

# FRIDAY



# LETTER

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## 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	Sophia L-D & Michael P
Year 1	Darcey-Ann K & Maxwell P
Year 2	Hadley C & Cohvan F
Year 3	Eddie M & Lucy R-S
Year 4	Ruby D-F & Millie T
Year 5	Amber C & Cemil O
Year 6	Lorenzo J & Hannah N

## THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE

Reception  
99%  
Awesome!



**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:



<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	2028	<b>Green Team</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	1409	<b>Yellow Team</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	1378	<b>Red Team</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	1362	<b>Blue Team</b>

The **GREEN TEAM** have taken the lead this term!



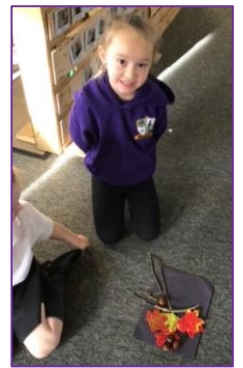
**Reading Rewards....** To achieve the bronze award pin badge, the children need to earn 60 reading points, silver 200 reading points and gold 300 reading points. Well done to the children below for achieving the awards this week:

**Bronze:**

<b>Year 3</b>	Alfie R-B
<b>Year 4</b>	Fif O
<b>Year 6</b>	Ivy C & Leona D



**Reception, Year 1 and Year 2** took part in a themed day around the season of Autumn. They created some excellent art work, made pumpkin soup and explored the outdoors finding items that represented the season.



**Year 2-** Are mud and clay the same? In art we discussed our focus question of the week. Some children thought that mud and clay looked similar however after trying to mould the mud into a shape we realised they have different properties even though clay is a type of mud! The children enjoyed feeling the texture of the mud and the clay and discussed the similarities and differences between them both!



**Year 4** enjoyed demonstrating the skills they have learnt this half term in P.E. about invasion games and passing skills. We played small sided games of football, hockey and basketball and Mrs Spence was very proud of the cooperation, teamwork and sportsmanship they showed in each of the games. Well done Year 4!





**Year 6** took their Reception buddies to the Homework showcase; they had a lovely time and then went back to Reception to listen to story time.



### Playground Leadership Training 2023



This week Year 5 completed their 'Playground Leaders Scheme' with staff from the West Lancashire Sports Partnership. The aim of the Playground Leaders Scheme is to introduce and develop leadership skills in children. We are now looking forward to Year 5 starting their roles as playground leaders after the half-term!

After half term we will be selling poppies and other items to raise money for the **Poppy Appeal** charity <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/popy-appeal>



- Prices for the following items:
- Snap band £1.50 (not to be used in school/class)
  - Reflector 50p
  - Wristband £1.00 (can be worn until 14<sup>th</sup> November)
  - 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!**



**Christmas Card Competition:** Katherine Fletcher MP for South Ribble, is running a Christmas card competition. The winning design will be printed on all her cards and a prize will also be won!

This year's theme will be transport. The children could draw, paint or collage any form of transport they can think of, from Santa's sleigh to a Christmassy steam engine.

Please send your Christmas card designs to:  
Katherine Fletcher MP, 1st Floor Leyland Conservative Club, 67-69 Towngate, Leyland, PR25 2LR.

The deadline for entrants will be **Wednesday 8th November**.

The winning design will be sent out to locals and parliamentarians as Katherine Fletcher's official Christmas card. She will present the final Christmas card design and a parliamentary prize to the winner on **Friday 15th December**.



**Open Days:** 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>.



**Northbrook Primary Academy**  
**OPEN DAY**  
Tuesday 17th October 2023  
2pm and 6pm  
Wednesday 15th November 2023  
10am and 6pm  
"A nurturing environment where every child is supported to achieve their full potential."  
01772 421599  
enquiries@northbrookpa.org  
northbrookpa.org



97% of you strongly agreed or agreed that your child had 'settled well' since returning in September.

99% of you strongly agree or agreed that your child is 'happy' at school.

97% of you strongly agreed or agreed that your child 'feels safe' at school'.

98% of you strongly agreed or agreed that the school 'makes sure its children are well behaved'.

98% of you strongly agreed or agreed that the school 'makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year'.

97% of you strongly agreed or agreed that the school 'has high expectations for my child'.

98% of you strongly agreed or agreed that 'my child does well at school'.

97% of you strongly agreed or agreed that 'the school lets me know how my child is doing'.

100% of you strongly agreed or agreed that 'there is a good range of subjects on offer at the school'.

**98% of you would recommend our school to other parents!**



If you would like to review the full feedback please check our website here [Parents' Questionnaires | Northbrook Primary Academy \(northbrookpa.org\)](https://northbrookpa.org/parents-questionnaires)

**Key Dates for the half-term:**

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – INSET day (school closed to children)
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October- School reopens to children.
- Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Secondary Places application deadline.
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November – Children in Need.
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November –INSET day (school closed to children)
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December – Inclusion PE Event
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December – KS1 Christmas Play 1:30pm-2:30pm.
- Wednesday 13 December - KS1 Christmas Play 4:30pm-5:30pm.
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December – KS2 Christmas Play 1:30-2:30pm & 6:00pm-7:00pm
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas party day.
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:enquiries@northbrookpa.org)

**Tel: 01772 421599** [Contact Us | Northbrook Primary Academy](https://northbrookpa.org/contact-us)

**Have a great half term and see you back on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**