



# NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Diversity is not about how we differ. Diversity is about embracing one another's uniqueness." – Ola Joseph

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have all had a good week.

This week we launched a month dedicated to Black History. We spoke to the children about this being our shared history and spoke about prominent black figures in the UK and beyond. We are currently re writing our curriculum so that black history runs through it; we will share this with our community once it has been written.

On Monday, we had a visit from Julie Carson, the Director of Education from our Trust. This was the first time she had visited this term and here is some of her feedback:

It was a pleasure to walk round NHP this morning, with tangible improvements across the school.

The classrooms felt purposeful, and every class was calm and settled with clear expectations in place. This is a significant improvement from previous visits.

We are seeing the improvements day by day and it has been good to have external validation for all the hard work the team are putting into the school; ensuring the children have a calm environment to achieve their potential. As with all school improvement journeys, we still have a way to go, but we are definitely going in the right direction.

We had our first parent forum on Tuesday and although there were only a few parents who came along, it was an opportunity to talk about the school, our thoughts, and the journey of school improvement. I will send out a separate letter with the points we discussed and a date for the next meeting.

We had some classes visit the library and they had a lively time looking through and choosing books.

The weather is due to be lovely this weekend, so enjoy it as a family and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Year 2 visited the church this morning to give all your donations for Harvest Festival. Thank you for all your donations, they really will make a difference to people's lives.

Ms D Indresano and the NHP Team!

*Well Done*

Thank you for all of the donations you have made towards our Harvest Festival. They are greatly appreciated and will be donated by our local church, St Pauls.



We are on Instagram!

Check out our new page, we can't wait to share our first posts with you!

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## Early Years



In Saplings class we have been using our knowledge of phonemes (sounds) to practise writing CVC words and matching the picture cards to words.

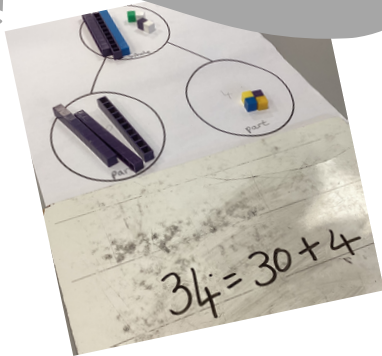
This week in year 1 we have been looking at evergreen and deciduous trees in science. We now know that the trees lose their leaves in Autumn, to prepare for the winter.

## Year One



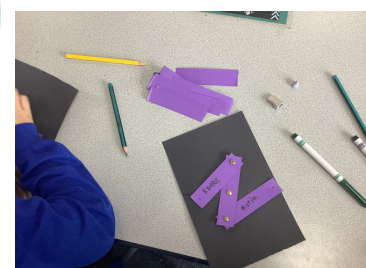
This week Year 2 have enjoyed using manipulatives to review concepts previously taught. This has helped us to secure our understanding and demonstrate our learning in a concrete way. During one lesson, we worked in partners to practise representing numbers to 100, using base 10. We worked together to partition the number into tens and ones and described our representations using our mathematical vocabulary.

## Year Two



Year 3 have been having fun in their Design and Technology lessons, experimenting with different levers and linkages. They have worked out that different linkages create different movements. The children are looking forward to using these simple mechanisms when they re-create a page from our model text 'The Stone Age Boy.'

## Year Three



## Year Four



This week, in writing, Year 4 have been learning how to plan and create a journey tale.

After watching a short animation, we worked in groups to plan and create our own stories, using the different writing techniques that we have learnt since the start of term.

Our stories have come out fantastically and have been beautifully displayed on our classroom publishing walls, something for us to look at and be proud of.

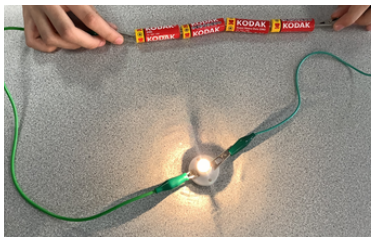
This week Year 5 have been exploring a range of vocabulary to use for emotions, acting them out using show not tell. They wrote a description of an emotion and asked their partner to guess what the emotion was showing - the vocabulary they selected was excellent and shown in their writing. In maths, they have rounded up their place value topic with some place value board games, so their teacher could identify their strengths and areas to practise.

## Year Five



In Oak class the children worked together to test varying the voltage in a circuit. One group took two photos with an i-pad to record how their circuit made with four cells (6V) made a bulb shine brighter than their circuit with one cell (1.5V). The children wrote a generalised statement about their learning

## Year Six



### Hello Yellow

We are inviting children to wear something yellow on World Mental Health Day on 10 October.

We can all struggle with how we're feeling, but sometimes things get tough and it can be difficult to cope. For so many young people, when this happens, they don't get the help they need, when they need it. But together, we can change this.

We can show them that they matter and deserve the support they need, when they need it, no matter what.

Donations can also be made at

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/support-us/donate/make-a-donation/>

if you are able to support this great charity.

### Safeguarding (Mrs Beale)

Last week we highlighted the rise of grooming online.

Does your child know how to stay safe online? Test their knowledge with this online quiz.

[Online safety quiz](#) | [NSPCC](#)

Coming up...



## School Photos Friday 13th October

Please ensure your child is wearing the full and correct uniform.  
No PE kits.



If you are unable to access the Arbor app, please speak to the front office.

## BIRTHDAYS

Keenan, Andreas, Stevan, Mia, Millie, Theo, Jun Qi, David, Mohammed and Egli.



STAR OF THE WEEK

Class	Name
Bluebells AM	Rateek
Bluebells PM	Isabel
Catkin	Jun Qi
Saplings	Ronnie-Rai
Aspen	Ilyada
Hawthorn	Michelle
Elm	Elana
Rowan	Matilda
Nettle	Valeria
London Plane	Anderson
Silver Birch	Muhammed
Mountain Ash	Harry
Maple	Megan
Spruce	Ehan
Whitebeam	Mahaveer
Pine	Xavier
Beech	Bradley
Linden	Riley
Oak	Finley
Cedar	Esther
Elder	Shane



### Admission to secondary school in September 2023

Children born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013 will transfer to secondary school in September 2024.

The application period will be open on Friday 1 September 2023 and the closing date is Tuesday 31 October 2023.

You can find more information on Secondary Schools on the Bexley Council website:

<https://www.bexley.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/secondary-schools/starting-secondary-school>

### 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 [nhpo@watschools.org.uk](mailto:nhpo@watschools.org.uk) or call 01322 334 638

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Bluebells	97.2
Saplings	93
Catkins	97
Hawthorn	95.2
Aspen	97.4
Nettle	91
Elm	95.3
Rowan	93.2

London Plane	89.3
Mountain Ash	94.4
Silver Birch	93.6
Spruce	90.4
Maple	99
Whitebeam	93.2
Linden	95.6
Pine	95.5
Beech	96.1
Elder	88.3
Oak	96
Cedar	92.8
Whole School	94

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