

# FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2021

## VALUE FOCUS

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



- ✓ Work together so that we can all be happy, safe and secure.
- ✓ Care about each other so we create a positive learning environment.
- ✓ Show smiling faces, use good manners and offer a warm welcome to all our visitors.
- ✓ Value and celebrate all success.

## 'Star of the Week' Awards

Reception	Lewis T & Izzy W
Year 1	Joseph H & Marnee C
Year 2	Jamie T & Alex W
Year 3	Axel B & Darcie B
Year 4	Poppy D & Robyn F
Year 5	Elsie D & Leo N
Year 6	Harrison B & Brooke L

## THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 4  
Well done!

A window into the Northbrook world...

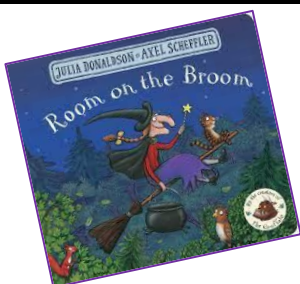
We work hard to celebrate the pupil's achievements and showcase the superb learning that takes place in school on a daily basis. Our Facebook and Twitter pages are excellent ways to keep in touch with everything that makes us NPA! To see more go to [Northbrook Primary Academy - Home | Facebook](#)



**House Team Competition:** Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the house points. The scores on the doors so far are...

Red Team	348
Yellow Team	347
Green Team	310
Blue Team	319

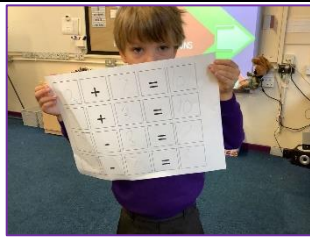
Well done to the current leaders the **RED** team...Who will be at the top of the league for when we break up for half-term!



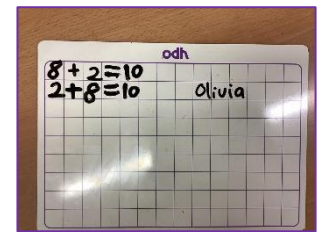
Reception and Year 1 have a brand new role play area around the 'Room on the Broom' book by Julia Donaldson. They have had great fun exploring creating spells and potions!



As part of the launch of their new 'Room on the Broom' role play area, **Reception and Year 1** went outside to make nature potions. The children mixed leaves, mud and other things they found to make a potion!



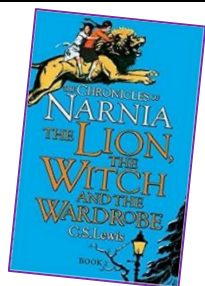
**Year 2** have been working hard this week on their number bonds to 10. They have been exploring different methods and checking their understanding using white boards.



As well as creating their display on Paddington Bear, **Year 3** have been exploring finger painting techniques and creating a lion picture inspired by the artist Iris Scott.



**Year 4** have been working hard this week on developing their maths skills around subtraction and using manipulatives to apply their knowledge!



**Year 5** have been studying the book 'The Lion, Witch and the Wardrobe'. Not only have they developed their extended writing skills but they have been creating artwork inspired by the book and developing their pencil drawing skills.



### Year 5 & 6 Tag Rugby Tournament:

This week our Year 5 and Year 6 combined Tag Rugby team played in the tournament at Leyland Warriors on Tuesday. Mr Sharkey and Mr Cunniffe were really impressed with their **TEAMWORK** and how much they progressed during their matches! Well done to everybody involved and thank you to Miss Hall and Mrs Cole for being a superb taxi service!



**All afterschool clubs will run next week from Monday to Thursday!**

From Monday we will be selling poppies and other items to raise money for the **Poppy Appeal** charity <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal> . We recommend



that there is a minimum donation of 20p per poppy and that the other items have the following donations:  
 -Snapband £1.50 (not be used in school/class)  
 -Reflector 50p  
 -Wristband £1.00 (can be worn until November 11th)  
 -Zip pull 50p

**Correct monies should be sent in to the office in an envelope with the child's name and items required – thank you!**

## Important messages



**'Open Day'**: We want to thank those parents that attended Thursday's 'Open Day' for perspective children starting in reception next September. Mrs Adams and Mr Cunniffe welcomed visitors and gave them a tour of the school and set out the vision for Northbrook Primary Academy, as well as celebrating the strengths of our wonderful children and staff. If you missed the event or want a further visit to the school please do not hesitate to contact [enquiries@northbrookpa.org](mailto:enquiries@northbrookpa.org) and we will arrange a mutually convenient time! **The deadline to apply for a school place for September 2022 is Saturday 15th January 2022.** For further information on starting primary school check the link - <https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/starting-primary-school/>.

**COVID19:** Polite reminder about attendance and actions required. If you are ever in doubt please contact us for advice. We are aware of positive cases in our community and must follow the advice and guidance we have been issued.

### When should children self-isolate and miss school?

Should my child self-isolate or miss school?



NO



YES

- **All children MUST attend school unless they are ill.**
- From 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021, children under 18 (or double-vaccinated adults) do not need to self-isolate or miss school if a member of their household or a contact, has COVID.
- Instead, they will need to book a PRC test but can continue coming to school so long as they have no symptoms and the test result is negative.
- If your child develops COVID symptoms at home, they should stay at home and should book a PRC test, NOT a Lateral Flow test.
- If your child develops COVID symptoms at school, they will be sent home and you should book them a PRC test.
- If your child tests positive for COVID, they will need to self-isolate. The rest of the household does not need to self-isolate if they are under 18 or fully vaccinated – but instead should book a PRC test.

**National Online Safety** provide excellent guides on how parents can keep their children safe in a digital world. They are free and accesible by clicking the link above. Recently there has been a lot of media attention on Netflix's Squid game. The show has a 15 rating but this has not prevented clips and images from the show being spread across various platforms such as YouTube and TikTok. There have been reports of children viewing gory, explicit scenes from the programme and parents need to be mindful of the prevalence of these uploads. **What can parents do?** Activate parental controls on their devices and check age restricted child profiles are set up on on demand platforms. If you see or hear your child replicating any of the challenges from the show or hear them talking about scenes and characters it is important to discuss with them that the show is not for children and the clips can be very upsetting.

### PROGRAMMES ON SALE HERE



**Bonfire Night 2021:** We are selling programmes (programme gives you access to the event) for the annual firework display & bonfire at Worden Park on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November, priced £4.00 (£5.00 on the night). For every programme we sell we get 50p back in return from Leyland Round Table. The dramatic pyro-musical display of over £12,500 of fireworks, supplied and coordinated by a specialist company, is a safe and inexpensive way for a family to enjoy 'Guy Fawkes Night'. Gates open at 6:00pm and the firework display starts at 7:45pm. All profits from the event are donated to local good causes.

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If you need to contact me at school please do not hesitate to email [m.cunniffe@northbrookpa.org](mailto:m.cunniffe@northbrookpa.org)  
**Tel: 01772 421599** [Contact Us | Northbrook Primary Academy](#)

**From all the team at NPA Have a fantastic weekend! See you on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October. Remember we break up for half-term on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October at 3:10-3:15pm!**