

Northbrook Primary Academy

Newsletter

2nd May 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Wow, what a busy half term we have planned for your child, here at Northbrook: the enrichment days for Years 3, 4 and 6, the cricket festival and music day as well as the regular engagement and learning that takes place across the school.

Thank you to all of you who I have met and ensured that I have had a great start to my journey at Northbrook and I am very much look forward to our years ahead.

My priority is, and always will be, your child. Every decision I make with the team at Northbrook will have them at the heart. Their learning must inspire them to become lifelong learners and engage them so that they are successful in every aspect of school life.



Congratulations to our STARS of the week!



Starting last week, we had our Celebration Assembly in the afternoon at 2.40pm.

We continue to celebrate our 'Stars of The Week' during our Friday Celebration Assembly. A child's adult is invited into school and partake in the Celebration Assembly. If your child is a 'Star' that week and you are able to take your child home with you after the assembly.

We would like to extend this invite to all our families. 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.

#ChurchtownPlayground

Between Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th April, all Endeavour Schools participated in a relay from school to school, culminating at Churchtown Primary School on Thursday 24th April.

The celebration at Churchtown was 'Amazing'. It was emotional, inspiring and just showed the hope and togetherness of our schools.

Following the 'Endeavour School's Relay', on Friday 25th April, Northbrook had our own individual fundraiser, 'Break the Rules Day'. The day was a huge success and I am so proud to say, thanks to your generosity Northbrook raised

£738!

Below are some pictures from during the day.



Next Thursday 8th of May, Northbrook children will be celebrating VE Day in school. The children will be having class-based activities in school. At lunchtime, all children will have a picnic lunch on the playground. If you would like to send your child in with a picnic blanket for them to be comfortable with their friends! The children may wear **Red, White and Blue** on that day.

Following our visit from the bees last week, Reception have created some beehive art, with bubble wrap printing for the honeycomb and observational drawings of bees using charcoal. They also made some 2D shape pictures of bees. They have continued with their practical learning with digging for potatoes in the sunshine. There were also plenty of potatoes hiding in the growbag with plenty of worms too!



The rest of the school too enjoyed listening and learning all about Bees, observing them in their hive and tasting the honey!



Year 2 enjoyed their visit to the Dairy Farm last week. Here the children looked at the workings of a farm, the machines, they observed a cow being electronically milked, the milking process and had opportunities to interact with lambs and calves. All the children and staff had a great day!



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!



This week in year 3 we have started out PE unit- rounders. We have learnt that a key skill in rounders is ball control. We have been practicing throwing and catching with our partners. We have been using both our dominant and non dominant hand!



We are very excited to be offering Enrichment opportunities to our children, supporting the learning that is taking place within our History units.

The children will be going over to Woodlea and engage in activities consolidating the learning that has taken place in class.

If your child is in one of the classes below, you will have received a letter about these last week.

Year 3 - Egyptian Secrets Day

Year 4 - Anglo Saxon Experience

Year 6 - World War II Day

Lunchtimes

As the weather is getting warmer, we are increasingly going playing on the field at lunchtimes. The children, through previous conversations with me had asked for picnic blankets and today, I bought some and shared them with the children.



Thank you to our families that have their children in school on time. Classes which have the highest punctuality now receive an extra playtime!

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

1st Place - Year 6, 96.4%

2nd Place - Reception, 96.1%

3rd Place - Year 2, 94.9%



Thank you to our families that have their children in school on time. Moving forward, **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.



As I have shared previously, all children at Northbrook are in a house team. They are either a Blue Whale, Yellow Lion, Red Panda or a Green Turtle. They 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'.

This half term so far **Blue Whales** are in the lead!



One of the first questions I was asked when I first started at Northbrook was 'Can we have class names?' After a few meetings with Mrs Wilson and the School Council and listening to the children's voice, we have decided to name our classes after worldwide inspirational people.

We will need 9 of these: Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4, Y5, Y6 (and from September we will have our new SEND Unit and Nursery).

I'd like the people chosen to embody our school and trust values:

- Happiness, Empathy, Aspiration, Respect, Teamwork
- Individuality, Belonging, People Centred, Togetherness, Transformational

If you have any thoughts or ideas on these, please share with us in school before final decisions are made. Please have these with us by the end of term, Friday 23rd May.



Friends of Northbrook are hosting our postponed 'Chocolate Bingo' next Wednesday, 7th May. Doors will open at 5.30pm and eyes down at 6pm and tickets will be £5 for 6 books or £1 a book.



Diary Dates

Up-coming Dates (so far)

Tuesday 6th May - Own Clothes in return for Chocolate

Wednesday 7th May - Chocolate Bingo, FON

Wednesday 7th May - Cricket Festival and Music Day, all children

Thursday 8th May - VE Day Picnic in school (can wear red, white and blue)

Week Beginning 12th May - Year 6 SATs

Wednesday 14th May - Reception Creepy Crawly Roadshow

Thursday 22nd May - Y3 Egyptian Secrets Day

Thursday 5th June - Film Night

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

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

Wednesday 16th July - Y6 Prom

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