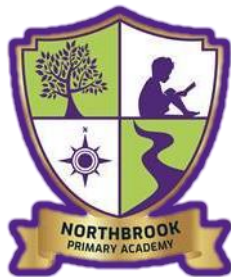


FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 23rd September 2022

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	Elizabeth R & Georgia T
Year 1	Elise B & Meerab S
Year 2	Edward S & Charlotte C
Year 3	Lucas B & Theo K
Year 4	Maison M & Cara T
Year 5	Leona D & Mya S
Year 6	Elsie D & Leo N

THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE ★

★
Year 6
97.9%
Well done!
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Football Stars ... Well done to our Y5/6 Girls Football team, who played at the cluster competition this week. The girls performed really well, especially considering a few of them had not played for a while. A special mention must go to our very own Beth Mead goal machine, Leona in Y5, who scored 4 goals! The girls were an absolute credit to the school with their attitude, effort and behaviour – we were very proud!



Extra-Curricular Clubs 2022-23: Autumn 1



Day	Year	Activity/time	Staff Lead
Monday	Years 1 and 2	Musical Theatre Club 3.15-4.15pm	Miss Gwynne Ms Anroose-Peer Mr Iddon
	Years 4 and 5	PE Club 3.15-4.15pm	
	Years 5 and 6	Chess Club 12.15-1.00pm	
Tuesday	Years 2 and 3	Gymnastics Club 3.15-4.15pm	Miss Smith Miss Sharrock South Ribble Health Team
	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Lunch Club 12.15-1.00pm PASTA Club (Invitation Only) 5:15pm-6:15pm	
Wednesday	Years 1 and 2	Lego Club 12.15-1.00pm	Mrs Wilson Mrs Spence Mr Sharkey
	Years 4 – 6	Young Voices Club 3.15-4.15pm	
	Years 5 and 6	Football Club 3.15-4.15pm	
Thursday	Years 3 and 4	Science Club 12.15-1.00pm	Miss Jackson Ms Anroose-Peer
	Years 2 and 3	PE Club 3.15-4.15pm	
Friday	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6	Dance 3.15-4.15pm	West Lancs PE Coach Mrs Morris
	Years 3 and 4	Art club 12.15-1.00pm	

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

It has been great to see so many of our children attending afterschool and lunchtime clubs this week. If your child has not attended an afterschool club and you would like them to start, please request a letter from their class teacher. For all our afterschool clubs we require a signed returned reply slip. Thank you!
Monday's PE club is basketball and Thursday's PE club is basketball.



Don't Let Go... Thanks to the work of our Year 5 children, South Ribble Borough Council is encouraging residents to do the right thing and leading by example by banning balloons and sky lanterns on council land and events.



Pupils and teachers from Northbrook Primary Academy attended the council meeting on 21 September to deliver a notice of motion encouraging councillors to back the 'Don't Let Go' campaign which aims to stop harm to wildlife and reduce litter. Councillors supported and approved the motion after Hannah and Abbi gave a persuasive speech to over 50 councillors!

Mrs Adams, Executive Headteacher, Northbrook Primary Academy said: "We are so proud of our children at

Northbrook and the difference they are trying to make in our world. They have done so much reading and research about the changes that can be made to help our environment and they are now being proactive in changing not only the things they do in their own lives but influencing others too. They have produced adverts to persuade others not to use plastic straws because of their effect on the environment, sponsored a polar bear, planted green planet flower bombs, and are developing ideas about planting a wildflower meadow in school."

"Through their research they found out about 'Don't Let Go' which asks local councils to ban the release of balloons and lanterns at their events and they decided to use their excellent persuasion skills to write to South Ribble Borough Council to persuade them to adopt this motion and make a difference here in our local area. They won't stop here...they are already planning to take this motion to other groups to persuade them of the difference they can make."



Well done Year 5 we are so proud of you! More information on the Don't Let Go campaign is available here: <https://www.mcsuk.org/what-you-can-do/ocean-friendly-living/reducing-your-plastic-footprint/dontletgo/>

Acceptable Parental/Adult Behaviour on School Site - As an academy with our children at the heart of what we do, we need to be clear that the following types of behaviour by parents/carers are considered serious and unacceptable and, therefore, will not be tolerated:

- shouting at members of the school staff, parents or children either in person or over the telephone;
- intimidating a member of staff, parent or child e.g. standing very close to her/him;
- the use of aggressive hand gestures;
- threatening behaviour;
- shaking or holding a fist towards another person;
- using abusive/offensive language
- pushing;
- hitting, e.g. slapping, punching and kicking;

- spitting;
- racist, sexist, homophobic or transgender comments;
- breaching the school's safety and security procedures.

If the negative behaviours are repeated, or where behaviour is extreme, a parent/carer may be banned by the Headteacher, Executive Headteacher or the Local Academy Council from the school premises. Information may also be referred to the Police. We understand that there can be circumstances outside of school that can be very challenging, whether this be within families or between different families. However, these issues must not influence the behaviour of parents or carers on or around school site. There is more than enough space on our school site for the adults to drop off and collect their children without the need for negative interactions. After all, we are the ones that must act as role models to the children within our care.

A few reminders...



- It is important that all children bring a coat to school especially with the weather turning cooler. We will go out for break and lunchtimes even if it is cold and we want all our children to be comfortable whilst out doors!
- We have an increasing amount of 'lost property' school uniform that we are unable to return to children as items have not been labelled with their name. We kindly ask that all parents label their child's clothing (especially jumpers, cardigans, hoodies and coats) so we can get the items back to the correct owner. Thank you!
- Please remember the main school car-park is for staff only and should not be used to park for the drop off and collection of children at the start and end of the school day.



We are looking forward to hosting our 'Open Days' for children starting 'Reception Class' in September 2023! During the sessions on Thursday 13th October and Wednesday 16th November we would like to invite parents and their children into school to meet key staff and have the opportunity to see our

wonderful school. Please contact us at school to book into the most convenient time slot.

If your child is starting Reception in September 2023 we recommend you review the information on the Lancashire County Councils website [here](#).

The closing date for applying for a reception place is January 15th 2023.



Moving on to High School ... If your child is in Year 6, information about applying for Year 7 places for September 2023 can be found [here](#).

The closing date for applying for a secondary school place is October 31st 2022. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you are having any difficulties with your application, we are only happy to help!



House System: The house teams for this academic year are shown below:

BLUE	RED	GREEN	YELLOW
Oliver D F Lorraine L D Elektra N Maxwell P Georgia T Harley T Liam W	George A Harley C Harper-Grace H C Mia M L Lyla M Archie P Ezra S	Ella A Eliza B Darcey-Ann K Amelia L Elizabeth R Marek R Nancy-Rose W	Talia-Rose B Arla Rae F Lacey L Oliver H M Millie S Rory S
Kayden C Caidan D Efe I Liam J Logan-Robert P	Isla A M Molly B Isabelle F Sophia M Melih O Izzy W	Amelia F Noah R S Lewis T Coby T Fionn W	Elise B Reggie B Cohvan F Noah H Meerab S Zachery W
Marnee C Correy L D Alex P Lacey W	Lottie-Mae H Joseph H Eddie M Edward S	Charlotte C Millie H Demi P Lucy R S	Alfie B Kobe C Seth L Aaron P
Jaxon D Ruby D-F Ruby M Jessica O Charlie P Oliver P	Dawson C, Kaeden D Harry P Charles S Millie T Alex W	Freya J Theo K Medi M Harry R Lily S Jamie T Daniel W	Lucas B, Kaitlin E Abbie-Rose F Elouise F Freddie H Finn S Freddie S
Katie A Amber C Reggie J Richard J Maison M Elissia M Oliver W	Darcie B Theo B Axel B Parker H Poppy H India N Cemil O	Kooba B Elliott H H Poppy H H Reiss L Caoimhe M Daniel R Cara T	Lacey-Sky B C Layla-Mae C Layla L Aahil M, Kai N Leon R Seth S Stefan S
Lilly-May B Jakeob D Robyn F Abi L Hannah N Alfie Y	Harvey B Poppy D Scarlett F Kerem O Mya S	Leona D Erin F Lorenzo J Jack M Elliott S	Roman C Joshua E Lukas L Jacob O'C Emily Z
Georgia B Oliver D Elsie D Kaiden E Shayne S Rorey W	Thomas B Lily B Harry H Leo N Jacob W Paighton W	Alexandra B Vinny B Crystal C Leah E Chanice S Cammy W	Archie B Bailey H Phoebe H Harvey H Leon M Taylor T



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:

1st	393	Red Team
2nd	380	Yellow Team
3rd	329	Green Team
4th	289	Blue Team

The **Red Team** have maintained the lead in week 2. There is a long way to go until the half-term so it is anyone's league to win! Keep demonstrating the school values, working hard, reading regularly and completing your homework to help your team...

Important dates...

Key dates for the term



Thursday 6th October	Parents' Evening – Engagement
Thursday 13th October	Open Day (New Intake) 2:00pm & 6:00pm
Half-term Holidays	Monday 24th October to Friday 28th October
Wednesday 16th November	Open Day (New Intake) 10:00pm & 6:00pm
Friday 25th November	INSET Day (School closed to children)
Tuesday 6th December 1:30pm & Wednesday 7th December 4:30pm	KS1 Christmas Play
Thursday 8th December 1:30pm & 6:00pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 14th December	Christmas Party & Christmas Dinner
End of Term Holidays	Monday 19th December – Monday 2nd January
INSET Day (school closed to children)	Tuesday 3rd January (School re-opens on Wednesday 4th January)

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](#)



As well as our Facebook page we also have a twitter feed ... Why not follow us to keep in touch with everything that makes us NPA! [Northbrook Primary Academy \(@NorthbrookPrim3\) / Twitter](#). Our school website is also being developed week on week and you can find us at [Northbrook Primary Academy \(northbrookpa.org\)](#)

If you need to contact me at school please do not hesitate to email m.cunniffe@northbrookpa.org
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See you on Monday 26th September – have a weekend!