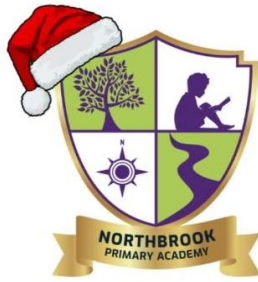


FRIDAY



LETTER

Friday 1st December 2023



VALUE FOCUS

This half-term our value focus is empathy. We are challenging all the children to:

- ✓ Everyone in our school treats each other with care and compassion.
- ✓ We listen to each other and show kindness.
- ✓ We offer support to each other.
- ✓ We are committed to promoting positive mental health and well-being for everyone.



★ 'Star of the Week' Awards ★

Reception	Niamh M & Julia N
Year 1	Talia B & Archie P
Year 2	Sophia M & Noah R-S
Year 3	Marnee C & Millie H
Year 4	Jessica O & Mary R
Year 5	Maison M & Kayden O
Year 6	Joshua E & Emanuel R

★ THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE ★

Reception
98.1%
Well Done!



1st	856	Green Team
2nd	792	Red Team
3rd	769	Blue Team
4th	671	Yellow Team

House Team Competition: Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' the house captains check the totals of the house points. The league positions so far are shown below:

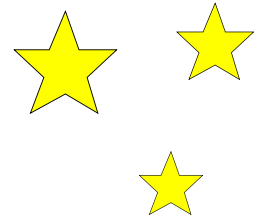
The **Green Team** have maintained the lead yet again!



Reading Rewards.... To achieve the bronze award pin badge, the children need to earn 60 reading points, silver 200 reading points and gold 300 reading points. Well done to the children below for achieving the awards this week:

Bronze:

Year 1	George A, Boyd C, Ollie D-F, Arla-Rae F, Harper H-C, Darcey-Ann K, Lacey L
Year 3	Joey H, Millie H, Eddie M, Aaron P
Year 4	Lucas B, Dawson C, Kaitlin E, Ruby M
Year 5	Katie A
Year 6	Poppy D, Hannah N, Alfie Y



Reception have been feeling festive this week! We have been decorating our classroom for Christmas, exploring the ice outside, making Salt Dough decorations and having a go at wrapping some presents. We're excited for the next few weeks and the build up to Christmas!



This week, Year 3 have continued their P.E learning around invasion and team games. They planned our strategies and worked together as a team to be successful in defending their areas. Every single member of the class showed excellent **teamwork**, **communication**, **respect** and **empathy** throughout and there was definitely lots of laughter and happiness while they played. It was fabulous to see how they we can pull together as a team. Well done team!



This week **Year 4** have enjoyed the first of our science sessions about States of Matter. We learnt this week about the properties of solids, liquids and gases exploring filled balloons. Over the next few weeks we will be investigating changing state and how liquids can become solids and solids can become liquids!



This week, **Year 6** have been writing their own narrative based on "The Wizard of Oz", they have worked in pairs to edit and improve each other's work and copied the final piece into their independent writing books. Also, as a reward for all of their hard work as prefects, at break and lunch times, we have spent the morning playing dodgeball and gaga ball.



Important messages



KS1 & KS2 Christmas Performances: We are looking forward to welcoming you into Northbrook Primary Academy to watch the KS1 'Nativity' and the KS2 'Twas the Night Before Christmas' performances and we will be sending information regarding ticket allocations by ParentApp by Monday 4th December. The dates and times of the performances are as shown below:

- Tuesday 12th December – KS1 Christmas Play 1:30pm-2:30pm.
- Wednesday 13 December - KS1 Christmas Play 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- Thursday 14th December – KS2 Christmas Play 1:30-2:30pm & 6:00pm-7:00pm



The weather has turned noticeable colder this week and with snow forecast this weekend, hopefully only light flurries in our area, we wanted to make sure that parents are fully aware of our procedures in the event of school closure. The key information can be found on our website [Procedures In The Event Of A School Closure | Northbrook Primary Academy](https://www.northbrookpa.org/Procedures%20In%20The%20Event%20Of%20A%20School%20Closure%20-%20Northbrook%20Primary%20Academy) ([northbrookpa.org](https://www.northbrookpa.org/)) and is summarised below:

- In the event of adverse weather or hazardous travelling conditions the school will always seek to remain open with closure only considered as a last resort. School would only close if there is a risk to children and staff and it is considered unsafe to open.
- We recognise that conditions may prevent staff and pupils from travelling to school and whilst there is an expectation that staff and pupils should make every reasonable effort to attend, personal health and safety should not be compromised.
- If the school has to close due to severe weather this will be announced by **7.15am** via the following,
 - Academy website <https://northbrookpa.org/>
 - ParentApp
 - Seesaw
 - Academy Facebook and Twitter accounts
 - BBC Radio Lancashire 95.5FM
 - Lancashire County Council website http://www3.lancashire.gov.uk/education/school_closures/
- We will make all practicable efforts to keep parents informed as to the situation with school during adverse weather conditions, as we appreciate that such conditions and uncertainty places considerable difficulties upon parents.
- We appreciate that during bad weather children may arrive later than normal. Parents should endeavour to contact the office to report that they are on their way if they are likely to be delayed.

We are hoping to appoint two experienced Teaching Assistants to join our team. This is a motivating and rewarding role, for an applicant with the drive to work within an effective team.



- 4 Apply by: 9am on Thursday 7th December 2023
- 4 Interviews: Monday 11th December 2023



For more information about these roles, and how to apply, please click the link below

<https://www.tes.com/jobs/vacancy/-1952145>

Or contact the school for further information.

Key Dates for the half-term:

- Tuesday 5th December – Inclusion PE Event (children invited by letter)
- Tuesday 12th December – KS1 Christmas Play 1:30pm-2:30pm.
- Wednesday 13 December - KS1 Christmas Play 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- Thursday 14th December – KS2 Christmas Play 1:30-2:30pm & 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Wednesday 20th December – Christmas party day (non uniform day)
- Friday 22nd December – Termly celebration assembly/school closes at 2:10/2:15pm. (there is no Afterschool Club provision on this day)



If you need to contact me at school please do not hesitate to email enquiries@northbrookpa.org

Tel: 01772 421599 [Contact Us | Northbrook Primary Academy](https://www.northbrookpa.org/)

Have a great weekend and see you on Monday 4th December!