

Northbrook Primary Academy

Newsletter

18th June



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope that you are all safe and well and enjoying the warmer weather?

The children already have had an extremely busy half term so far. The staff at Northbrook really do go over and above, ensuring that your children have the best experience at school. They enhance the teaching with engaging activities, making sure that their new learning 'sticks'.

I am extremely proud to be part of this family and look forward to the years ahead.



We would like to officially welcome our newest members of our Northbrook Family, our fish! Mrs Borg has named them 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs'.

Additionally, we have had some planters installed, last weekend, on the grass patch outside the hall. The children will be planting herbs and sensory plants with differing textures and scents. I am looking forward to see how they progress!



Our 'Adventure, Fun and Sports' Day is tomorrow, 19th June. As a reminder from 9.30 - 11.30, R, Y1 and Y2 will have their session and from 1 - 3, Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6 will have theirs. As previously communicated with yourselves, we are using **UK Military School** to lead on the day.

There will be 4 activities for each session, slightly different during each session. These will culminate in a 'Tug of War'.

If you would like to come and spectate, we ask that you arrive at 9.25am or 12.55pm by the gates. Please feel free to bring chairs with you to make your viewing more comfortable. KS2 children will potentially get wet, therefore if you would like to send a towel and a change of clothes for your child, they can change into these after the session.

Our Friends of Northbrook, as ever, are here to support us and will have refreshments available to purchase during both sessions.

We hope to see as many of you as possible.



We are pleased to still be have 'UK Military School' in our team at Northbrook. They are carrying out STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), as well as building resilience, persevering and teambuilding. Should you like to see what they are about please have a look via

<https://www.ukmilitaryschool.com/>

Playground Developments

I had a meeting yesterday with the playground designers and I can confirm that the work will start on our exciting developments on Monday 7th July and will be in place and ready to use before the end of this year.

I plan over the coming years to develop the playground further, to include more seating and fixed play and fitness equipment.



Our Friday Celebration Assembly is open to all adults and families of our children. This starts at 2.40pm. If you would like to come please arrive at the main entrance, where you will be shown in once the children are settled in the hall.



Warmer Weather

Whilst we seem to be experiencing the warmer weather, please remember to bring in sun hats, apply sun cream before school and bring in your water to stay hydrated!



Our Reception children observed at first hand the life cycle of a butterfly. They watched our caterpillars grow and develop into chrysalises. Once this stage was complete they were very excited to release our very own 'Painted Lady' butterflies into the school grounds.



Year 1 visited Leyland Motor Museum supporting their 'Transport' theme, as part of the curriculum. They looked at various modes of transport and explored how they have changed over time.



In History, Year 2 have been debating which skills and attributes make the best Monarch. They shared them in small groups and presented their ideas to the rest of the class, promoting discussion and using their oracy skills.

During Science, the children have been investigating which temperatures a plant will grow in. Experiments were set up and these are being closely monitored to find the best conditions.



Year 3, 4 and 6 took part in 'Enrichment Days' over at Woodlea. During these days they consolidated learning that had taken place during their 'Wider Curriculum' work.

Year 3 - Egyptian Secrets Day

Year 4 - Anglo Saxon Experience

Year 6 - World War II Day



Years 3 & 4 joined together and took part in some sporty, team building, skill honing activities. We enjoyed tennis skills, rounders, hula hoops, skipping ropes, a team scavenger hunt and some fun water transporting relay races! Fabulous time had by both classes!



In Art, Year 4 have been working with pastels. The children have been creating images and then upscaling them in size. As you may know working with pastels is a skill in itself.



Year 5 have been identifying the reproductive parts of plants. Together, they discussed the vocabulary the children should use. The children worked in pairs to label each part of the plant and explain why it was important the plant's reproductive system.



Year 6 children met with their buddy and asked them what they liked and were interested in. From this information, the Year 6 children went away, designed and made 'Pizza Box Games'. Once these were made and during a warm sunny afternoon, the games were delivered and played by the Y6 and R children. It was heart-warming to see the conversations and interactions between the buddies. A real sign as to how their relationships have developed over the year.



Miss Quinn and the Year 3 and Reception children continue to enjoy their 'Forest School' sessions. During these sessions the children are inspired in their learning process. It gives them opportunities for their holistic growth through weekly sessions. The sessions support play, exploration and supported risk taking. Our children develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on experiences in our 'Forest School' setting.





Thank you to our families that have their children in school on time.

Classes which have the highest punctuality will receive an extra playtime the following week! It is a legal requirement that children are in school by 8.55am.

When a child is late, even if only by a few minutes this can cause considerable disruption, not just to their own learning, but to the learning of the rest of the class and impacts on the rewards your child's class can receive each week for 100% punctuality.

'Lost minutes **EQUAL** Lost Learning' just 5 minutes late each day equates to 3 days of school missed each year.

The Attendance Leader board so far, for this year is:

1st place - Year 6, 96.6%

2nd Place - Reception, 95.9%

3rd Place - Year 2, 95%



This half term so far **Lions** and **Turtles** are sharing the lead! Our children are given team points for good work, behaviour or displaying any of our HEART values. Each week the totals from across the school are added together and announced during our Friday Celebration Assembly by our 'Team Captains'.



Friends of Northbrook hosted our 'Film Night' earlier this half term' and yet again it was a great success. Thanks to your generosity in supporting our friends, and I can confirm that they raised a magnificent £478.

Thank you as ever to our team at Northbrook and particularly our 'Friends of Northbrook'.



We are very excited to be opening our Nursery in September. It promises to be a great addition to our already, wonderful school. It will be for 50 weeks per year and we are taking interest for 2 & 3 year olds.

If you would like any further information re this, please contact the school on 01772421599.



Inspirational People

Following consultation with yourselves, our children and staff we have decided on naming the classes after the following inspirational people.

Below are the people chosen to embody our school and trust values:

Class Teachers	Class Names
Reception and Nursery, Mrs Higson	
Year 1, Miss Gwynne	Ellie Simmonds 
Year 2, Mr Knowles	 Andrew Flintoff
Year 3, Mrs Wilson	Greta Thunberg 
Year 4, Miss Wright	 Malala Yousafzai
Year 5, Mrs Goldfarb	David Attenborough 
Year 6, Mrs Spence	 Anne Frank

Finally, today is National 'Thank a Teacher Day'.

I want to thank all our amazing staff at Northbrook who make your child's time in school the best it can possibly be. They care and believe in every child in school, and make their experiences memorable and meaningful in all aspects of school life, ensuring that your child is happy, safe and continually striving to be the best that they can be #TeamNorthbrook.





Diary Dates

Up-coming Dates (so far)

Thursday 19th June - **REARRANGED SPORTS DAY**

Monday 30th June - 3.10 - 4.10, R, Y1, Y2 Disco

Monday 30th June - 4.30 - 5.30. Y3, 4, 5 Disco

Monday 7th July - Playground Development starts

Potentially Thursday 10th July - Y6 Play, *tbc*

Wednesday 16th July - Y6 Prom

Friday 18th July - break up from school

All current and updated communication will be on the school website, your SeeSaw accounts, Arbor and on our Facebook page.

Thank you for your continued support in all aspects of school life.

J Shorrocks,

Executive Headteacher