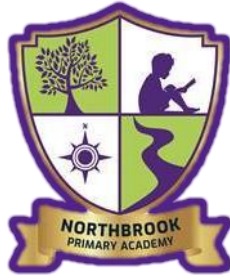


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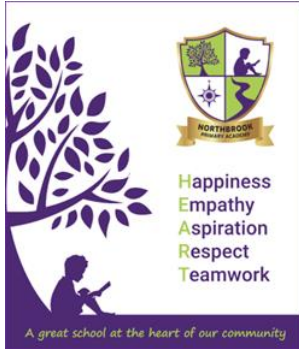


Friday 28th April 2023

VALUE FOCUS

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

- ✓ work together
- ✓ take opportunities to shape and develop our school.
- ✓ to learn and improve together.



Star of the Week Winners

- Reception:** Harper H-C & Oliver M-H
- Year 1:** Isabelle F & Fionn W
- Year 2:** Alfie R B & Lacey W
- Year 3:** Elouise F & Jamie T
- Year 4:** Elliott H-H & Daniel R
- Year 5:** Abi L & Elliott S
- Year 6:** Kaiden E & Leo N

THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE

Class 2 - 96.3%



Well done!



House Team Competition: Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we check the totals of the house points. This half-term the winners are....

Red	399
Yellow	484
Green	363
Blue	387

The **Yellow Team** have taken the lead well done!



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 awards this week:

Silver Award:

Crystal C	Year 6
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Gold Award:

Phoebe H	Year 6
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In Reception, we have been learning all about pets! On Tuesday, we launched our 'Pet Week' by learning about each other's pets. Children had the opportunity to talk about the pets they have at home. We then were visited by Mrs Morris's rabbit and Mrs Goldfarb's tortoise! The children enjoyed meeting the animals and learning about how to look after them.



In Year 2, this week they have started to plan their Royal Afternoon Tea Party.

Linking to their



DT and history topic, the children have planned and prepared for this event by themselves. They have created invitations that they delivered around school and a menu for the day. The children are looking forward to carrying out this event next week. Mr Cunniffe was really excited to get his invite and is especially looking forward to the cake!



This week **Year 4** have enjoyed getting outside in the sunshine and starting our outdoor adventurous unit of work in P.E. We all worked superbly with our partners listening, communicating and cooperating to guide, move and explore safely around our school grounds. Over the next half-term, we are going to develop our direction and mapwork skills, cooperation and teamwork skills.



In Year 6, they have been working hard to prepare for their impending SATs. Mr Sharkey has been finding as many different ways as he can to ensure that this work has been as enjoyable as possible. He has been



really impressed with classes approach and how they have supported each other. Well done Year 6 – Good luck!



Important Messages



Wellfield Academy Year 6 Transition: On Thursday 29th June, all new students will be invited to spend a day in school to meet with their new House Progress Leader, and to get to know other members of their House. At 6pm parents and their children are invited to an Intake Parents Evening, which will be an opportunity for you to meet key staff. New students will also be invited to a Curriculum Day which will be held on Wednesday 5th July when the students will meet with staff and will experience sample lessons throughout the day.

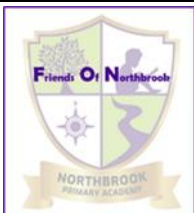


Worden Academy Year 6 Transition: On Tuesday 24th May, Worden Academy will host an 'Introduction Meeting' at 6pm where parents will have the chance to meet SLT, SENDCO and pastoral staff. On this evening parents will be given all the induction information and a new starter pack. In addition, on Tuesday 4th July they will host an 'Induction Evening' where parents and their children will find out about the final arrangements and details about the 'Induction Day' which will take place on Wednesday 5th July.



On Friday 5th of May, we will be celebrating the Coronation of King Charles III in school, with a day dedicated to the king and his upcoming coronation as monarch on Saturday 6th May 2023. This will involve individual work in class and a 'coronation picnic' on the field as a whole school with music from the decades and party games. To really add to the celebration for the children, we would like to invite children and adults to wear 'Red, White and Blue' themed clothing for the day. As we are eating outside, children will be sitting on the grass and so we would like to also ask each child to bring in their own

towel or blanket to sit on for their lunch. They also need to wear sensible shoes with no open toes or heels. Alongside the themed picnic celebration, children will be engaging in a range of activities across the day linked to the history of the British Monarchy and King Charles's life. We hope this will be a fantastic day for the children to celebrate an important event in British history and understand its significance.



King's Coronation: FON are selling handmade iced crown shaped biscuits for the King's Coronation. Biscuits are £1.50 each and will be packaged individually. To order, please make payment on ParentPay 'FON Coronation Crown Biscuits'. They will be sent home with your child on Friday 5th May!

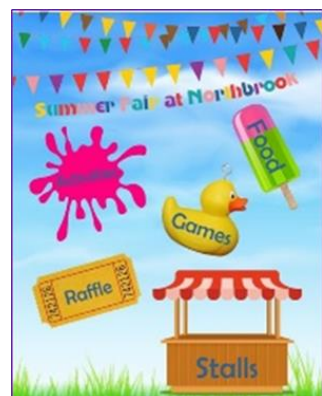
Crown Biscuits

Order hand made iced crown shaped biscuits in time for the Coronation. Biscuits are packaged individually and £1.50 each.



They'll be sent home on Friday 5th May. Order and pay via Parentpay

NPA Summer Fair: Working with the Friends of Northbrook we are very pleased to confirm that we are



planning to hold our the **NPA Summer Fair on Friday 7th July**. The Fair will take place afterschool and will include a number of stalls and activities from 3:15pm until 5:30pm. We are hoping that the weather will be dry and we will be able to hold the stalls outdoors on the Key Stage 1 playground and the school field. We will judge the weather on the day and move indoors to the school hall, corridors and assigned classrooms if needed. This is a huge undertaking and FON need support. If you feel you can help in the organisation running up to the event or on the day, setting up or running a stall, please contact FON by email friendsofnorthbrook@gmail.com or speak to Mr Sharkey at school.



Additional proposed NEU strike action: The next strike day that is likely to affect a number of schools in this area is Tuesday 2nd May 2023. **However, please not that on Tuesday 2nd May Northbrook Primary Academy will be open to all children.** As a result, all children must attend school as normal. 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> if you wish to read it.





BE WATER AWARE

Drowning prevention and water safety week

24th - 30th April 2023

#BeWaterAware

The National Fire Chiefs Council's 'Be Water Aware' campaign:

The 'Be Water Aware' campaign will run from 24th - 30th April 2023. The campaign is warning people of the risk of accidentally drowning when in or around water. If you do find yourself in difficulty in the water, people are urged not to panic and 'Float to Live'. This means leaning back in the water and spreading your arms and legs to stay afloat, control your breathing, when the

effects of cold-water shock have passed call out for help or swim to safety.

Some basic water safety information related to the #BeWaterAware campaign:

- Don't assume you're not at risk of drowning just because you don't intend to go into the water.
- If someone falls into water call 999. Advise the casualty to try and float on their back and relax. Try and shout help nearby and throw them something to either drag them to safety or to aid them to float.
- Ensure children are fully supervised near water.
- Do not enter the water if you have been drinking or taking drugs.
- If you are going running alone, try and tell someone where you are going.
- Never enter the water yourself to try and save someone.

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE... Tesco Community Grants Scheme - Outdoor Learning and Safe Space:

If we get a high number of votes we could receive the £1,500 towards our project of developing the outdoor spaces at NPA! Remember to vote, you will need to make a purchase within one of the stores above. You will receive one token per transaction and it's not necessary to purchase a carrier bag in order to receive a token – make sure you drop it in the box! Maybe be a bit cheeky and see if you can have more than one token too... if you don't ask you don't get! To check the location of any of the above stores, please go to the Tesco website



here: <http://www.tesco.com/store-locator/uk> . Happy shopping!



One of our parents, Miss Gregory, mother of Elizabeth in Reception and Daniel in Year 4 has created a [Petition: Make swimming lessons mandatory in school from age 5](#), asking the Government to mandate and provide funding to schools across England for weekly swimming lessons for children over the age of 5, to improve children's knowledge and understanding of the dangers of water and to promote good health. After meeting Mr Cunniffe before the Easter holidays and discussing the action and how we could support, the petition has gone live and has been backed by a number of other schools and nurseries. If you would like to support

Miss Gregory with the petition please click on the link above and add you name to the growing list. Thank you!

Year 6 pupils will be taking their Key Stage 2 SATs from Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May. Tests will take place in the main hall and children will be provided with all the equipment they need. We will be offering a FREE breakfast to all our Year 6 children in our dining room from 8:30am. We will offer sausage butties (meat free option too), cereals, bagels and juice. This will help us ensure all children are in school early, 'fuelled' for the morning and allow us to collectively ease any fears. Children should enter school through the front entrance and make their way to the dining hall.

The dates and times of the assessments are shown below:

- **Tuesday 9th May at 9:30am - English grammar, punctuation and spelling test**
Paper 1: Short Answer Questions (45 minutes)
- **Tuesday 9th May at 11:15am - English grammar, punctuation and spelling test**
Paper 2: Spelling Task (15 minutes)
- **Wednesday 10th May at 9:30am - English Reading Test**
Reading booklet and associated answer booklet (60 minutes)
- **Thursday 11th May at 9:30am - Mathematics**
Paper 1 - Arithmetic test (30 minutes)
- **Thursday 11th May at 11:15am - Mathematics**
Paper 2 - Reasoning (40 minutes)
- **Friday 12th May at 9:30am - Mathematics**
Paper 3 - Reasoning (40 minutes)



Endeavour Learning Trust CEO Update – April '23 – Message from Mrs Gwinnett:

Earlier this year I announced that I would be retiring in the summer after 35 thoroughly rewarding years working in education. During the last 12 of these years, I have had the pleasure of working across our schools, with our staff and pupils, along with the privilege of leading our Trust.

Since Northbrook Primary Academy joined our Trust in July 2020, it has been a genuine privilege to work with you and to be part of the dramatic transformation that has taken place. Northbrook is now a warm and special place for our children to learn and grow. I know that under Mr Cunniffe's leadership, ably supported by Mrs Adams, this school will remain stable and will continue to go from strength to strength, and that our staff and pupils will continue to thrive.

Nonetheless at Trust level, change is taking place. Any period of change and transition inevitably comes with its concerns and vulnerabilities, and in education this is traditionally a long-winded affair that isn't always helpful. Working with the 'old' whilst looking ahead to and wondering about the 'new' is always a difficult phase to be in, regardless of how hard we work to manage this. With that in mind, I am pleased to let you know that David Clayton, our new CEO, has been able to secure early availability from his current Trust, so that he can begin working in his new role at Endeavour.

In order for David to begin this role, I have agreed with our Trustees that I should step aside so that David can take the reins straight away. With the new school year looming, this is a time for decisions and forward planning and it is right and fitting that David should be leading this. To support this transition, I will be moving into a senior advisory role until the end of the summer, on hand to support in whatever way I am needed.

It is my honour to welcome David to the Trust and to hand over the very precious responsibility I have enjoyed, to him.

It goes without saying that Endeavour and all of our schools will always have a special place in my heart and I am immensely proud of what we have achieved together and the opportunities I have been blessed with through this role.

My very best wishes to David and to you all in this next chapter.

L Gwinnett

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Key Dates this half-term

Monday 1st May	Bank Holiday (school closed)
Friday 5th May	NPA's King's Coronation Celebration (non-uniform day)
Monday 8th May	King's Coronation – Bank Holiday (school closed)
Tuesday 9th May – Friday 12th May	SATs Week (Year 6)
Friday 26th May	School closes at 3:10/3:15pm for half-term
Monday 5th June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Tuesday 6th June	INSET Day – school closed to children
Wednesday 7th June	School reopens at 8:45am for the final half-term

If you need to contact Mr Cunniffe at school please do not hesitate to email

m.cunniffe@northbrookpa.org Tel: **01772 421599** [Contact Us](#) | [Northbrook Primary Academy](#)

See you on Tuesday 2nd May – have a great Bank Holiday weekend!