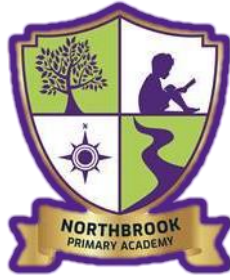


# FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2023

## VALUE FOCUS

This half-term our value focus is **respect**. We have been challenging our children to...

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



## THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE

**Class 3**

**97.4%**

**Great - well done!**

## STARS of the Week

Reception	Archie P & Maxwell P
Year 1	Isabelle F & Melih O
Year 2	Seth L & Lucy R-S
Year 3	Ruby M & Daniel W
Year 4	Lacey-Sky B-C & Cara T
Year 5	Lilly- May B & Emily Z
Year 6	Thomas B & Cammy W



**House Team Competition:** Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we check the totals of the house points. Last half-term the **Red team** won the competition but as the points have reset to zero it could be anyone's top spot this half-term...

<b>Red</b>	579
<b>Yellow</b>	324
<b>Green</b>	310
<b>Blue</b>	304

This week the **RED TEAM** have taken pole position...



**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 bronze award this week

<b>Year 3</b>	Finn S
<b>Year 4</b>	India N
<b>Year 5</b>	Teddy M

Well done to our silver winner!

<b>Year 6</b>	Pheobe H
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A huge well done to our **gold** winner! Simply amazing...

<b>Year 5</b>	Leona D
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**Eco Team:** After the succes of the Eco team's work with the local council they have started to turn their attention to the school and how we can make a positive impact around the school site! This week the Eco Team met with Mr Cunniffe and discussed their action plan. They are all keen to support the school to achieve the 'Green Flag Award' and Mr Cunniffe was really impressed with their research and inventive ideas to make sure the whole school improved its consideration of it's impact on the environment. They will be focusing on three areas:



- Biodiversity
- School grounds
- Waste and litter

Part of theirwork will include having a weekly up date on the 'Friday Letter' to let the community know what they have been busy doing!

**School Council:** We would like to introduce you to our new School Council, who will be helping us make decisions within our school. We have asked the School Council to think about how we can imporve the outdoor spaces and what we should call our houses rather than just the four colours!



**Welcome to NPA Miss Fong...** We recently celebrated both Mr Trainor Tute's and Mrs Borg's recent promotion and are now pleased to let you know that we have a new member of staff, Miss Fong, who will be NPA's new Receptionist and Headteacher's PA. Previously Miss Fong worked within the Endeavour Learning Trust as a Receptionist at The Hub. Miss Fong told us she is 'super excited to be part of the wonderful Northbrook family and I have already enjoyed my first week meeting all the children and looking after Loki!'



# YEAR SIX

The Standardised Assessment Tests (SAT) for year 6 is quickly approaching. In order 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 in that subject area. There are multiple sessions across each

week being run by our teachers which are designed to help prepare children for their assessments. If your child has been invited to attend one of the invitation only sessions, you will be informed separately by letter.

Weekly SAT's Sessions	
Monday (3.15 - 4.00)	Maths – Miss Jackson By invitation
Tuesday (3.15 – 4.00)	Maths Problem Solving – Mr. Sharkey Open to all Year 6 children
Wednesday (8.00 – 8.30) <i>Children will attend breakfast club.</i>	Maths - Mr. Iddon By invitation
Wednesday (3.15 – 4.00)	Reading – Mrs. Spence By invitation
Friday (3.15 – 4.00)	SPaG – Mrs. Morris Open to all Year 6 children

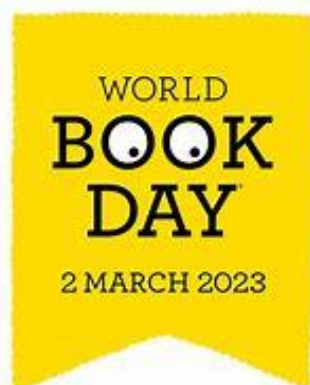
Please note that the 2023 Key Stage 2 SATs were *originally* due to start on Monday 8th May 2023 but this has been shuffled back by one day to Tuesday 9th May due to the [extra bank holiday for the King's coronation](#).

Date	Exam
Tuesday 9 May 2023	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 1 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2
Wednesday 10 May 2023	English Reading
Thursday 11 May 2023	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Friday 12 May 2023	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)



**Strike Action:** There are three further strike days that are likely to affect schools in this area: Tuesday 28 February 2023, Wednesday 15 March 2023 and Thursday 16 March 2023. The NEU has posted a document for parents, carers and grandparents that explains their reasons for taking strike action. It can be found at <https://neu.org.uk/media/24511/view> After conducting a risk assessment Mrs Adams and Mr Cunniffe have decided that on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February the school will be open to all children**. As a result, all children must attend Northbrook Primary Academy on this date. Thank you!

**World Book Day Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March:** For our World Book Day celebrations 2023 we will be having a whole school



focus on the beautifully illustrated text 'The boy, the mole, the Fox and the Horse', written by Charlie Mackesy. As part of our shared story times, we will celebrate the excitement and pleasure of reading as a whole school community. This focus will also link to other activities during the school day, including art activities based around the book's unique illustrations and well-being activities that support the theme of the book. In the afternoon, all children will have the opportunity to watch the animated version of the book. Additionally, our Year 6 children will read with their reception 'buddies', so we build on the fantastic work they have been doing as positive role models for our



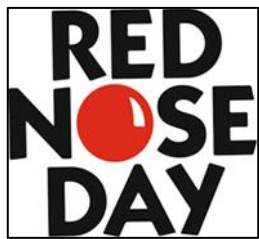
youngest children. You can find out more about World Book Day at [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com).

As adults, we should never underestimate the impact of reading and if we really want to further our children's life chances we can take a few simple steps to encourage reading for pleasure;

- Read to our children regularly
- Give access to books at home
- Encourage children to choose what they want to read
- Share and recommend books to our children
- Designate time to reading regularly



With the nature of schools there can be incidents each day that result in children being seen by a trained first aider. If this is the case and your child has been given treatment we will contact you by a Parent App message and inform you with a letter in your child's bag. If the injury is a concern we would endeavour to contact parents/carers directly by phone. The vast majority of the time the injuries are simple bumps and grazes from playing with friends at break or lunchtime, so there is no need to worry!



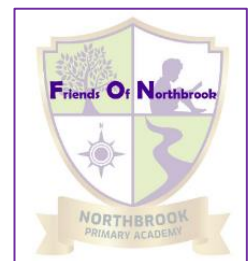
On **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March** we will be supporting 'Red Nose Day' for a whole day of fun, learning and feel good fundraising! We are **inviting all children to attend in non-uniform**, to wear something red and if possible wear a red nose or any suitable 'Red Nose Day' merchandise. We will be asking for a **voluntary donation of £1** from each child to help us raise funds for a great cause. **This money is to be paid using ParentPay.** Larger donations can be made and will be greatly received if you wish to do so! We will also be running the 'NPA Big Cake Sale' from 3:20pm

in the school hall. Last year was a great success due to your support making, baking and buying cakes to sell. Cakes will need to be brought into school in the morning and after children have been collected at the end of school we will open the hall for parents and children to pick out their purchases (cash sales only). Happy baking!



Working with the Friends of Northbrook (FON) we will be hosting a 'Chocolate Bingo' night on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March. The doors will open at 5:30pm and 'eyes down' will be 6:00pm. We will be inviting children to attend in non-uniform on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> 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. We will send out more information very soon...



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**Key dates for the term:**

Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Comic Relief (Non-uniform Day)
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parents' Evening 3:30pm-6:30pm
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> March	Non-Uniform Day (chocolate donation) Chocolate Bingo Event
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<b>School closes for the end of term at 2:10pm</b>
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>School re-opens for the Summer Term at 8:45am</b>

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**Have a fantastic weekend! Stay safe, see you on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February!**