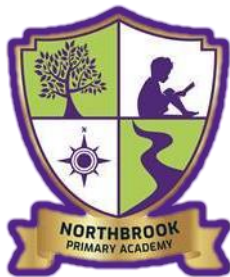


FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 21st January 2021

VALUE FOCUS

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



- ✓ To aim high.
- ✓ To achieve their personal best.
- ✓ To be the very best version of themselves they can be!

The Star of the Week Award Winners:

Reception	Elise B & Melih O
Year 1	Aaron P & Lacey W
Year 2	Jaxon D & Medi M
Year 3	Axel B & Richard J
Year 4	Leona D & Scarlet F
Year 5	Jacob W & Rorey W
Year 6	Oliver R & Lillian S

THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE GOES TO...

Year 3
100%
Awesome!

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. Everything to play for next week...



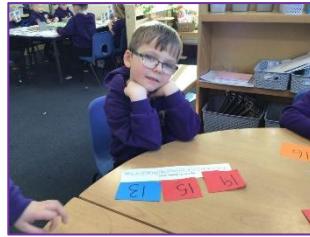
Yellow Team	2620
Red Team	2406
Green Team	2231
Blue Team	2186

Well done to the **Yellow team** who have maintained their lead but it is narrowing!

Reception... This week in reception the children have been exploring the language 'tallest' and 'shortest'. They built towers, measured their heights and compared the heights of different structures they made.



Year 1 ... In Year 1, this week, the children have been ordering numbers dependent on their values. They were independently able to order them from smallest to largest and largest to smallest.



Year 3 ... In PE this week, Year 3, have been involved in team building activities, attempting to overcome challenges whilst working in teams. This week they had to organise themselves in orders, untie the human knot, turn a circle inside out and get a hoop around their whole team in the shortest amount of time. Great teamwork!



Extra-Curricular Clubs: Spring 1



Day	Year	Activity	Staff Lead
Monday	Year 5 and Year 6	Tennis	Mr Winrow
Tuesday	Year 6	SATs Booster	Miss Hall
	Year 5	Football	Mr Sharkey & Mrs Powers
Wednesday	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6	Choir	Mrs Spence & Miss Smith
Thursday	Year 3 and Year 4	Tennis	Mr Winrow
Friday	Reception & Year 1	Multi-sports	Mr Winrow
Thursday Lunchtime	Year 2	Coding Club	Miss Sharrock
Friday Lunchtime	Year 5 and Year 6	Chess Club	Mr Iddon

All clubs start at the end of school and finish at 4.15pm. Children must return a letter signed by parents to attend the afterschool clubs and wear appropriate clothing such as their PE kit.



Important messages

COVID Update: We sent out a letter yesterday to update parents on our COVID protocols. We have seen an increase in cases over the last 10 days and want to make sure we keep children and staff as safe as possible. We have decided to postpone assemblies at the moment and will contact parents of any children we believe have been close contacts of positive cases. The national figures are coming down and the new variant seems to be less severe, however, we need to stay vigilant. If you have not seen the letter use the link here - <https://northbrookpa.org/letters> .

Uniform reminders: As a team we have spoken about the importance of uniform and our appearance policy and we believe they are the foundations on which we build our school values and standards. The policy also helps to ensure that children are safe undertaking activities such as PE.

Our uniform and appearance expectations can be found on our website here - <https://northbrookpa.org/parents-carers/school-uniform>. A few key points we would like to remind parents about, are as follows:

- Jogging bottoms/tracksuit/sports leggings need to be plain black.
- Trainers/pumps are only suitable footwear for PE days.
- PE hoodies are to be worn on PE days only.
- We would prefer children not to wear earrings, but if they do they must be no more than one stud (not hoops or hooks) in each ear lobe.
- Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery during PE/Forest School/Swimming lessons for Health and Safety reasons. Children must either not wear earrings on these days, be able to remove earrings themselves or cover their studs with plasters (brought from home).
- No jewellery should be worn for PE.
- Nail polish, make up and temporary tattoos are not acceptable as part of the school uniform.
- Children with hair longer than shoulder length must have their hair tied back with a suitable hair accessory, to not restrict vision, so that they can safely enjoy all activities at school.
- Hair accessories should be discreet and in line with the colours of our school uniform. Large bows and novelty hair accessories must not be worn.

Please do not hesitate to contact us at school if you are having any difficulties ensuring your child has the correct uniform for school or if you have any queries before you purchase an item.
enquiries@northbrookpa.org .

Dental survey: We will be writing to parents of children in Reception and Year 1 who are 5 years of age to offer them the opportunity to be involved in a dental survey. The survey will take place on Thursday 10TH February. If you would like to know a little more about what happens during the visit check the video link here - www.youtube.com/watch?v=BzrjK8HRpD8

Important dates for the term ahead...

- **Monday 7th February – Friday 11th February 2022** – Children’s Mental Health Week.
- **Tuesday 8th February** – School Games Cluster Competition. KS1 Multi-Sports
- **Friday 11th February 2022** – School finishes at 3:10/3:15pm for half-term.
- **Monday 21st February 2022** – School re-opens for all children at 8:45am.
- **Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2022** – Fair Trade Week.
- **Thursday 3rd March 2022** – Parents’ Evening.
- **Friday 1st April 2022** – School finished at 2:10/2:15pm for the end of term.



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See you on Monday 24th January for another exciting week at NPA!