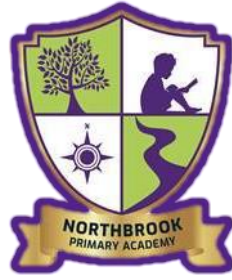


FRIDAY



LETTER

Friday 29th March 2024

VALUE FOCUS

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

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



'HEART of Northbrook Awards'

Reception Finley R & Maxwell P ★

Year 1 Harper HC & Amelia L

Year 2 Lewis T & Noah H ★

Year 3 Millie H & Lottie Mae H

Year 4 Charles S & Elouise F ★

Year 5 Seth S & Kooba B

Year 6 Emily Z & Poppy D

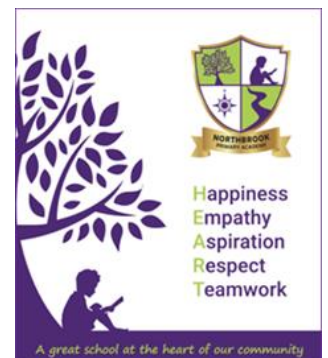


THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE ★

★ 97.1% ★

Reception

Well Done! ★



Red Team	1101
Yellow Team	1299
Blue Team	1493
Green Team	1676

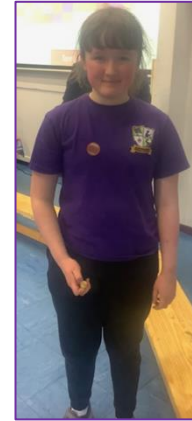
House Team Competition: Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the house points....

Well done to the **GREEN TEAM** who finished the term with another team points win!

Reading Rewards.... To reward the children we have introduced a bronze, silver and gold reward system! 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 an award this week...

Bronze Award:

Year R	Darcey B Macy M
Year 2	Hoah H
Year 5	Layla-Mae, C



Gold Award:

Year 6	Abi, L
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Nancy W – Year 1
Scralet F – Year 6
Jacob O – Year 6
Teddy K – Year R
Seth S – Year 5
Darcie P – Year 2
Imogen RW – Year 2

Weekly Attendance & Punctuality Winners: Well done to the children listed who were selected by the random name selector due to the fact they have been in school everyday and on time this week! You have to be in (and on time) to win!



Attendance Awards: The children listed below have achieved 98% or above attendance this term. Well done to all these children and their families. We know there are number of reasons why children are absent from school but we need to work together to ensure that our children are in school on time as frequently as possible!

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Leylah A	George A	Elise B	Marnee C	Lucas B	Katie A	Lilly-May B
Darcey B	Ella A	Reggie B	Charlotte C	Kaeden D	Darcie B	Roman C
Frankie C	Talia B	Kayden C	Kobe C	Ruby DF	Amber C	Robyn F
Kyren G	Harley C	Amelia F	Lottie-Mae H	Abbie-Rose F	Layla-Mae C	Erin F
Teddy K	Arla-Rae F	Noah H	Eddie M	Freddie H	Elliott HH	Scarlett F
Niamh M	Lacey L	Tilda M	Alex P	Theo K	Poppy HH	Oscar G
Jake P	Amelia L	Isabelle M	Aaron P	Medi M	Layla L	Abi L
Maxwell P	Elektra N	Logan P	Lucy RS	Ruby M	Caoimhe M	Teddy Mc
Alfie R	Archie P	Darcie P	Haniya S	Harry R	Maison M	Hannah N
Harry R	Maxwell P	Noah RS		Charles S	India N	Jacob O
Minnie R	Elizabeth R	Fionn W		Jamie T	Kayden O	Kerem O
Harry S	Harley T	Izzy W		Daniel W	Daniel R	Hamza S
	Nancy W	Zachery W			Stefan S	Elliott S
					Cara T	Alfie Y
						Emily Z



Standardised Assessment Tests (SATs): As you may be aware the Key Stage 2 SATs for Year 6 are fast approaching. The tests will take place **from Monday 13th May 2024** in the main hall and the Year 6 children will be provided with all the equipment they need. They do not need to bring pencil cases and water will be given to them at their desks.

Date	Exam
Monday 13 th May 2024	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 1 Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling - Paper 2
Tuesday 14 th May 2024	English Reading
Wednesday 15 th May 2024	Maths Paper 1 (Arithmetic) Maths Paper 2 (Reasoning)
Thursday 16 th May 2024	Maths Paper 3 (Reasoning)

During the **WEEK OF SATs** and also on the **TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY OF MOCK WEEK**, we will be offering a **FREE breakfast** to all our Year 6 children in our dining room from 8:30am, therefore we would like children to be in school by 8.45 am at the latest. 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 as well as foster the team ethos we have worked so hard to establish at Northbrook. Children should enter school through the front entrance and make their way to the dining hall.

Year 6 mock week: Year 6 will be taking part in a mock SATs week during the first week back after the Easter break from **Monday 15th of April until Thursday 18th April**. This will mirror the actual week as best we can. The aim of this is to provide the experience of SATs week so they are aware of exactly how the tests run and provide teaching staff with a final set of assessment to guide teaching in the final few weeks before the children sit their tests.

Parent Meeting: As part of the run up to SATs week, Mr Whalley would like to invite Year 6 parents to a meeting on **Monday 15th April at 3:15pm**. During this meeting, he will go in to more detail about the week and make sure you are clear about how their week will look and what the children will be doing during this week. It will also give you an opportunity to ask any questions you may have about the week/build up. You can bring your child along to this meeting. The meeting will last approximately 30 minutes. If you wish to attend this meeting, please arrive at the front office and a member of staff will show you where to go. You do not need to book this in advance. Following the meeting, Mr Whalley will upload any presentation slides to Seesaw.

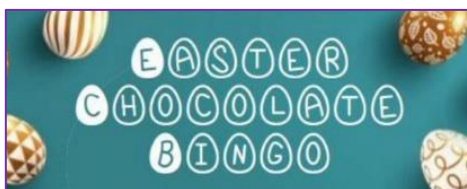


Uniform and Appearance - We would like to remind everyone of our expectations related to uniform and the key information can be found on our website [here](#). A key feature of our policy is what we wear (uniform) and how we wear it (appearance). In summary, some key points of note are:

- Grey skirt/pinafore, trousers. In summer grey tailored shorts or purple and white gingham dress.
- Leather style and sturdy school shoes for non-PE days – *trainers and ballet style pumps are not permitted.*

- Full PE kit required for PE days (NPA hoodie & t-shirt, plain black shorts, plain black jogging bottoms and trainers)
- Plain black jogging bottoms (on PE days).
- Hair colour should be natural with no severe cuts or styles.
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We will be rigorously enforcing our uniform and appearance policy after the holidays. You can find further information on our website link <https://northbrookpa.org/parents-carers/school-uniform>. Please can parents also ensure their children's uniform is clearly labelled with their name and that children have a coat for school even when the weather is warm. Thank you for your continued support.



Thank you to everyone that attended Wednesday's Chocolate Bingo! We were taken aback by the level of support and we only just about squeezed everyone into the hall! Thanks also to the Friends of Northbrook Primary Academy and the NPA staff for another great example of teamwork! ❤️❤️ #theNPAway #Teamwork #Family



Support

Personal Support and Mental Health & Well-Being: We would like to remind parents that there is a range of support available even when we are not in school. On our 'Parents/Carers' section of our school website, linked [here](#), there are contact details for further help and support you may find useful over the holidays.

EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday 2nd to Friday 12th April, 2024



Fun activities and a healthy meal for children on free school meals, during the Easter Holidays, book your child's place now!

- **FREE** Activities for all children on free school meals
- **FREE** Meal with every session
- Activities include multi-sports, dance, football, tennis, swimming and gym sessions
- **PLUS NEW** water lifesaving skills course and much more

For children aged 4 – 16
Book your child's place and view timetables on the website below



[southribble.gov.uk/haf](https://www.southribble.gov.uk/haf)



Free fun activities for children this Easter! Book your HAF sessions for Easter School Holiday 🏊⚽🏸

FREE, fun activities and healthy food for children on Free School Meals (or who meet the other criteria listed on our website) - book now!

<https://www.southribble.gov.uk/haf>

Activities include: dance camp, football, futsal, girls-only gym workouts, tennis, family swims, skateboarding/scooting and much more!

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) is a national scheme, funded by the Department of Education. HAF aims to ensure all children are able to keep active and healthy in the school holidays.



This Girl Can! On Tuesday, a select group of girls from Year 4 and Year 5 attended Lostock Hall Academy to take part in a carousel of activities that included dance, cheerleading, cricket and football. The event aimed to develop confidence and develop their skills and understanding in a range of activities. The children had an enjoyable afternoon and Mr Iddon said the girls behaved

impeccably and whole heartedly threw themselves into each and every activity. Well done girls!





Our recent ParentView Questionnaire results again demonstrated the positive light in which our families hold our school. The full results will be added to our school website very soon but just to give you a snapshot, please see below some of the key messages that you are telling us. We will be working hard to develop your understanding of our curriculum, our children's personal development and our extra-curricular offer.

99% of you strongly agreed or agreed that your child had 'settled well' since returning in January.

96% of you strongly agree or agreed that your child is 'happy' at school.

95% of you strongly agreed or agreed that your child 'feels safe at school'.

97% of you strongly agreed or agreed that the school 'makes sure its children are well behaved'.

95% of you strongly agreed or agreed that the school 'makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year'.

100% of you strongly agreed or agreed that school gives children with SEND them the support they need.

98% of you strongly agreed or agreed that the school 'has high expectations for my child'.

98% of you strongly agreed or agreed that 'my child does well at school'.

97% of you strongly agreed or agreed that 'the school lets me know how my child is doing'.

97% of you strongly agreed or agreed that 'there is a good range of subjects on offer at the school'.

99% of you would recommend our school to other parents!



On Thursday, we sadly said goodbye to Mr Dowd and Mr Austin who both finished their time at NPA. Mr Dowd has been working with us for the last two terms as an Assistant Headteacher in charge of EYFS & Key Stage 1, whilst Miss Sharrock has been on maternity leave. We want to thank him for the significant positive impact he has had during his time at NPA. We wish Mr Dowd the very best on his return to our sister school Churchtown Primary School and know we will keep in contact with him in the future!



Mr Austin, who has been working with us over the last two years as an intervention teacher, will be retiring from teaching this Easter. However, we are sure we will be working with him in some capacity in the very near future, as he has a multitude of skills and experience that will benefit our children. Again, we want to thank Mr Austin for the significant impact he has had on the children at NPA during his time here. Enjoy your retirement!

Key Dates for the next half-term:

- Thursday 18th April: Y5/6 Girls Football @ Pen Priory
- Monday 22nd April: Earth Day (wholeschool Event)
- Tuesday 23rd April: KS1 Football Event @ St Marys
- Thursday 25th April: Y5/6 Girls Football @ Pen Priory
- Tuesday 30th April: Bowling KS2 Event
- Wednesday 1st May: Local Academy Visit to NPA
- Monday 6th May: Bank Holiday – school closed.
- Monday 13th May – Thursday 16th May – Year 6 SATs Week
- Monday 20th May – Friday 24th May - Targeted Learning Plan Meetings with Parents (invitation)
- Friday 24th May: School closes for half-term @ 3:10/15pm



If you need to contact school please do not hesitate to email enquiries@northbrookpa.org

Tel: 01772 421599 [Contact Us | Northbrook Primary Academy](#)

Have a great break everyone... See you on Monday 15th April!