

# FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## VALUE FOCUS

This half-term our value focus is **teamwork**. We have been challenging our children to...

- ✓ work together
- ✓ take opportunities to shape and develop our school.
- ✓ to learn and improve together.



## Star of the Week Winners

**Reception:** Arla-Rae F, Eliza J, Rainy L-D & Mia M-L

**Year 1:** Molly B, Maksims C, Logan-Robert P & Darcie P

**Year 2:** Marnee C, Seth L, Eddie M & Lucy R-S

**Year 3:** Lucas B, Kaeden D, Oliver P & Danny W

**Year 4:** Axel B, Katie A, Seth S & Kayden O

**Year 5:** Lilly-May B, Ivy C, Leona D & Hannah N

**Year 6:** the whole class

## THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE

★ **Class 4 - 97.4%** ★

**Awesome!**



**House Team Competition:** Each week we check the totals of the house points. The league leaders this week are....

|               |     |
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| <b>Red</b>    | 739 |
| <b>Yellow</b> | 927 |
| <b>Green</b>  | 763 |
| <b>Blue</b>   | 728 |



The **Yellow Team** have maintained the lead well done! One week to go...



**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 award:**

|               |          |
|---------------|----------|
| <b>Year 1</b> | Darcie P |
|               | Fionn W  |
| <b>Year 2</b> | Eddie M  |
| <b>Year 4</b> | Reiss L  |
|               | Amber C  |
|               | Cara T   |
|               | Oliver W |
| <b>Year 5</b> | Erin F   |



**Silver award:**

|               |               |
|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Year 1</b> | Elise B       |
| <b>Year 1</b> | Efe I         |
| <b>Year 4</b> | Lacey-Sky B-C |

**This week in Year 1** we have been looking at Monet. We know that Monet was a French painter who liked to create landscapes. We have been creating Monet inspired pieces of art using pastels to blend colours together. We have drawn a silhouette of the Houses of Parliament and then used different colours to represent different times of day just like Monet!



**In Year 3** we have learnt lots in Maths. First, we were looking at fractions, finding out how many groups we needed from the denominator and then adding together the right number of groups from looking at the numerator. Then we started our next topic of money, we talked about how we can make different denominations of money and we added together how much money we had.





**In Year 5** this week, we have been getting involved in Environment day and a Football festival. The children have created junk models, learned how to recycle and how to educate others on the matters that impact the environment.



**All the children had a fantastic day during our 'Environment Day' on Thursday.** The children learned about pollinators and plants, planted wildflowers and saplings, considered the impact of plastic on the planet's oceans, built hedgehog houses and undertook a junk modelling challenge. They were active, outdoors and in the classroom working together respectfully with smiles on their faces - a superb team! On top of all this, the 'Eco Team' also worked tirelessly to improve the school garden area and set their sights on the next stages of its development! It was great to see the school values at the centre of every activity. Awesome work everyone...





## Important Messages



Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a funded school meal, known as the Universal Infant Free School Meal. Northbrook Primary Academy encourages all families entitled to benefits-based Free School Meals to apply. This includes families with children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 as this will ensure not only your child receives delicious healthy meals but also additional school funding that will help us support your children further in school.

Your child may be eligible if you receive any of the following;

- Universal Credit with a household income of less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)
- Income-Based Jobseekers' Allowance
- Income-Related Employment and Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit, **not** entitled to Working Tax Credit and household income less than £16,190
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Income Support
- Working Tax Credit 'run on' – the payment you receive for a further four weeks after you finish work

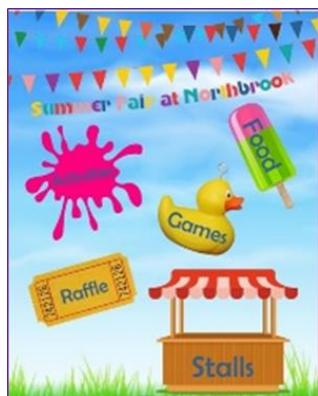
If you think you are eligible, please visit the following link to apply <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> or pop into the office to complete a form. If you feel you may struggle to complete the application, please call the office and we would be happy to help.



The Eco Team have been working really hard to develop the quad area. In order to make the garden area even better, any donations of plants would be greatly appreciated!



**NPA Summer Fair:** Working with the Friends of Northbrook we are very pleased to confirm that we are planning to hold our the **NPA Summer Fair on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July**. The Fair will take place afterschool and will include a number of stalls and activities from 3:15pm until 5:30pm. We are hoping that the weather will be dry and we will be able to hold the stalls outdoors on the Key Stage 1 playground and the school field. We will judge the weather on the day and move indoors to the school hall, corridors and assigned classrooms if needed. This is a huge undertaking and FON need support. If you feel you can help in the organisation running up to the event or on the day, setting up or running a stall, please contact FON by email [friendsofnorthbrook@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofnorthbrook@gmail.com) or speak to Mr Sharkey at school.



**Art Competition** - Lancashire Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust is hosting a special art competition aimed at finding out more about the environmental issues that matter most to the young people. Environmental issues like air pollution and carbon emissions pose a threat to the health and wellbeing of our local communities. We want local children to tell us which environmental issues matter most to them – and what does it mean to look after our planet. This can be done individually or as part of a class project.



**Sustainability**  
Working together to create a greener future

**NHS**  
Lancashire Teaching Hospitals  
NHS Foundation Trust



To take part please submit an A4 drawing, painting or design based on the theme **'What does it mean to look after our planet?'**. Bring your work or send a photo of your work to us by Seesaw. **The deadline for submission is Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**. The winners will be announced on **5th June 2023**. The overall winner will be invited to meet the Trust's CEO at Royal Preston Hospital on **21st June 2023**, as well as have their artwork displayed throughout the Trust, website and social media platforms. Good luck!

## Does your family include a child or young person with SEND?

You are invited to attend a drop-in **Information Event** In your local area

### SEND Information Events for Parents and Carers

Fun activities for children will be available – everyone welcome!

The Park Child and Family centre, Norfolk Grove, Accrington, BB5 4RY.  
Tuesday 16th May, 10am – 2pm.

Twinkle House, 2 Gorsey Place, Skelmersdale, WN8 9UP.  
Wednesday 7th June, 10am – 2pm

### SEND Family Fun and Information Events

Clitheroe Football Club, Shawbridge, Pendle Road, Clitheroe, BB7 1LZ.  
Wednesday 28th June, 10am – 2pm.

West Paddock Youth Zone, West Paddock, Leyland, PR25 1HR.  
Monday 17th July, 10am – 2pm



- Find out what's on offer in your local area
- Understand what services are available
- Discover local support groups
- Refreshments will be provided

Representatives from the following services will be available at some or all of the events:

- Lancashire Parent Carer Forum
- Break Time
- Inclusion Service
- Specialist Teaching Service
- Lancashire Local Offer
- Designated Clinical Officer Service
- POWAR youth voice group
- SEND Information, Advice and Support Team
- FIND Newsletter
- Young people's groups
- Transitions

Plus local service providers, support groups and lots more!

Between August 2022 and July 2023, we are planning 24 events, to take place in all districts of Lancashire.

Further dates will be shared on the Local Offer website and facebook page.

[www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/SEND) [www.facebook.com/LancashireLocalOffer](https://www.facebook.com/LancashireLocalOffer)



We had a surprise visitor at NPA on Wednesday morning! Mr Cuniffe and Mrs Morris found this little guy wandering around the school garden. As it is very unusual to see a hedgehog during daylight hours Mrs Morris checked advice on the web to see what we should do. With the help of Teddy and Rory, who were in before school club, Mrs Morris safely picked it up, placed in a high sided box and kept it warm. She then contacted a local rescue centre who collected the animal to check it was ok. We later found out the hedgehog was a little dehydrated but happy and well and hopefully she will be returned to the wild very soon. We also found out that she was pregnant!

For advice on what to do if you find a hedgehog in your garden check the link <https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/what-do-if.../help-hedgehog>



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### Key dates this half-term

|                                |  |
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| Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May   | Class Photographs                                |
| Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May    | School closes at 3:10/3:15pm for half-term       |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June    | INSET Day – school closed to children            |
| Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June   | INSET Day – school closed to children            |
| Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> June | School reopens at 8:45am for the final half-term |

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

**See you on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May for the final week of the half-term!**