

Northbrook Primary Academy

Newsletter

6th March 2025



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Since starting here last Tuesday, the whole of our Northbrook family have made me feel extremely welcome: thank you for this.

We have an amazing school! Your children really are the beating heart and as I get to know them individually they are unique in their own special way.

Parents and Carers, please do introduce yourself, say hello to me and tell me about your family and links in the community.

I am excited to develop the next phase of Northbrook in partnership with yourselves and together strengthen your child's learning, to ensure that they reach their full potential.



Last Tuesday, our Choir attended a regional event at Manchester's newest venue, The Co-op Arena. The children and staff went at lunchtime and returned home late into the night.

The Young Voices Concerts take place each year. On the day of the concert, the choir, along with up to 9,000 other young voices, rehearsed together for the first time, creating a vibrant collective experience. During the evening performance the concert was breathtaking and featured some special guests.

We were so proud of our children prior to the event for their commitment in attending rehearsals and also during the day with their performance and how they conducted themselves.

A big thank you to the staff; Mrs Spence, Miss Gwynne, Mr Mallon, Mrs Cole for taking the children and to Mrs Borg for her work in preparing for the event.



Congratulations to last week's STARS!

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

Thank you to those of you that have completed the questionnaire on Arbor re the timings of the Celebration Assembly. It is still open for your opinions for the next 24 hours!

Today in school we have been celebrating World Book & Science Day.



We set a challenge for the children and asked them to design, make, investigate and amend a craft that can float on water. These were brought into school earlier today and were tested during lunch time. The winning craft was the one which could hold the most 'bears' without sinking. The children did amazing: Thank you for all your support and assistance in supporting our challenge.



Our Scientist, Adrian Bowden, who delivered the Science Shows to all the children today chose the winning rafts: Congratulations to our winners and everyone who participated in the challenge.

Additionally to this all the children watched a 'Science Show' with a focus on materials. In classes too the science theme was continued, with scientific investigations taking place. *Ask your child what they learned from their investigations in class today?*



To celebrate World Book Day, each year group focused on a book, based on a scientist, an inventor, inspirational person.

- Reception - 'Mary Anning, Great Women Who Change the World'
- Year 1 - David Attenborough
- Year 2 - Mae Jennison
- Year 3 - Marie Curie
- Year 4 - Stephen Hawking
- Year 5 - Nikola Tesla
- Year 6 - Charles Darwin

During the day, books were read and activities in class took place linking to their book.



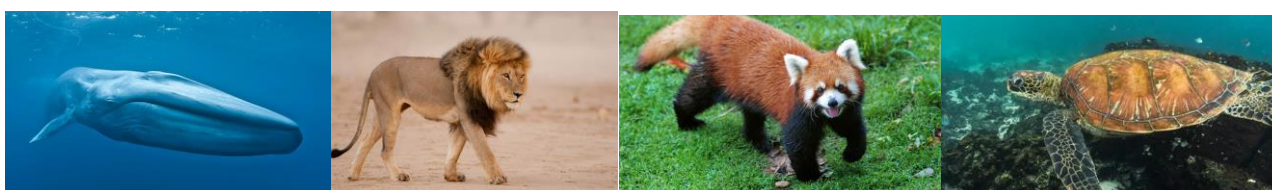
Girls Football Session for Year 3 - 6

This session is set to be the 'Biggest Ever Football Session'. There are 34 schools locally taking part in the event, and across the country many, many more. If any girls from year 3, 4, 5 and 6 would like to attend, please go to Mr Iddon's class after school.

Red Nose Day and 'The Big Cake Sale' - Friday 14th March



On the above date we are celebrating Red Nose Day in school. Children can choose to wear something red or a character costume from a favourite book. We ask that in return for this, donations of cakes are brought in in readiness for a 'Cake sale' at the end of the day. All proceeds from the sale will go to 'Red Nose Day! As in previous years, please collect your child after school and wait by the hall doors on the KS1 playground, ready for the sale to begin.



All children at Northbrook are in a team. They are either a Blue Whale, 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'.



Birthdays at Northbrook

If your child is celebrating their birthday, we would like them to celebrate by wearing their own clothes and asking a friend to do the same.

I am in discussions with Wendy and Pauline in the kitchen for us to have a monthly 'Birthday Table'. All children who have a birthday that month are invited to sit at the birthday table. The children can choose to have a school dinner or their packed lunch, the lovely ladies in the kitchen may also have some tasty treats for them.

Playtimes

I love to see the children active during their playtimes. Today has been a particularly calm lunchtime and it was nice to see the new picnic benches being used for games and reading. The adults too have activities set up and engage with your children, ensuring their playtimes are rich and plentiful.





Attendance and Punctuality

Thank you to our families that have their children in school on time. Moving forward, classes which has 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.



These sessions continue for on a weekly basis for our Year 2 children. Mrs Cole and Miss Kemp continue to deliver these sessions. These encourage, motivate, engage and inspire our children through positive outdoor experiences. Forest School sessions encourage children to learn about, and take care of the natural environment, while learning how to assess and handle risks, to use their own initiative to solve problems while learning to co-operate with others. These sessions, develop confidence, self-esteem and self-motivation is developed and encouraged.



There will be further details of our Community Voice Day, Parent's Evening and Chocolate Bingo with you next week.

Up-coming Dates

Friday 7th March, 3.15 - 4.15 - Year 3 - 6, GIRLS FOOTBALL Session

Thursday 13th March - Sikhism visits for all children in school

Friday 14th March - Red Nose Day & The Big Cake Sale

Tuesday 18th March - Dance Competition at Worden

Wednesday 26th April - Training for all staff on Autism

Thursday 27th March - Non-Uniform Day and Chocolate Bingo,

Thursday 27th March - Community Voice Day. Parents can attend school in the afternoon to discuss their school experiences with Gareth Counce, Endeavour's Director of Primary Education

Wednesday 2nd April - Athletics Festival in school for all children

Thursday 3rd April - Parent's Evening - 3.30 - 6

Friday 4th April - School Close for half term

Tuesday 22nd April - School reopens after the Easter Holidays

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

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

J Shorrocks,

Executive Headteacher