

Northbrook Primary Academy

Newsletter

4th April 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Wow, what a busy half term we have had at Northbrook! It has been a great start to my journey at Northbrook and I very much look forward to our years ahead.

My priority is, and always will be, your child. Every decision I make with the team at Northbrook will have them at the heart. Their learning must inspire them to become lifelong learners and engage them so that they are successful in every aspect of school life.



Today we are saying Goodbye and Good Luck to Miss Jackson in Year 4. She has been part of our team for 3 years and inspired many children whom she has taught and wider through the enrichment she has offered.

I know you will join us in thanking her for all her contributions and we wish her the very best of luck in her future career.

We are pleased to have secured an experienced teacher, Mrs Prance to join our family after Easter, as Year 4 teacher for the remainder of the school year.



Congratulations to our STARS from the last 2 weeks!



We continue to celebrate our 'Stars of The Week' during our Friday Celebration Assembly. A child's adult is invited into school and partake in the Celebration Assembly.

As stated previously and for after the Easter break, this assembly will take place on Friday afternoons at 2.40. If your child is a 'Star' that week and you are able to take your child home with you after the assembly.



#ChurchtownPlayground

Between Tuesday 22nd and Thursday 24th April, all Endeavour Schools are to participate in a relay from school to school, culminating at Churchtown Primary School on Thursday 24th April.

On Tuesday 22nd April Northbrook will be receiving the 'Baton' from children from Brindle Gregson Lane. This will be at 3pm. The following day on Wednesday 23rd April, our leg of the relay starts at 9am; our Team Captains and Leadership Team will travel to Wellfield and arrive by 9.10am.

We would like as many of you as possible to line the route to Wellfield, supporting our children. Two of these children along with myself and Miss Sharrock will travel Churchtown for the culmination of the relay on Thursday 24th April.

Following the 'Endeavour School's Relay', on Friday 25th April, Northbrook are having our own individual fundraiser.

As a school we have decided on a 'Break the Rules Day' and have the following fundraising activities:

- Own clothes - £1
- Jewellery - £1
- Make up - £1
- Nail Varnish - £1
- Crazy Hair - £1
- Bring a Teddy - £1
- Extra Playtime - £1
- Parent and Child Forest School session, all afternoon - £5
- Picnic with a parent - £5, during lunch time we invite you to bring your lunch, a picnic blanket and a chair, sit and play with your child (we plan on this being outside!)

If your child (and you) wish to participate in any of the above, please make the relevant donation on Arbor.



As part of the fundraising efforts for Churchtown, we are inviting children to make motivational posters, flags, banners over the Easter holidays. We will share these when we are receiving the baton from Brindle Gregson Lane and when our runners make their way to Wellfield. Please make them bright and colourful with motivational messages to cheer on the people who are completing the legs between schools.



This Girl Can!

On Tuesday Night after school Mr Iddon took a group of girls to a sporting event. This was for girls to boost their confidence and involvement in P.E. All the girls took part in a fun and engaging carousel of activities.





Rachel and Karen work really hard to ensure the provision in Breakfast and After School Club is of high quality and engaging to all our children that attend.



Thank you to our families that have their children in school on time. Classes which have the highest punctuality now receive an extra playtime!

As you know, we have worked hard to ensure all children are in school on time, at 8.55am.

Our gates open at 8.30am, KS1 and KS2 doors are open between 8.45 - 8.55.

Any children that come in after this, must NOW enter school via the office and not the 'Out of school club', as done previously.

Children that are not in school on register closure (9.10) and whose parents have not communicated their absence via Arbor or Mrs Cole on the playground will be contacted via a message on Arbor.

If school has not been contacted by 9.30, phone calls will be made by Mrs Ross or Mrs Borg.

The Attendance Leader board so far, for this year is:

1st place - Year 6, 96.5%

2nd Place - Reception, 96%

3rd Place - Year 2, 95%



Thank you to our families that have their children in school on time. Moving forward, **classes which have the highest punctuality will receive an extra playtime the following week!** It is a legal requirement that children are in school by 8.55am.

When a child is late, even if only by a few minutes this can cause considerable disruption, not just to their own learning, but to the learning of the rest of the class and impacts on the rewards your child's class can receive each week for 100% punctuality.

'Lost minutes **EQUAL** Lost Learning' just 5 minutes late each day equates to 3 days of school missed each year.



Thank you to all of you that attended our Parent's Evening last night. It was lovely to see so many of you, and for me personally, it gave me another opportunity to get to know our Northbrook Family.



As I have shared previously, all children at Northbrook are in a house team. They are either a Blue Whale, Yellow Lion, Red Panda or a Green Turtle. They are given team points for good work, behaviour or displaying any of our HEART values. Each week the totals from across the school are added together and announced during our Friday Celebration Assembly by our 'Team captains'. This half term **Green Turtles** are the winners!



Last week during Year 2s Forest School session, David & Helen from our Local Academy Councillors joined the children and shared their learning. The children, last week, enjoyed working in teams to create a story map around the 'forest school farm', linked to Mud Puddle Farm in English. They used paper maps to mark landmarks, worked in the mud, made 3D models and constructed tractors and a farm shop.

As you can see there was much fun and learning taking place and also the sun was shining!

Additional to these sessions, some staff too participated in Forest School training.



Friends of Northbrook

Mrs Wilson met with FON last week and the following dates have been agreed and put in the diary. They will organise; Chocolate Bingo, Film Night, Disco and the Y6 Prom.



Up-coming Dates (so far)

Friday 4th April - School Close for half term
Tuesday 22nd April - School reopens after the Easter Holidays
Tuesday 22nd April - Receiving the Churchtown Baton
Tuesday 22nd April - Bee Center Pollinators
Wednesday 23rd April - Identified children and staff to run to Wellfield
Thursday 24th April - Dairy Farm Visit
Friday 25th April - Northbrook fundraiser for #ChurchtownPlayground
Friday 2nd May - Buddhist Faith Visit
Thursday 1st May - Class Photos
Wednesday 7th May - Chocolate Bingo
Thursday 22nd May - Y3 Egyptian Secrets Day
Thursday 5th June - Film Night
Monday 30th June - 3.10 - 4.10, R, Y1, Y2 Disco
Monday 30th June - 4.30 - 5.30. Y3, 4, 5 Disco
Wednesday 16th July - Y6 Prom

All current and updated communication will be on the school website, your SeeSaw accounts, Arbor and on our Facebook page:

Thank you for your continued support in all aspects of school life.

J Shorrocks,

Executive Headteacher