

FRIDAY



LETTER

Friday 10th November 2023



Happiness
Empathy
Aspiration
Respect
Teamwork

A great school at the heart of our community

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.

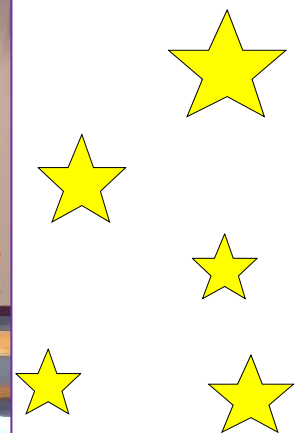
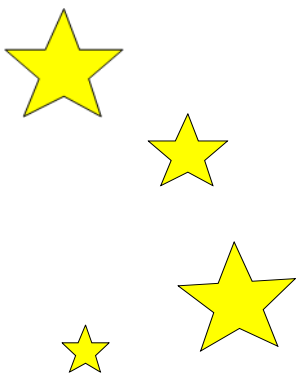
★ 'Star of the Week' Awards ★

Reception	Darcey B & Kaynen S
Year 1	Rory S & Nancy W
Year 2	Noah H & Harley K-S
Year 3	Joey H & Demi P
Year 4	Charles S & Jaxon D
Year 5	Lacey-Sky B-C & Layla-Mae C
Year 6	Elliott S & Alfie Y

★ THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE ★



Year 1
98.6%
Awesome!



1 st	360	Green Team
2 nd	313	Blue Team
3 rd	265	Yellow Team
4 th	254	Red 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 but the blue team have narrowed the gap!

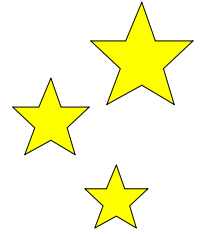




Reading Rewards.... To achieve the bronze award pin badge, the children need to earn 60 reading points, silver 200 reading points and gold 300 reading points. Well done to the children below for achieving the awards this week:

Bronze:

Year 3	Kobe C & Seth L
Year 6	Emanuel R



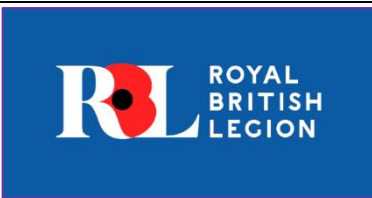
Reception class have been working on their writing of CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words and doing this independently. It has been great to see how many of the children are becoming more confident with their writing – well done!



Year 2 In science we looked at hygiene. We completed an experiment to show how germs spread. We used hand lotion and glitter to represent the germs. Then we gave each other a high five to see how far our germs spread! We also looked at the topic “teeth”. We discussed why it is important to brush your teeth twice a day and how to brush them correctly.



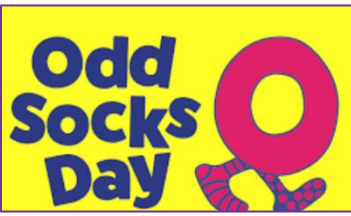
Year 6 have taken part in the South Ribble ‘Tag Rugby’ league over the last two weeks, with the final week next week. The team have really developed and improved and tonight they won each and everyone of their games! Mr Sharkey and Mr Iddon were super proud of their performance and, more importantly, the way in which they conducted themselves. Well done team NPA!



This week we have been considering what is remembrance, how we remember and who we remember on ‘Remembrance Day’. We have look at the ‘poppy’ and how and why it has become a symbol of remembrance. As well as creating their own remembrance table, Key Stage 2, have also taken part in a live assembly with the Royal British Legion. This afternoon Reception class went to look remembrance table and they placed a poppy wreath they had made. This afternoon we listened to readings of the poems ‘In Flanders Fields’ and ‘For the Fallen’, read superbly by Year 5 and Year 6. All the children demonstrated our school values and were very



respectful when entering and leaving the hall in silence.



Anti-Bullying Week and Children in Need

During the week of Monday 13th November, we will be supporting Anti-Bullying Week and on Friday 17th November, Children in Need. On Monday 13th November all children are invited to wear odd socks to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. This year the theme is 'Make a Noise' and during the week we will be taking part in a number of activities that will help us recognise the difference

between bullying and banter and how we can 'make a noise' about bullying. Odd Socks Day is supported by CBeebies presenter and Anti-Bullying-Alliance patron, Andy Day and his band 'Andy and the Odd Socks'. We will be learning his 'Odd Sock Song'. Further information will be posted on Seesaw, so all our children and parents know what they have to do to help us have a successful week!



Friday 17th November will be a **non-uniform day** and children can choose to wear something yellow/spotty or their Pudsey merchandise for Children in Need if you already have this. If you are able to donate, we are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 per child to help us raise funds for a great cause. Link to the Children in Need donations page:

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=13342>

From speaking to the Year 6 Leadership team, they have suggested that we host an additional 'NPA big cake sale', as we have done for Red Nose Day. They think it would be a simple but effective way to raise money to help others. Through a bit of research, we know that the celebrities Fearne & Rosie have created some JAM-tastic recipes to inspire our fundraising. This link will take you to some simple recipes you may choose to try.

[Fearne and Rosie - BBC Children in Need](#). We would welcome

home made cakes or treats or alternatively bought items, so we can then hold a cake sale from 3:20pm on Friday in the school hall. Cakes would need to be brought into school in the morning of Friday 17th November.



Extra-Curricular Clubs 2023-24: Autumn 2 (Nov-Dec)

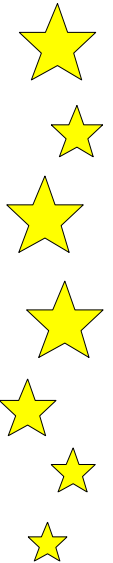


Day	Year	Activity/time	Staff Lead
Monday	Years 5 & 6	Tag Rugby (3.15 - 4.15pm)	Miss Vanroose-Peer
	Years 1 & 2	Lego Club (Lunchtime)	Miss Quinn
Tuesday	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Gymnastics (3:15 – 4:15pm)	Mrs Goldfarb
	Years 3 & 4	Board Games Club (Lunchtime)	Mr Iddon
	Year 1 & 2	Story Time (Book Club) (3:15 – 4:15pm)	Miss Kemp
Wednesday	Years 4, 5 & 6	Northbrook Young Voices Choir (3:15 – 4:15pm)	Mrs Spence
	Years 1 & 2	Wellbeing Wednesdays (Lunchtime)	KS1 Staff
	Years 5 and 6	Cross Stitch (Lunchtime)	Mrs Wilson
	Years 2 & 3	Musical Theatre Club (3:15 – 4:15pm)	Miss Gwynne
Thursday	Years 1 & 2	Multi-skills Club (3:15 - 4:15pm)	Miss Vanroose-Peer
Friday	Years 5 & 6	Basketball (3:15 - 4:15pm)	Mr Cunniffe
	Years 3, 4, 5 and 6	Homework Club (3:15-4:15pm)	Mrs Morris

All afterschool clubs start at the end of school and finish at 4.15pm. Children must return a letter signed by parents to attend the club and wear appropriate PE clothing such as their PE kit.

The extra-curricular activities for this half-term are shown below. To attend afterschool clubs, children must return a signed slip from the parents. The afterschool clubs will finish at 4:15pm. For lunchtime activities, children can just attend after eating their lunch. Staff will regularly remind children about these clubs.

Forest School Autumn 2 – Year 5 and Year 4... This week Mrs Cole started delivery of our Forest school programme which will offer all children a Forest School experience for half-term over the academic year. Despite the cold they have had an amazing experience and linked their learning to remembrance and symbolism of the poppy.



Open Day: We are excited to publish the details of our 'Open Day' for parents looking for Reception places in September 2024, **Wednesday 15th November**. Please use the link to book your chosen time <https://northbrookpa.org/events>. If this date is not convenient, please don't hesitate to contact us at school to arrange a tour with our Headteacher, Mr Cunniffe, to see what we are all about! You can also check out our digital prospectus here <https://northbrookpa.org/about-us/prospectus>.



Key Dates for the half-term:

- Monday 13th – Friday 17th November – Anti-Bullying Week
- Wednesday 15th November – 'Open Day' for Reception Class 2024. 10:00am & 6:00pm sessions.
- Friday 17th November – Children in Need.
- Friday 24th November – INSET day (school closed to children)
- Tuesday 5th December – Inclusion PE Event
- 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.
- Friday 22nd December – Termly celebration assembly/school closes at 2:10/2:15pm.



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

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Have a great weekend and see you on Monday 13th November!