

FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 9th July 2021

VALUE FOCUS - Teamwork



This week we introduced this half-term's value focus on teamwork. We have looked at three key elements that help us to work together effectively – **mutual respect, support and communication.**

It's 'team' NPA all the way!

★ Weekly Achievement Awards

Reception Alex P

Year 2 Poppy H-H

Year 4 Leon M

Year 6 Alannah B,
Kurtis F, Poppy I, Kian M
& Ollie W

Year 1 Dawson C,
Ruby D-F & Freddie H

Year 3 Jacob O'C

Year 5 Ryan P &
Brooke L

★ HEAD OF SCHOOL'S AWARD

The Head of School's Award will be given each week to children who have shown true NPA values. The focus this week has been **teamwork.**

Reception Lucas B

Year 2 Seth S

Year 3 Lucas T

Year 4 Lily B & Crystal C

Year 5 Harrison B



★ THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 3 - 100%

Simply the best!

A window into the Northbrook world...

We 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! Here is a flavour of some of this week's social media posts just in case you missed them. To see more go to [Northbrook Primary Academy - Home | Facebook](#)



**HOLIDAY
ACTIVITIES
AND FOOD**

HAF @ NPA: What are you going to be doing over the school holidays? Marcus Rashford MBE has been driving the Government's expanded Holiday Activity and Food Programme (HAF) which is on offer at Northbrook Primary Academy during the first week in August. For further information check out our school website on the link here <https://northbrookpa.org/parents-carers/haf-holiday-activities-food-programme>. We sent out consent forms last week and we need them to be returned to school ASAP, if you want your child to be included. If you mislaid the letter you can request a new one or use the link to the electronic form

here: <https://tinyurl.com/y9epvtdr>. The programme offers 4 hours of activity per day, 4 days a week, including a meal and refreshments and the best bit - it's **FREE!** The activities include sports, social activities, arts and crafts led by qualified staff from the borough's Active Health Team, on the safety and security of the school site – simply a fantastic offer for our children!



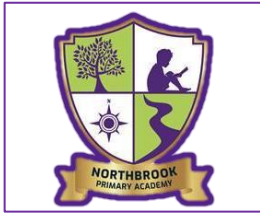
Year 5 had another fantastic morning of PE at Wellfield High School. This week they made their own individual pizza. They really enjoyed their session but perhaps enjoyed eating their creations even more! We want to thank all the staff at Wellfield High School for their hospitality and expertise working with our children each Tuesday morning over the last half-term. The Year 5 children have had an amazing time!



Reception Forest School has been so popular this half-term with the children in reception. It has supported their play, exploration and facilitated supervised risk taking. It has been wonderful to see the children developing confidence and self-esteem through hands-on experiences in the outdoors. They have had so much fun together too – the best way to learn! Thanks to the WLSP for their great delivery.



Important messages



We introduced a new, intuitive and easy to use online appointment booking and video conferencing system for our Parents' Evening on Tuesday 6th July. This allowed us to see parents and children in a safe manner. The system worked well with only a couple of sound issues to report as negatives. For those of you that attended your appointment through the School Cloud system, we would like to thank you for your support! If you missed the appointment or had any technical issues, your child's class teacher will have attempted to call you by phone and left a message if they could not

get through. Please contact school if you have received a message so your child's teacher gets the opportunity to speak to you directly before we break for the summer!

Thank you to those of you that complete the parental questionnaire sent out after parents' evening. The feedback was useful and very positive. Some of the highlights include:

91% of parents 'Strongly Agree or Agree' their child is **happy** at NPA.

95% of parents 'Strongly Agree or Agree' their child **feels safe** at NPA.

90% of parents 'Strongly Agree or Agree' that at NPA **deals with issues** raised.

90% of parents 'Strongly Agree or Agree' that NPA gives the **support** to their child that they need.

93% of parents 'Strongly Agree or Agree' that their child **does well** at NPA.

90% of parents 'Strongly Agree or Agree' that NPA keeps them **informed** about how their child is doing.



The feedback also made us aware that you would like to have clearer information on what your child is learning, more understanding of what we cover within or PSHE programme and to see us implement an increased extra-curricular offer, something that has undoubtedly been impacted by COVID this year. We will be working on this for next academic year. Please remember if something is troubling your child or you, as a parent, please do not hesitate to contact us at school. Simply, if we do not know about it we can't act upon it.



Year 6 to 7 Transition: St Mary's Catholic High School have published their third transition video linked here - <https://ismchs.com/parents/year-6-transition-2021> This video is about the enrichment opportunities on offer.



Sportsday was postponed on Thursday this week due to the fact we had Year 1 and Year 6 out of school. Our back up plan is to run the event on Wednesday 14th July, next week. We will send out a letter covering the arrangements on Monday. Unfortunately, please remember that this will be a closed event due to COVID restrictions. Keep your fingers crossed for good weather! If anyone has a PA system suitable for outdoors that we could loan for the day please contact Mr Cunniffe at school m.cunniffe@northbrookpa.org - thank you!



As well as our Facebook page we also have a twitter feed ... Why not follow us to keep in touch with everything that makes us NPA! [@NorthbrookPrim3](https://twitter.com/NorthbrookPrim3) / [Twitter](https://twitter.com/NorthbrookPrim3).

Our school website is also being developed week on week and you can find us at [Northbrook Primary Academy \(northbrookpa.org\)](http://NorthbrookPrimaryAcademy(northbrookpa.org))

Fingers crossed for the football on Sunday – is it really 'coming home'?! Have a fantastic weekend from all of us at NPA.

We are looking forward to welcoming Year 1 and Year 6 back on Monday too!

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