joining us for parents' evening on Wednesday and Thursday. We really value the connection between parents and school and the discussions we have. If you have not managed to speak to your child's teacher, please make an appointment to do so.

We had an external advisor come into to NHP on Monday with Julie Carlson, our Director of Education, to have a look around the school and visit the classrooms. It was clear to see the progress the school has made, very calm and children engaged with their learning. The next steps for the school were the exact same ones we had already discussed before the walk around; ensuring the children are actively learning, through talk and discussion.

Wishing you a warm and happy weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday!

Ms D Indresano and the NHP Team!



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

Northumberland Heath Primary School

Christmas Events : Festive Fridays
Friday 1st December
Non Uniform Day
Please bring donations of chocolates for the school fete.

Friday 8th December
School Christmas Fete - Everyone welcome!
3.30-5.30pm

Friday 15th December
Christmas Dinner Day
Children can wear non uniform, with the theme Christmas Jumpers or Christmas colours.

Christmas Events : Nativities & Christmas Songs
Nursery - 12th December 9.30am & 2pm
Year 2 - 13th December 9.30am
Year 1 - 13th December 1.30pm
Reception - 14th December 9.30am

Christmas Events: Carol Services
Year 3&4 - 11th December 1.30-3pm
Year 5&6 - 15th December 1.30-3pm

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Christmas Fete

FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER 3.30 - 5.30PM
IN THE MAIN HALL & LODGE

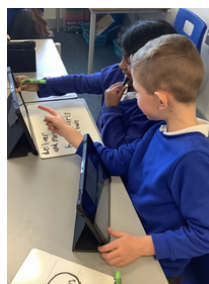
Please come along & join us there will be various stalls, face painting, raffles, prizes, hot food and lots more.

Early Years



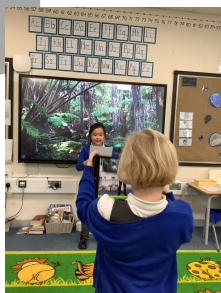
Saplings enjoyed visiting the library this week, we listened to two stories and then got to explore other books with adults.

This week in year 1 we have been using our iPads to research the different squirrels and where they live to use in our fact file for English



Year One

Year Two



In year 2 this term we have been looking at fact files and this has tied into our topic lessons where we have been learning about the world around us. This week, we decided to become like David Attenborough for a day and create our own documentaries about rainforests. We thoroughly enjoyed researching facts about the rainforests to present in our documentaries.

In year 3 we have been learning to identify the parts of a plant and their function. We found plants in the school grounds and identified the main parts of these plants. We then really enjoyed using what we had learnt to build models of plants and labelled their parts. Last of all we wrote about the functions of the different parts of a plant.

Year Three



Year Four



This week, year 4 have been continuing to create and decorate their clay Viking models. We discovered the need for smoothing and ensuring we do not have cracks in our clay.

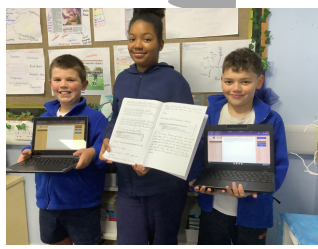
Year Five



This week in Year 5, we have been looking at fractions. We have been exploring equivalent fractions to unit fractions. The children had to identify that different units of fractions are equal to other unit of fractions such as $\frac{2}{4}$ (two quarters) is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$ (a half). We had a practical lesson with biscuits to show how fractions work outside a classroom sitting.

Oak class wrote an introductory paragraph for interesting news report today. They used information about the auction of a piece of Princess Diana's clothing to write sentences in a journalistic style. Some children used typed sentences to create a published paragraph using a Chromebook.

Year Six



STAR OF THE WEEK

Class	Name
Bluebells AM	Hema
Bluebells PM	Eno
Catkin	Jackson
Saplings	Tyler
Aspen	Kate
Hawthorn	Georgie-Joe
Elm	Sylvie
Rowan	Catherine

London Plane	Robert
Silver Birch	Charlotte
Mountain Ash	Natalia
Maple	Lola
Spruce	Mia
Whitebeam	Archie
Pine	Matilda
Beech	Niran
Linden	Aydin
Oak	Teddy
Cedar	Vinnie
Elder	Stevan

ATTENDANCE

Class	1.12
Bluebells	92.1
Saplings	85.0
Catkins	93.3
Hawthorn	86.7
Aspen	89.2
Nettle	86.8
Elm	94.5
Rowan	89.5

London Plane	90.9
Mountain Ash	91.8
Silver Birch	94.0
Spruce	90.6
Maple	97.7
Whitebeam	87.0
Linden	91.7
Pine	97.3
Beech	95.2
Elder	82.9
Oak	91.7
Cedar	87.5

Check out our brand new NHP promotional video.

[Click here to view the video](#)

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)

0333 335 0026

Strut Safe is a free UK-wide phone line. If you're walking alone, our volunteers will be a friendly voice to keep you company and help you feel safe until you are through the door.

Coming up...

FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2023

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Holly, Baileyrai, Faizaan, Izma, Noah, Israel, Yigithan, Jake, Joshua, Michelle, Alfie-Ivor, Fahim, Victory & Scarlett



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)



The Prefects are all now wearing their badges with pride and are beginning to undertake tasks around school. This term they are focussing on helping in the dinner hall as well as in assembly. Our prefects understand that they are role models for the rest of the school and know that should display the school values at all times.

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
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 1.30pm 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