

# FRIDAY



# LETTER

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## 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	Kyren G & Jake P
Year 1	Arla-Rae F & Lacey L
Year 2	Elise B & Cohvan F
Year 3	Lottie-Mae H & Edward S
Year 4	Kaitlin E and Charlie P
Year 5	Parker H & Cara T
Year 6	Roman C & Emily Z

## THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE ★

★ Year - Reception Class  
98.5%  
Awesome!



**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:

<b>1<sup>st</sup></b>	739	<b>Green Team</b>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup></b>	522	<b>Yellow Team</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	438	<b>Blue Team</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	428	<b>Red Team</b>

The **GREEN TEAM** have taken the lead. 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...



In science this week, **Year 1** conducted the experiment, 'Is it easier to touch when you wear gloves?'. Miss Kemp put different things into a bag and we had to wear a glove and try and guess what they were. Then we took the gloves off and tried again. It was much easier to guess the items without the gloves on!



We've had a super busy week in **Year 3** this week learning all about stone age settlements around the U.K. We have located them using google maps, explored Stone Henge virtually, and begun painting our background to create some super landscapes in the style of Iris Scott.

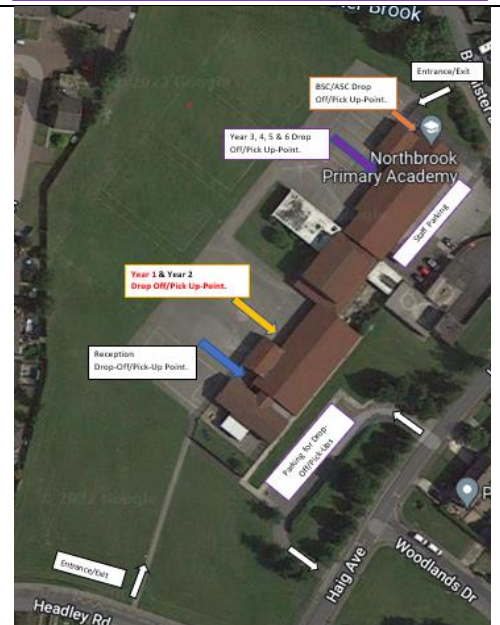


**Year 5** have been researching volcanoes this week. We have learnt where the most famous ones are and what eruptions have happened across the world. We even had an amazing demonstration of a volcanic eruption using vinegar, baking soda and a very clever homework submission!



From **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October**, the **Year 1** children will now **enter** and **leave** school through the door in the middle of the KS1 playground, rather than near the bike sheds. Your children have been

spoken to about these changes in preparation for coming into school on Monday. We hope this will reduce congestion around the doors and allow you to collect your children more quickly. [The school day | Northbrook Primary Academy \(northbrookpa.org\)](http://The school day | Northbrook Primary Academy (northbrookpa.org))





For those parents looking for reception places in September 2024, we are offering two alternative times on two different dates - Tuesday 17th October and Wednesday 15th November. Use the link below to book your chosen slot <https://northbrookpa.org/events> . Alternatively, contact us at school to arrange a tour with our Headteacher, Mr Cuniffe, to see us in action and find out what we are all about. You can check out our digital prospectus here <https://northbrookpa.org/about-us/prospectus>



National Poetry Day is the annual mass celebration on the first Thursday of October that encourages everyone to make, experience and share poetry with family and friends. Each year people come together because voices, words and stories help to bridge understanding in our community.

This year, National Poetry Day is on **Thursday 5 October 2023** and the theme is **Refuge**. We

will be joining in this celebration of poems again as a school with another “Poem in your pocket” day. Children are invited to bring a poem (either self-created, or one of their favourites by a poet) into school to share. Throughout the day they will get opportunities to read these to their class, other children and the staff around school with lots of team points available for sharing their poems.



Additionally, we will be running our **“Northbrook Poetry Competition”** again.

Children who would like to enter need to submit their poems based around the theme of “refuge” by Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup> of October, and winners will be announced in our Friday star of the week assembly and receive a prize for their efforts. Good luck!

South Ribble Borough Council have commissioned Lancashire Mind to deliver some FREE online workshops for parents.



**‘You and Your Child’ workshops:** Suitable for parents/guardians who care for children/young people who experience poor mental health. The workshop focuses on normalising mental health, knowing and recognising the signs of when a young person may be struggling and techniques to support them. It will also look at tips to maintain positive relationships, communication and managing responses and reactions.

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am – 12pm:** [Together Workshop - You and Your Young Person \(virtual\) - Lancashire Mind \(arlo.co\)](#)

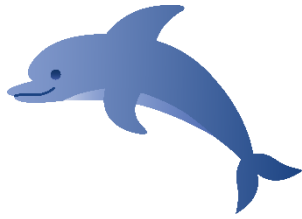
**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am – 12pm:** [Together Workshop - You and Your Young Person \(virtual\) - Lancashire Mind \(arlo.co\)](#)

**‘Understanding Self Injury Together’ workshops:** This workshop is aimed at supporting parents/supporters of children who struggle with self-injury behaviour. The workshop was co-produced with professionals and parents. The workshops validates the lived experiences of parents and careers and supports them in managing self-injury behaviour of a child or young person by destigmatizing the behaviour and promoting awareness of practical strategies.

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am– 11:30am:** <https://lancashiremind.arlo.co/courses/38-self-harm-parenting-workshop-virtual?e=fb4a5a667c744306868c6d95da35be52>



**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am – 11:30am:** <https://lancashiremind.arlo.co/courses/38-self-harm-parenting-workshop-virtual?e=6e38767994a2492d83e6ea022a9b365f>

Looking for swim lessons for your child? Why not consider WLD Swim School located at Wton-Le-Dale primary school. With a pool 15m in length and depth of 1m it is an ideal environment for beginners! Find out more at [www.wldswimschool.com](http://www.wldswimschool.com)




**HAVE YOU BOOKED YOUR APPOINTMENT?**  
**NORTHBROOK PRIMARY ACADEMY**  
 Parents' Evening  
 Thursday 5th October

We would like to take this opportunity to invite all our parents/carers to Northbrook Primary Academy's **Parents' Evening on Thursday 5th October**. The evening will run from 3.30pm – 6.30pm and will give you the opportunity to speak to your child's class teacher to discuss their engagement during the first few weeks of school. Appointments with class teachers are to be booked through ParentApp. Mr Cunniffe

(Headteacher), Mrs Morris (Assistant Headteacher/SENDCo) and Mrs Cole (Inclusion Co-ordinator) will also be available to speak to during the evening. If you require an appointment with them please contact the office on [enquiries@northbrookpa.org](mailto:enquiries@northbrookpa.org). There will be refreshments available in the dining hall before or after your appointment. We are looking forward to seeing you next week! [#teamNPA](https://twitter.com/teamNPA)  

## Key dates for the term



Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents' Evening – Engagement
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Open Day (New Intake) 2:00pm & 6:00pm
Half-term Holidays	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	INSET Day (School closed to children)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Day (New Intake) 10:00pm & 6:00pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	INSET Day (School closed to children)
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm & Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 4:30pm	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Play
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 1:30pm & 6:00pm	KS2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Party & Christmas Dinner
End of Term Holidays	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> January

If you need to contact me at school please do not hesitate to email [enquiries@northbrookpa.org](mailto:enquiries@northbrookpa.org)  
 Tel: 01772 421599 [Contact Us | Northbrook Primary Academy](http://www.northbrookpa.org)

**See you on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October – have a great weekend!**