

Northbrook Primary Academy

Newsletter

8th July



Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope that you are all safe and well and enjoying the warmer weather?

The children have had an extremely busy half term so far. The staff at Northbrook really do go over and above, ensuring that your children have the best experience at school. They enhance the teaching with engaging activities, making sure that their new learning stays in their long term memory.

I am extremely proud to be part of this family and look forward to the years ahead.

Class of 2025

For our year 6 children the next few weeks will be mixed with emotions and I genuinely hope that all our children enjoy their last days at primary school and continue to make memories that will stay with them for a lifetime.

- Thursday 10th July at 2pm, Year 6 Performance 'Shakespeare Rocks'.
- Tuesday 15th July - Leavers' Lunch. If your child does not normally have a school lunch and they would like one, the price of this is £2.35. Please could you pay as usual on Arbor.
- Wednesday 16th July - Leavers' Assembly. We will be holding a special Leavers' Assembly to celebrate the achievements and memories of our Year 6 children. Families of our year 6s are invited to share the celebratory occasion.
- Wednesday 16th July, 6pm - Year 6 Prom
To celebrate their final days at primary school, pupils are invited to our Year 6 Prom on Wednesday 16th July at 6pm. This is always a highlight of the year and a wonderful opportunity for the children to dress up, dance, and enjoy time with their classmates.
- Friday 18th July - Final Day Send-Off
On the last day of term, we will give our Year 6 children a memorable send off. Parents are warmly invited to join us for this special goodbye and to help us cheer them on as they leave primary school for the last time.

Thank you, as always, for your support throughout your child's time with us. We are incredibly proud of all they've achieved and look forward to celebrating these final moments together.



This was an amazing day in school and enjoyed by all our Northbrook Community. I'd like to thank all of you that were able to attend for your support, kind words and engagement. The weather was kind to us and your children had a blast!



We are pleased to be having 'UK Military School' in our team at Northbrook. They are carrying out STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths), as well as building resilience, persevering and teambuilding. Should you like to see what they are about please have a look via <https://www.ukmilitaryschool.com/>.

Playground Developments



As you will have seen work has started on our playground developments. They plan on it being finished before the end of term, however if this is not the case, please be assured that we will open it up to our year 6 children early on in the Summer holidays!



Our Friday Celebration Assembly is open to all adults and families of our children. This starts at 2.40pm. If you would like to come please arrive at the main entrance, where you will be shown in once the children are settled in the hall.



Warmer Weather

The end of the week is forecast to be a heatwave, please remember to bring in sun hats, apply sun cream before school and bring in your water to stay hydrated!



Reception have been making pirate ships linked to their story 'The Night Pirates' by Peter Harris.



Year 1 have been Robot Builders! Last week, our Year 1 children became robot engineers! They followed step-by-step instructions in English to build their very own robots. Next week, they'll be using their writing skills to create a recount of their exciting experience. We can't wait to read all about it!



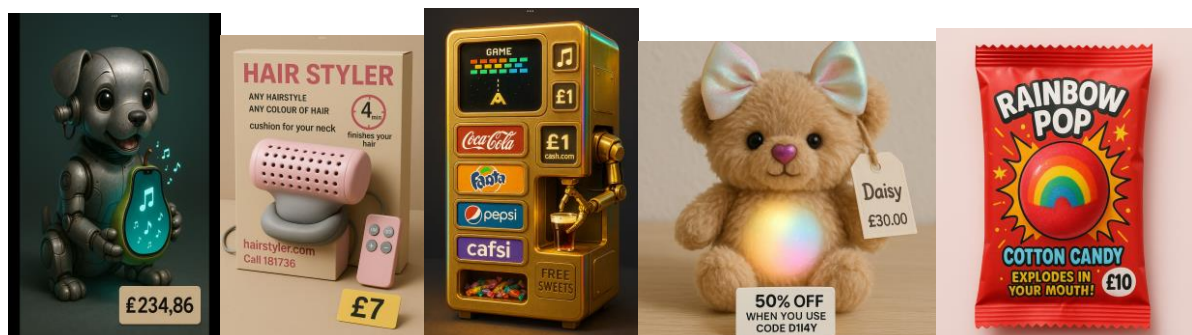
In year 2 for DT we did some soup tasting and ranked each soup out of 5. We look at what foods we could taste or smell and made a note of them ready to write our own recipe for when we make some soup of our own, in the final week at school.'



Year 3 have had a fantastic experience doing forest school this half term. They have concluded their final session of the year by toasting delicious marshmallows.



Year 4 have been writing their own persuasive radio adverts. The children worked together to create their own products, wrote scripts, complete with slogans and sound effects. They used AI to create an image of their product. The adverts were recorded and put on Seesaw to share with our families. Mrs Prance and Miss Young were both super impressed with the finished products.



In Science, Year 5 have been pollinators!

The children were given a bowl of 'pollen'. As they met other pollinators, they exchanged pollen to explore how quickly and efficiently plants can reproduce with the help of pollinators.



Year 6 walked over to Wellfield last week to complete their science work about the circulatory system and the heart. They were impeccably behaved and brilliantly engaged, as they shared their knowledge and dissected hearts. They looked at the chambers of the heart and the blood flow through the heart - they even spotted the 'heart strings'. Thank you to the science department at Wellfield and our fantastic Year 6 pupils for a successful visit.

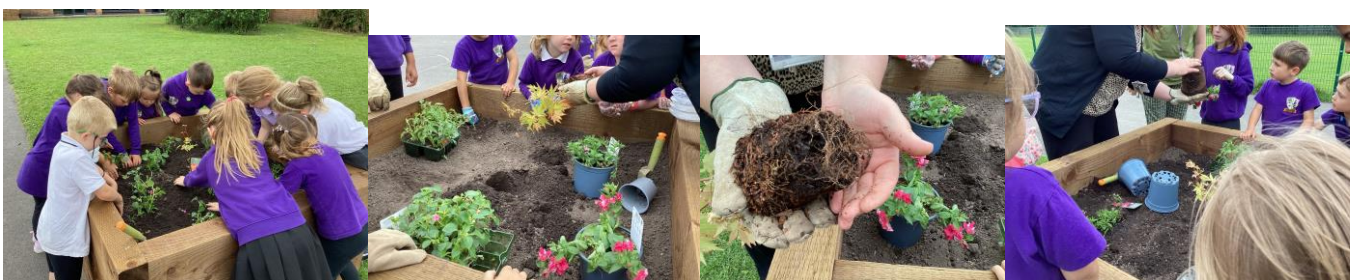


Collaborative work between classes

Miss Quinn and the Reception children were joined by some Year 4 and 2s to work collaboratively in planting flowers in our new planters.

All the flowers were donated by Tesco. The children looked at the parts of the plants, they looked at the labels to see where to plant them and gave them a good water.

We already think they have brightened up the playground and the children have shown lots of interest in learning about flora.



Moving forward we would like to plant these with sensory plants. These would engage and stimulate one or more of our senses: sight, smell, sound, touch, and taste. These plants will offer opportunities to explore colours, textures, scents, soothing sounds, and even edible flavours, making them interesting for out=r children and adults as they pass by. Research has shown that they not only enrich outdoor spaces, they can also help to promote wellbeing.



Thank you to our families that have their children in school on time.

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.

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

1st place - Year 6, 96.4%

2nd Place - Reception, 95.6%

3rd Place - Year 2, 95.1%

This half term so far **Lions** are sharing the lead! Our children 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'.



Friends of Northbrook hosted our Discos in school last week. They were enjoyed by at least half of our children. Thanks to your generosity in supporting our friends, and I can confirm that they raised a magnificent £342.45

Thank you as ever to our team at Northbrook and particularly our 'Friends of Northbrook'.

Below are some pictures from the KS1 disco!



We are very excited to be opening our Nursery in September. It promises to be a great addition to our already, wonderful school. It will be for 50 weeks per year and we are taking interest for 2 & 3 year olds.

If you would like any further information re this, please contact the school on 01772421599.

School Dog








Thank you for sharing your views on our proposed school dog, your feedback is really appreciated. If you would like to come into school for further consultation, please come into school on Wednesday 9th July at 2.50pm, before the end of the school day.

We look forward to seeing some of you there. Thank you'.

Inspirational People

During our 'Moving-up Day', all our children had a session looking at, and researching their inspirational person. During the assembly that day, classes shared what they had found out about their person. Below is a reminder as to which person your child's class is named after.

During the Summer holidays I would like you to create your first project homework based on your inspirational person.

Class Teachers	Class Names
Reception and Nursery, Mrs Higson	
Year 1, Miss Gwynne	Ellie Simmonds 
Year 2, Mr Knowles	 Andrew Flintoff
Year 3, Mrs Wilson	Greta Thunberg 
Year 4, Miss Wright	 Malala Yousafzi
Year 5, Mrs Goldfarb	David Attenborough 
Year 6, Mrs Spence	 Anne Frank



Linking to your child's class person, I would like to encourage parents, families and children to work alongside each other to produce something unique to you. You can use any medium of your choice; 3D, 2D, collage, ICT, performance ... and can take the form of paintings, information booklets, sculptures, masks, cakes, models, the list goes on.

Please send these back to school when we return after the Summer break.

Should you require any additional information, please ask your class teachers, who will be happy to help.



Uniform

We shared with you earlier this term that in September, we would like our children to come in school uniform daily. We already have at Northbrook high standards of dress and presentation, when uniform is worn. When speaking with the children, we asked if anyone would like to model our uniform for me to share on a newsletter: needless to say we had many volunteers. Thank you.



Up-coming Dates

Thursday 10th July - Y6 Play, 2pm

Tuesday 15th July - Leavers' Lunch.

Wednesday 16th July - Leaver's Assembly, 2pm

Wednesday 16th July - Y6 Prom

Friday 18th July - Y6 Final Send-Off & break up from school

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