

NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Individually, we are one drop. Together, we are an ocean." – Ryunosuke Satoro

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term, we hope you had a restful break.

Over the week break, we had the top of the hall painted and the office areas. We are continuing with our plan to make the school feel fresh and cared for.

This week, we launched our new values: respect, kindness, collaboration, resilience, excellence and individuality. The children had an in class assembly introducing the new values and what they mean. This term, our value is kindness, a lot of our assemblies will be focusing on kindness and what this means for us at NHP. Our first published outcomes for each year group went up at the end of last term, they have really brightened up the Key Stage 2 corridor.

All our children started their new topic this week and had their Big Bang Days where the new topic was launched. There were lots of questions and curiosities about their new topic and new English texts which created a great buzz in the classrooms!

Please read the newsletter for the upcoming Christmas events. More information will be sent out nearer the time. An email will be sent out next week regarding parents' evening and a link for you to book a slot with your child's class teacher. We hope to see many parents there.

Have a wonderful weekend and see 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.

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Thank you

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Calling all Parents & Carers...
Please come and attend our PTA AGM Meeting at 9am on 15th November. We need your help to elect PTA members. If you are interested to help out and get involved please come along. Even if you can't commit to every event - we need your support.

Early Years



This week, Reception have enjoyed their first forest school sessions. The children were able to explore the environment and use wheelbarrows to transport things that they found. Some children enjoyed looking at minibeasts more closely. Can you find any minibeast around the outside of your home? You can identify it using the internet, and maybe draw a picture too?

This week in year 1 we have been exploring the different parts of the human body and their functions. We have had group discussions in naming and placing the parts of the body. It was great to see the children learning through visual aids, and not only matching the body part but recognising the words.



Year One

This week, Year Two were introduced to their new science topic for this term: 'Living things and their habitats'. We learned about the difference between living and non-living things and the criteria we use to distinguish between the two (MRS NERG- Movement, Respiration, Sensitivity, Nutrition, Excretion, Reproduction and Growth). We were then able to explore Forest School and capture images of living and non-living things.

Year Two



Year 3 kicked off Big Band Day this week by boarding Flight Viva España. They created their own passports and sat back with an inflight movie all about Spain. On top of this, they researched about the physical and human geographical features that can be found in Spain and using their iPads made a presentation about the two different types of features. The children were then treated to a sightseeing tour of Spain by completing a scavenger hunt, had a lovely time learning flamenco techniques and created a piece of art inspired by Joan Micro!

Year Three



Year Four



Year 4 experimented with iMovie and green screen technology. First, we learnt how to upload a selfie to a green screen. Then, used the new skill to record our Anglo-Saxon diary entries that we wrote on our Big Bang Day. The children were really engaged in this task and enjoyed using a new resource to be creative with.

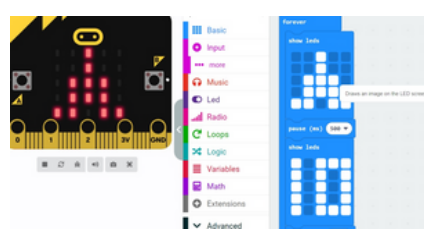
Year Five



Year 5 have kick started their space topic this half term by exploring a range of astronaut training activities during their big bang day. They did some space station docking, rocket ship building and physical and mental training tests to develop their mental, physical and collaborative skills. In maths, they have been exploring multiples and used concrete resources to identify common multiples.

In Oak class this week, the children have enjoyed using Macro Bit code blocks to design a beating heart, a smiley face, and a rocket blast off animation. A special "well done" was also given to the whole class for their excellent behaviour during our trip to Erith Fire Station. The class were fantastic, and they learned useful community safety skills.

Year Six



STAR OF THE WEEK

Class	Name
Bluebells AM	Anthony
Bluebells PM	Eliyanah
Catkin	Jun Qi
Saplings	Ben
Aspen	Manushi
Hawthorn	Sienna
Elm	Alex
Rowan	Amelia
Nettle	Semra

London Plane	Maggilee
Silver Birch	Lucas
Mountain Ash	Hatice
Maple	Freddie
Spruce	Beau
Whitebeam	Cristian
Pine	Ruby
Beech	Taylor
Linden	Sienna
Oak	Kobi
Cedar	Fifi
Elder	Oscar & Paige

ATTENDANCE

N Bluebells	90.6%
R Catkin	92.5%
R Saplings	93.1%
1 Aspen	91.0%
1 Hawthorn	84.4%
2 Elm	94.7%
2 Nettle	89.7%
2 Rowan	89.7%
3 London Plane	92.0%
3 Mountain Ash	88.9%
3 Silver Birch	90.3%
4 Maple	94.7%
4 Spruce	94.4%
4 Whitebeam	94.7%
5 Beech	81.2%
5 Linden	88.0%
5 Pine	94.5%
6 Cedar	89.9%
6 Elder	88.9%
6 Oak	93.8%



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)

Five Nights at Freddy's is a brand new video game that children are excited to get their hands on, however it has been branded 'terrifying'. With this in mind, we wanted to ensure that you had all the facts about the game so that you can make an informed decision when letting your child play games older than their age. Please click the link to see the safety guide: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/fnaf>



Coming up...

FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2023

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Lola, Michelle, Kate, Sarah, Max, David, Nataylia, Taylor, Zaniyah, Emanuela & Tegan



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
6th (Nov) Whitebeam and Maple Library	7th Y4 Viking Workshop 10am - New EYFS Tour	8th	9th Remembrance Day	10th Spruce Library Trip 3.15pm Book Stall on playground
13th Anti Bullying Week World Kindness Day Beech Library Visit Y4 - PC visit - Strangers	14th Anti Bullying Workshops Y5 - PC visit - Strangers	15th Anti Bullying Workshops Y6 - PC visit - Strangers 9am - PTA AGM Meeting	16th	17th Children in Need Day Stalls after School on playground
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)
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