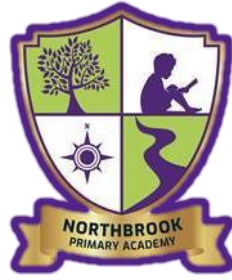


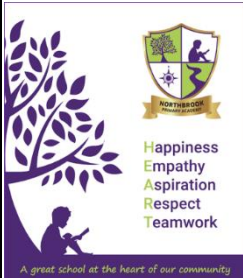
FRIDAY



LETTER

Friday 22nd March 2024

VALUE FOCUS



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

- ✓ Use good manners
- ✓ Value diversity
- ✓ Tackle discrimination
- ✓ Promote equality

★ 'Star of the Week Awards' ★

Reception Eleanor M & Alfie R ★

Year 1 Miley-Mae K & Nancy W

Year 2 Tilda M & Melih O

Year 3 Demi P & Kobe C

Year 4 Freddie S & Lucas B ★

Year 5 Layla L & Cara T

Year 6 Roman C & Mya S



THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE ★

Year 4 ★

96.7% ★

Well Done!



House Team Competition: Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the house points. This week's results are...

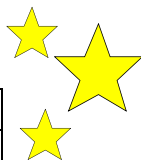
Red Team	999
Yellow Team	1088
Blue Team	1288
Green Team	1396

Well done to the **GREEN TEAM!**
They are still in the lead... 3 more days to go!

Reading Rewards.... To reward the children we have introduced a bronze, silver and gold reward system! 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 an award this week...

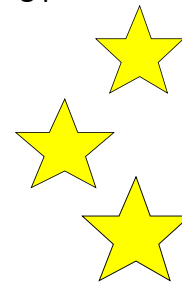
Bronze Award:

Year 4	Charlie P
Year 4	Daniel W
Year 5	Seth S



Silver Award:

Year 4	Fif O
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Gold Award:

Year 6	Emily Z
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Ezra S – Year 1
Leona D – Year 6
Danny W – Year 4
Lottie MH – Year 4
Reiss L – Year 5
Stefan S – Year 5
Caiden D – Year 2

Weekly Attendance & Punctuality Winners: Well done to the children listed who were selected by the random name selector due to the fact they have been in school everyday and on time this week! You have to be in (and on time) to win!



Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs): As you may be aware the Key Stage 2 SATs for Year 6 are quickly approaching. The 2024 Key Stage 2 SATs are due to start on **Monday 13th May 2024.**

Date	Exam
Monday 13 th May 2024	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 1 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2
Tuesday 14 th May 2024	English Reading
Wednesday 15 th May 2024	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 16 th May 2024	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

Booster Sessions:

Weekly SAT's Sessions	
Monday (3.15 - 4.00)	Maths (Problem Solving) – Mr Whalley By invitation
Tuesday (3.15 – 4.00)	Reading – Mrs Spence By invitation
Wednesday (3.15 - 4.00)	Maths (Arithmetic) - Mr. Iddon By invitation
Friday (3.15 – 4.15) <i>As part of homework club</i>	SPaG – Mrs. Morris Open to all Year 6 children

To help support children in achieving their best in these assessments, our KS2 staff will be offering booster sessions for each of the core areas. These will be held across the week and will give them access to a 10-week program of targeted support starting on Monday 4th March. Invitations to the sessions have been sent by letter to parents. Please note if children have been invited to specific sessions, it is important that children attend all ten sessions to get the maximum impact.

NPA Staffing Update 2024: We are pleased to announce that Miss Sharrock will be returning to Northbrook just before the



Easter break. She will be returning to her role of Assistant Headteacher (EYFS/Key Stage 1) and the crucial role of SENDCo. Miss Sharrock has thoroughly enjoyed her time with her young family but is now looking forward to returning to school four days per week during the summer term. Sadly, however, this means that Mr Dowd's time as cover for her maternity leave is coming to an end. We want to thank him for the significant positive impact he has had during his time at NPA. We wish Mr Dowd the very best on his return to our sister school Churchtown Primary School. We would also like to thank Mrs Morris for her sterling work as our SENDCo in Miss Sharrock's absence.

We will also welcome back Miss Jackson from her maternity leave next week. Again, Miss Jackson has thoroughly enjoyed her special time with her son Alfie, but she is excited about her return to NPA and taking over the teaching of our superb Year 1 class for the remainder of the academic year. Mrs Pizey will continue to work closely with Miss Jackson to ensure Year 1 have a seamless transition. We will not be saying goodbye to Mrs Pizey though, as she will be working with us for the remainder of the academic year teaching in Year 3 two days per week, alongside Mrs Morris.





We will say goodbye to Mr Austin who has been working as an intervention teacher supporting the progress of children right across Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Mr Austin will be retiring from teaching at Easter, but we are sure we will be working with him in some capacity moving forwards, as he has a multitude of skills and experience that will benefit our children. Again, we want to thank Mr Austin for the significant impact he has had on the children at NPA during his time here.



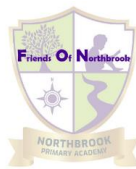
Engagement in Learning – ‘The Learning Zone’: Over the last few weeks, we have celebrated how our children arrive at lessons ‘ready to learn’ but have also reminded them that learning is hard and takes a great deal of focus and effort. Mr Cunniffe worked with a group of children to find out what they believed they needed to do to maximise their potential. From this meeting the children told us what they believed being in the learning zone entails. This included:

- ✓ **Demonstrating the school's HEART values**
- ✓ **Quickly focused on learning at the start of each lesson – show a love of learning!**
- ✓ **Work hard - completing activities to the best of their ability**
- ✓ **Want to answer questions and give opinions - even if they are not sure if they are right**
- ✓ **Present work neatly**
- ✓ **Work independently**
- ✓ **Be resilient – don’t give up when learning is tough, or they get something wrong**

Children who demonstrate these attributes will find that they will move up the gauge and our ‘NPA Superstars’ will be awarded their superstar sticker at the end of each day. This is something that needs to be celebrated at home as it is a real achievement!



We have also reminded all our children how each one of our children has the right to learn in a safe and calm environment. Sometimes, however, children may make a choice not to work to the best of their ability or distract others. If this happens, teachers will support them to make the right choice and give them ‘time to think’ and explain what they need to do to change. If their behaviours do not change, they will then be collected from their classrooms so they have ‘time to reset’ whilst class teachers can continue to teach. When they are collected from class they will be taken to our ‘Reset’ classroom where they will reflect on their choices and complete work. They will then return to class when they are ‘Ready to learn’. Parents will be informed when children have needed ‘Time to reset’ through a ParentApp message and/or email. Where it is possible teaching staff will be available to speak to parents at the end of the school day.



We are working with the Friends of Northbrook (FON) to host a ‘Chocolate Bingo’ night on Wednesday 27th March. The doors will open at 5:30pm and ‘eyes down’ will be 6:00pm. To come along to the event, please pre-book your seats through ParentPay. The cost per seat (£1) will be deducted from the total cost of bingo books/raffle tickets purchased on the night. Hot food and drinks will be available to buy on the night.

We are inviting children to attend in non-uniform on Wednesday 27th March, for a donation of chocolate that will go towards the bingo prizes! Please come along and support us, last year was a great success and allowed us to get the whole community together and raise funds for our school.



Key Dates for the remainder of the half-term:

- Tuesday 26th March – ‘This Girl Can!’ (Y5/6 girls invitation event)
- Wednesday 27th March – Non-uniform day & FON Chocolate Bingo Event.
- Thursday 28th March - School closes for the Easter holidays at 2:10pm (no afterschool club)



If you need to contact school please do not hesitate to email enquiries@northbrookpa.org
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See you on Monday 25th March! Have a great weekend everyone.