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| **FRIDAY LETTER**  **Friday 5th November 2021** |

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| **VALUE FOCUS**  This half-term our value focus is **empathy.** We are challenging all the children to:     * To treat each other with care and compassion. ​ * To listen to each other and show kindness. ​ * To support to each other through difficult times. | |
| **Stars of the Week**   |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Reception** | Zachery W & Isabelle F | | **Year 1** | Seth L & Lucas B | | **Year 2** | Ruby D-F & Elouise F | | **Year 3** | Lacey-Sky B-C & Aahil M | | **Year 4** | Scarlett F & Abi L | | **Year 5** | Archie B & Harvey H | | **Year 6** | Gabby B & Lily O’C | | **THIS WEEK’S BEST ATTENDANCE**  **Year 1 & Year 6**  **100%**  **Awesome!** |
| **A window into the Northbrook world…**  Image result for Facebook Logo. Size: 106 x 106. Source: cw.usconsulate.govWe 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](https://www.facebook.com/NorthbrookPrimaryAcademy/) | |
| **House Team Competition:** Each week in the ‘Friday Celebration Assembly’ we have been checking the totals of the house points. Just before half-term we had the red team in the lead but who are the current  leaders...   |  |  | | --- | --- | | Red Team | 639 | | Yellow Team | 603 | | Blue Team | 572 | | Green Team | 567 |       Well done to the **RED Team** … they are holding on to their lead! | |
| Post**Reception:** In reception the children have been learning aboutDiwali, the Hindu celebration of light over darkness and good over evil, which is celebrated by lighting candles, setting off fireworks and exchanging gifts with friends and family. The children made Rangoli patterns, created and decorated Diwali lamps and looked at the traditional dress worn during Diwali. | |
| **Year 1**: In Year 1 we have many maths teachers in the making!They have been counting objects using part whole models using bears, counters and writing the numbers on post-it notes. Well done Year 1! | |
| **Year 2:** This week in English, Year 2 worked in groups to compare Cinderella the traditional tale and Cinderella the twisted tale. Fantastic teamwork Year 2! | |
| **Year 3:** This week Year 3 learned about fresh food & processed foods in D.T. They also got to sample some of the fresh produce including a variety of fruit and vegetables! Great to see them making some healthy choices – you are what you eat after all! | |
| https://wordhippo.s3.amazonaws.com/what-is/img/desktop-index/desktop-index-logo-words-tr-300x67.png**Year 4:** This week Year 4 have beenusing 'Word Hippo' online dictionary to help find the meaning of new vocabulary and then they sorted the words into categories linked to the senses and used them to describe 'fire'. Great skills Year 4! | |
| **Year 5:** Anglo-saxon research in Year 5 has sparked the interest of our budding historians. We have seen some fantastic homework too! | |
| **Year 6:** This week Year 6 considered classification to assign animals into different groups. Working in pairs they produced great work and were able to justify their classifications. | |
| We are still selling poppies and other items to raise money for the **Poppy Appeal** charity <https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/get-involved/poppy-appeal> . We recommend there is a minimum donation of 20p per poppy and that the other items have the following donations:  **Correct monies should be sent in to the office in an envelope with the child’s name and items required – thank you!**  -Snapband £1.50 *(not to be used in school/class)*  -Reflector 50p  -Wristband £1.00 *(can be worn until November 11th)*  -Zip pull 50p | |
| **School Website:** We have been working hard on the school website and have improved the information within key sections. We strongly recommend you review the ‘Classes’ section and the ‘Curriculum’ section to see the new photos and key information on what is being studied this half-term. Use the link to get straight there [https://northbrookpa.org](https://northbrookpa.org/classes). Homework tasks have been added to the class pages and the homework page within the curriculum section. We will write to you shortly about our upcoming homework celebration events… | |
| **Anti-Bullying Week Monday 15th – Friday 19th November:**  On Monday 15th November we will be inviting all the children and staff to attend school in odd socks to mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week. This year the theme is **‘One Kind Word’** and during the week we will be taking part in a number of activities that will help us consider the wellbeing of others.    On Friday 19th November we will be inviting all children to attend in non-uniform and to wear something yellow or their Pudsey merchandise for Children in Need. There is no need to go out and buy the Pudsey merchandise but if you want to or already have it, then you can wear it to school. Please do not feel obligated to donate, but if you are able to, we are asking for a voluntary donation of £1 per child to help us raise funds for a great cause. During the day we will all be working out with Joe Wicks so please make sure your child wears clothing and footwear that is suitable for them to be active and take part in their PE lessons. | |
| **Wrap-Up Central Lancashire:** This weekend you can donate your unwanted warm children's and adults' coats in the specific collection boxes at Tesco Extra Leyland, Morrisons Leyland, Asda Clayton Brook or Leyland Trucks. The sole aim of Wrap-Up Central Lancashire is to provide warm coats directly to people across the local area who struggle to keep warm during the winter months. So, if you have any spare warm coats you don’t need, please donate them to this worthy cause.  Every coat counts in the quest to provide warmth to the homeless and vulnerable!  A coat doesn’t only provide warmth, it is often a gateway for someone to access other services to help them get back on their feet. Sadly, the number of people living in crisis is rising, particularly those who are young and homeless. Wrap Up shows the power that people have when they come together as a community to help those most in need. | |
| **Bonfire Night Safety:** Please enjoy November 5th safely! Here are a few tips to keep you safe; Children should never touch fireworks. Always stand well back from the bonfire. Never go near a firework after it is lit. Wear gloves when using a sparkler and only use one sparkler at a time. Remember to keep your pets indoors! | |
| If you need to contact me at school please do not hesitate to email [m.cunniffe@northbrookpa.org](mailto:m.cunniffe@northbrookpa.org)  **Tel: 01772 421599** [Contact Us | Northbrook Primary Academy](https://northbrookpa.org/contact)  **See you on Monday 8th November. Have a great Bonfire Night and a fantastic weekend – stay safe!** | |

**Important messages**