

FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 4th March 2022

VALUE FOCUS



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

- ✓ Value diversity.
- ✓ Show tolerance and promote equality.
- ✓ Use good manners and kind words.

Star of the Week Award Winners:

Reception	Cohvan F & Coby Trickett
Year 1	Marnee C & Alfie B
Year 2	Harry R & Medi M
Year 3	Katie A & Kooba B
Year 4	Robyn F & Jacob O
Year 5	Harry H & Jacob W
Year 6	Gianni B & Tyra-Leigh P

THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE GOES TO...

Year 2
98%
Fantastic!



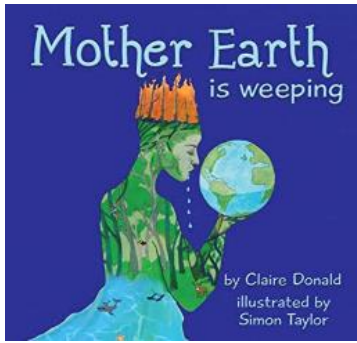
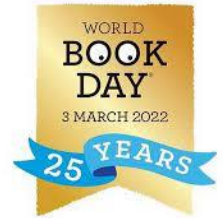
House Team Competition: Each week in the 'Friday Celebration Assembly' we have been checking the totals of the house points. Everything to play for next week...

1st	3567	Blue Team
2nd	3375	Red Team
2nd	3375	Yellow Team
4th	2920	Green Team

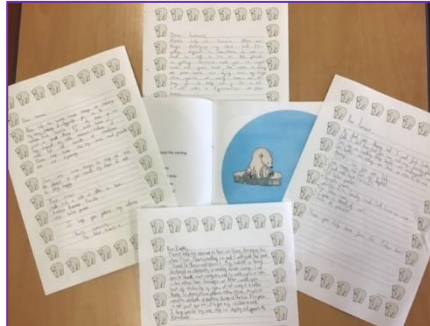
Wow! Blue Team have jumped to the top with some outstanding homework...

World Book Day Thursday 3rd March:

We had a fantastic World Book Day yesterday, with the whole-school sharing a thought-provoking story about the environment. We developed poetry, made pledges and created art work all centred around the book 'Mother Earth is Weeping', a beautifully illustrated, rhyming text from the point of view of 'Mother Earth' speaking to the moon about how saddened she is by the human impact on earth. It is a thought-provoking text that ends on a positive note with Mother Earth saying all is not lost and that there is hope in the hands of the children of earth. The book links really well with our value of **respect** and with the issues discussed in Fair Trade week. This trailer shows a little more about the book and the illustrations - <https://video.link/w/fVJcd>



The children shared the text and talked about the message it sends to all of us about making small changes to protect the future of our earth. We all made a pledge, making a small adjustment to our everyday lives to make a difference, like turning off the lights, recycling more and walking short distances instead of going in the car. Children also produced some beautiful art responses that will be displayed in school. In the afternoon, the 'Big Bedtime Read' was a great success too. We all wore our slippers, wrapped ourselves in a blanket and enjoying hot chocolate and cookies – as well as a good story! So proud of all our children, especially the Year 6 working with their reception buddies!



As adults, we should never underestimate the impact of reading and if we really want to further our children's life chances we can take a few simple steps to encourage reading for pleasure;

- Read to our children regularly
- Give access to books at home
- Encourage children to choose what they want to read
- Share and recommend books to our children
- Designate time to reading regularly

Important messages



Window Replacement: Our window replacements continue next week with the team continuing the work on the KS1 block. Next week the windows will be replaced on the KS1 corridor. The work will cause a little disruption and we will let you know if we need to change entrance doors for Year 1 and Year 2, so you are fully aware of where to drop your children off and where to collect them at the end of the day. Children may need to keep their coats and bags in a classroom next week too.



Parent View Questionnaire: We had an excellent response to our Parent View Questionnaire and we are very pleased with the feedback which we shared with staff today. Some of the highlights are shown below:

- My child is happy at Northbrook Primary Academy... **99%** stated strongly agree or agree.
- My child feels safe at Northbrook Primary Academy school... **100%** stated strongly agree or agree.
- Northbrook Primary Academy makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year... **97%** stated strongly agree or agree.
- My child does well at Northbrook Primary Academy... **97%** stated strongly agree or agree.
- Northbrook Primary Academy lets me know how my child is doing ... **94%** strongly agree or agree.
- There is a good range of subjects at Northbrook Primary Academy... **100%** strongly agree or agree.
- My child can take part in clubs and activities at Northbrook Primary Academy... **95%** strongly agree or agree.
- I would recommend Northbrook Primary Academy to another parent/carer... **99%** strongly agree or agree.

There were a small number of 'don't know' responses for a few questions and we will now be working hard to ensure that we improve the information we give you around the following:

- Your child's personal development (for example through the PSHE programme).
- How we maintain high expectations (including behaviour, attendance, punctuality and uniform).
- How we deal with any bullying incidents (these are extremely rare indeed).
- How your child is given additional supported to progress in their learning.

It is also important as parents that you read the regular letters, engage with ParentApp Connect, our social media platforms and most importantly our school website!

(There were 106 responses in total and the full breakdown of answers will be added to our website early next week)

Extra-Curricular Clubs: Spring 2

Day	Year	Activity	Staff Lead
Monday	Year 3, 4, 5 and 6	Football (Girls only)	Mr Winrow
Tuesday	Year 6 Year 5 and 6	SATs Booster Football	Miss Hall Mr Sharkey & Mrs Powers
Wednesday	Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 Rec, Year 1 and Year 2	Choir PASTA Club (Invitation)	Mrs Spence & Miss Smith South Ribble
Thursday	Year 3 and 4	Tennis	Mr Winrow
Friday	Year 1 and 2	Multi-Skills	Mr Winrow
Tuesday & Wednesday Morning 8:15am-8:45am	Year 6	SATs booster	Miss Hall
Wednesday Lunchtime	Year 2	Coding Club	Miss Sharrock
Friday Lunchtime	Year 5 and Year 6	Chess Club	Mr Iddon

Children must return a letter signed by parents to attend the afterschool clubs and wear appropriate clothing such as their PE kit. Afterschool clubs finish at 4:15



This half-term's new extra-curricular activities started on Monday 28th February and they will continue up to

the Easter holidays! Please make sure that reply slips are returned for the afterschool clubs and be aware that clubs finish at 4:15pm. Any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us at school! Information is also on our website [here](#).

Important dates for the half-term ahead...

- **Friday 1st April 2022** – School finishes at 2:10/2:15pm for children. Please remember there will be no After School Club on this day.

If you need to contact me at school please do not hesitate to email m.cunniffe@northbrookpa.org
Tel: 01772 421599 [Contact Us](#) | [Northbrook Primary Academy](#)

See you on Monday 7th March. Have a great weekend!