

FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 28th January 2021

VALUE FOCUS

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



- ✓ To aim high.
- ✓ To achieve their personal best.
- ✓ To be the very best version of themselves they can be!

The Star of the Week Award Winners:

Reception	Reggie B & Meerab S
Year 1	Joseph H & Seth L
Year 2	Charles S & Freddie S
Year 3	Reggie J & C Morgan
Year 4	Lorenzo J & Poppy D
Year 5	Thomas B & Harry H
Year 6	Oliver R & Lillian S

THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE GOES TO...

Year 4
Well done!

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. Everything to play for next week...



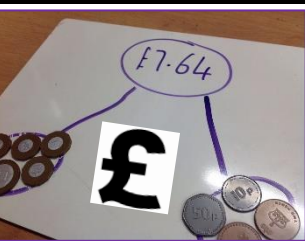
Yellow Team	2856
Red Team	2531
Green Team	2413
Blue Team	2334

Well done to the **Yellow team** who have started to pull away at the top of the table!

Reception... This week in reception the children have been working hard on their maths skills, working out really tricky addition problems!



Year 1 ... In Year 1, this week, the children have been learning about London and identifying which images would be modern or historical!



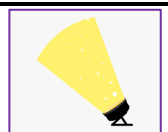
Year 2 ... Have been working hard on their maths skills this week. They have been developing their skills to recognise different monetary values; working with coins and notes. They have been working out values and calculating cost. Definetley important life skills!



New keyboards for music lessons... It was great to receive dleivery of our new keyboards this week, just in time for the music lessons to be delivered by Mr Hall from Wellfield Academy. Year 5 and Year 6 loved their first lesson and cant wait to develop their skills during the rest of the term!



Spot light on homework... It has been great to see the response to homework has been really positive this half-term! We published the homework activities for each class at the very start of the term and the activties or pinned to the top of the Seesaw page for each class too. We also publish curriculm and homework information on our website



<https://northbrookpa.org/classes> so you can see what your children are learning. Here are a few pictures of examples of Homework completed by Year 3. Oliver and Seth have made and designed a roman shield and Cara has creaed a finger painting inspired the artist Iris Scott. Well done – it's a great way to earn house points for your team too!



Important messages

Window Replacement: We are pleased to announce that we will start having our windows replaced from Tuesday 1st February. As well as improving the look of the school they will also help to keep classrooms cool in summer and warm in winter and remove the glare of the sun during the day. The plan will be to start with the Key Stage 2 section of school. This work will require the movement of Before/Afterschool Club out of their base and we will communicate with parents directly about this. Year 3 will also move classroom to the Key Stage 1 corridor from Tuesday 2nd February and we will let parents know how the children will be dropped off and collected from school. Although, this causes some disruption the long-term gains will be fantastic and we can't wait to see what the windows and blinds will look like fully finished in the next few weeks!



COVID Update: As stated in the letter last week we have had a number of COVID cases in school. This has impacted both children and staff, but we have worked very hard to ensure that school runs as smoothly as possible and want to thank parents for their co-operation – the children have been simply brilliant too, taking any changes in their stride! We would like to request that all children complete a lateral flow device test before returning to school on Monday 31st January, to help us minimise the spread of the virus. For children that are absent due to COVID, we set work through Seesaw for them to complete if they are well enough to do so. However, please remember that staff are unable to answer Seesaw messages during the day as they are teaching classes in school.

Uniform reminders: Our uniform and appearance expectations can be found on our website here - <https://northbrookpa.org/parents-carers/school-uniform>. A few key points we would like to remind parents about, are as follows:

- Jogging bottoms/tracksuit/sports leggings need to be plain black.
- Trainers/pumps are only suitable footwear for PE days.
- PE hoodies are to be worn on PE days only.
- We would prefer children not to wear earrings, but if they do they must be no more than one stud (not hoops or hooks) in each ear lobe.
- Children are not allowed to wear any jewellery during PE/Forest School/Swimming lessons for Health and Safety reasons. Children must either not wear earrings on these days, be able to remove earrings themselves or cover their studs with plasters (brought from home).
- No jewellery should be worn for PE.
- Nail polish, make up and temporary tattoos are not acceptable as part of the school uniform.
- Children with hair longer than shoulder length must have their hair tied back with a suitable hair accessory, to not restrict vision, so that they can safely enjoy all activities at school.
- Hair accessories should be discreet and in line with the colours of our school uniform. Large bows and novelty hair accessories must not be worn.

Important dates for the term ahead...

- **Monday 7th February – Friday 11th February 2022** – Children's Mental Health Week.
- **Tuesday 8th February** – School Games Cluster Competition. KS1 Multi-Sports
- **Friday 11th February 2022** – School finishes at 3:10/3:15pm for half-term.
- **Monday 21st February 2022** – School re-opens for all children at 8:45am.
- **Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2022** – Fair Trade Week.
- **Thursday 3rd March 2022** – Parents' Evening.
- **Friday 1st April 2022** – School finished at 2:10/2:15pm for the end of term.



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See you on Monday 31st January for another exciting week at NPA!