

# FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2022

## 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	Liam J & Lewis T
Year 1	Lucas B & Lottie-Mae H
Year 2	Dawson C & Elouise F
Year 3	Reiss L & Seth S
Year 4	Lilly-May B & Jacob O
Year 5	Vinny B & Leo N
Year 6	Lucy N & Natalia P

## THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE GOES TO...

**Year 2**  
**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...



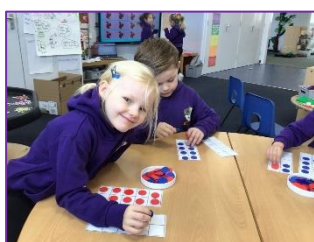
1 <sup>st</sup>	Yellow Team
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Red Team
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Green Team
4 <sup>th</sup>	Blue Team

Well done to the **Yellow team** stay at the top of the table!

**Reception...** This week in reception the children have enjoyed listening to the story Jack and the Beanstalk. They dressed up as some of the characters, acted out the story with their friends in the new role play area and made their very own beanstalks!



**Year 1 ...** In Year 1, this week, the children have been working hard on their number bonds using manipulatives to add to 10. They went on to add more tricky numbers using their number bond knowledge. Well done Year 1!



**Year 4 ...** This week Year 4 have been finding the areas of different shapes. They worked in pairs challenging their partners to find the area of the shapes they had created for them!



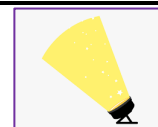
Year 1 and Year 2 have loved using the balance bikes in PE this week, learning how to glide and slalom!

Year 3 have been working hard in their dance lessons over the last few weeks developing their understanding of canon and unison.



**DANCE**

**Spotlight 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 activities were pinned to the top of the Seesaw page for each class too. We also publish curriculum and homework information on our website <https://northbrookpa.org/classes> so you can see what your children are learning. **The deadline for homework this half-term is Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February.**





## Important messages



**Window Replacement:** The window replacements have gone well this week with the Before/Afterschool Club and the Year 3 Classroom having their windows fitted. They look great! The work will continue next week as the team move to Year 4. Year 3 will stay on the Key Stage 1 corridor on Monday and Year 4 will move to the afterschool club whilst their windows are fitted. The new blinds have been ordered and will be fitted when the full window replacement has been completed.



**Please be considerate when parking** outside school when dropping off and collecting children. We know the surrounding areas are very busy at the opening and closing of school but it is important when parking we consider how the position of vehicle will affect others. Please consider if the vehicle is making it difficult for people to access their driveway or property, if it prevents people with a pram or in a wheelchair from being able to pass on the pavement and if it prevents other vehicles from passing safely. Thank you in anticipation of your co-operation.



Next week, Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February, is **Children's Mental Health Week**. This year's theme is **Growing Together**. At Northbrook Primary Academy, we will be encouraging children (and adults) to consider how they have grown, and how they can help others to grow! We will be considering how human beings change and grow in many ways. We will explore how emotional growth is a gradual process that happens over time, and sometimes we might feel a bit 'stuck'.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/growth-stories/>



**Growth Stories:** At just 13, Sky Brown became Team GB's youngest ever Olympic medallist at the Tokyo Olympics. In the same year, Sky - who is the world's youngest professional skateboarder - won the BBC Young Sports Personality of the Year award

**When you were a child, did you dream you would get to where you are today?**

No! This is such a dream! I always loved to surf and skate but I never thought I would be where I am now!

**Has the journey been smooth or have there been obstacles along the way?**

I've always been skating and surfing for fun. There have been obstacles like getting hurt, but I keep doing it because it's what I love.

**How did you cope with setbacks and disappointments?**

It inspires me to keep going. I want to show other people that you can just go for it no matter what!

**Did you ever feel 'stuck' or like you were not progressing?**

I love challenges. Sometimes when I see someone do a trick then I will do it until I get it! It is hard to stop until I get it!

**Who has helped you to grow into the person you are today?**

Probably my brother Ocean. We do everything together.

**Do you feel you are still growing? What is your future ambition?**

I'm going to keep surfing and skating, but also try new things too! I love dancing, jiu-jitsu, and other sports too!

**Important dates for the term ahead...**

- **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022** – School finishes at 3:10/3:15pm for half-term.
- **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022** – School re-opens for all children at 8:45am.
- **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022** – Fair Trade Week.
- **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2022** – Parents' Evening.
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022** – School finished at 2:10/2:15pm for the end of term.

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**See you on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February for the final week of the half-term!**