

# FRIDAY LETTER

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021

## 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.

Next half-term our focus will be **ASPIRATION!**

## The **HEART** of Northbrook Awards: **Happiness**

Reception	Caiden D & Izzy W
Year 1	Kobe C & Demi P
Year 2	Freya J & Theo K
Year 3	Katie A & Cemil O
Year 4	Roman C & Emily Z
Year 5	Leah E & Lily B
Year 6	Lily D & Max K

 This week the class teachers nominated children to win the 'HEART of Northbrook Award' for consistently displaying our focus value HAPPINESS. Mr Cunniffe, Miss Hall and Miss Sharrock then had the difficult task of selecting the winners from the nominations received!

## 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. At the end of the half-term the **Red Team** are in the lead and today were rewarded with hot chocolate or milk and a doughnut!

Red Team	490
Yellow Team	485
Green Team	480
Blue Team	446



**Reception:** The children in reception have been reading the story pumpkin soup by Helen Cooper. They worked on mixing and painting with the colour orange as well as actually making pumpkin soup which the kitchen staff helped to heat for them to try! It was delicious...



**Year 1:** The children have been learning about the continents and considering different types of weather around the globe. They worked in groups and individually to match weather words and build an accurate map of the continents. Well done Year 1!



**Year 2:** This week the children have been using 10's counters to solve number bonds up to 100. Oliver and his family even made his own number counters for use at home. Great work Oliver and we are looking forward to having you all back at school after the half-term!



**Year 3:** This week Year 3 have been continuing their work on 3 digit and 2 digit number subtractions. Working both independently and in pairs to refine their skills. They loved writing on the tables and using the manipulatives but not the cleaning part!



**Year 4:** This week Year 4 have been making their own games through their study of electricity, circuits and switches. They designed and created their games with a partner and invited Year 6 to play the games and give them feedback to improve them!



This week we have been hosting a Key Stage 2 TT Rock Stars battle! Year 3 took on Year 4 and Year 5 challenged Year 6. It was a close fought contest with some fantastic scores from individual children in each of the classes. This time, Year 3 and Year 6 were the victors! Mr Cunniffe will be challenging Key Stage 2 after we return from the holidays – he needs to build up to it! Well done to everyone who got involved and especially to Katie A - 2123 points and Leona D – 2155 points simply amazing scores!



## Important messages

**Year 6:** We have been so proud of our Year 6 children this half-term. Collectively they have been superb role models for our younger children. In particular we have been amazed by their maturity in their roles of Playground Leaders for Key Stage 1 and Buddies for the reception children. We are in awe every day of the amazing the young people they are becoming!



When we return we will still be selling poppies and other items to raise money for the **Poppy Appeal** charity <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal> . We recommend

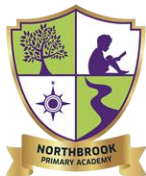


that there is a minimum donation of 20p per poppy and that the other items have the following donations:

- Snapband £1.50 (not be used in school/class)
- Reflector 50p
- Wristband £1.00 (can be worn until November 1th)
- 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!**

**School Website:** We have been working hard on the school website and have developed a number of sections and improved the information within key sections. We strongly recommend you review the 'Classes' section to see the new photos and key information on what is being studied next half-term. We know there is still work to do, but we hope it will become a more useful resource for you to find out what is happening at the school. Use the link to get straight there <https://northbrookpa.org/classes> . We will be adding our homework tasks to the class pages and Seesaw when we return after half-term. We will write to you about homework to ensure you have all the detail before we go live!



**A message from Mr Cunniffe:** It has been a great half-term in which we have been thrilled to have the whole school community back together! The feeling of 'family' has been tangible and the staff team are driven to make NPA the very best it can be. We have been so impressed with how our children have risen to the challenges we have set over the last 8 weeks.

Unfortunately, due to the fact a number of our children were at home isolating it did not finish the way we wanted. We would have loved nothing more than having everyone together on the last day. This is a situation many schools have found themselves in. Despite this, we want all our children, staff and their families to have a restful half-term. It is important that both the children and staff get a chance to recharge their batteries ready for our return. With this in mind, please do not be offended if email or Seesaw messages are not responded to over the

holidays. If your concern is urgent and cannot wait until we return on Monday 1st November, please email [enquiries@endeavourlearning.org](mailto:enquiries@endeavourlearning.org) and your query will be responded to. This mailbox is monitored during office hours. If you have immediate concerns related to the safety or safeguarding a child, call Children's Social Care on 0300 123 6720 or out of hours 0300 123 6722. If you think a child is in immediate danger, please call the police using 999. If you need to update us about COVID test results please email [enquiries@northbrookpa.org](mailto:enquiries@northbrookpa.org). Thank you for your continued support.

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**From all the team at NPA, have a fantastic half-term! Take care and see you on Monday 1st November.**