



Northbrook News

23rd February

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

I hope you all had a lovely half term! As ever, there are lots of things taking place in school, so please do have a read of our latest newsletter.

Community Voice

Our Community Voice, which was due to take place on Thursday 26th February, has been rearranged. The new date is Wednesday 22nd April. During the day, Allan Hall, Assistant Director of Secondary Education for Endeavour Learning Trust, will be meeting with staff, children and parents and gathering feedback on our strengths and areas that we can develop. Discussions will be linked to the provision we offer at Northbrook. If you are able to attend the parent session either face to face at 8.45 - 9.30 or a Microsoft Teams meeting at 2:15-3:00 please either call the school office or speak to Mrs Astbury. We are hoping to have a number of our families represented at these meetings.

Careers Fair

Our Careers Fair is taking place on Monday 2nd March from 1-4pm in the school hall. We have 14 different companies being represented from car lease companies to grounds maintenance, travel agents and BAE. Children in KS2 will have the opportunity to visit the fair during the school day. All of our families are welcome to come in after school, between 3.15 and 4pm.

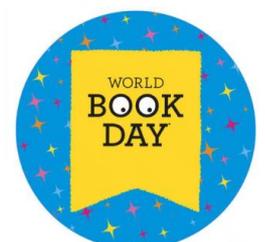


Friends of Northbrook

We have made some changes to the structure of the Friends of Northbrook. When we have events coming up, we will ask for volunteers via this newsletter and our Facebook page. If you are able to support us at any events, it would be greatly appreciated. There is no commitment required for multiple events, it will be an event-by-event basis. Our Friends of Northbrook continue to be dedicated to supporting our children in school and are currently deciding on the investment they are working towards. Our next event is our Mother's Day Gifts on Friday 13th March during the school day. More information will be sent soon.

World Book Day

We are celebrating World Book Day on Friday 6th March. There will be lots of activities taking place in school during the day. Children are welcome to dress up as their favourite book character if they wish to.



Meet the Team

Over the last few weeks, we have been posting some 'Meet the Team' posts on our Facebook page. This is so you as parents and families can get to know us all as a staff team. There are still some to come, so please look out for them.



Year 5 and 6 Residential

Our Year 5 and 6 children had a fantastic time on their residential to the Anderton Centre. They took part in a wide range of activities including orienteering, canoeing, archery, team building and high ropes. The children had a fantastic time, developing new skills, strengthening their bonds and making great memories. We are enquiring about booking this again for our current Year 4 and 5 children next year. Please look out for a survey on Arbor.



Year 1 Great Fire of London

Year 1 started their new History unit with a hands-on session all about the Great Fire of London. They learnt about how the fire started, how it spread and what happened afterwards.



Year 2 Explorers Day

Year 2 had a fantastic day bringing their History learning to life. Their topic was 'Explorers'. During the day, they had a visit from a travelling planetarium, they designed their own explorers maps and being archeologists. The children looked fantastic in their costumes, thank you to our families for their support with bringing learning to life through these enrichment opportunities.



Bird Watching

Mrs Wilson launched the RSPB Big Bird Watch in an assembly before half term. All children brought home a bird spotting sheet. Miss Quinn then lead a group of children in school to see which birds we had around. We spotted hundreds of birds and all of the information has been submitted to the RSPB.



Northbrook Nursery

We have places in our Northbrook Nursery for 3- and 4-year-olds. We offer a range of different sessions and accept both 15- and 30-hours funding. If you are interested, please contact the school office on 01772 421599.



Friday Assembly

Our Friday Celebration Assembly is open to all adults and families of our children. This starts at 2.40pm. If your child receives a 'Star of the Week' award, they (and their siblings) will be able to go home with you after the assembly. 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.

Attendance



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.

Team Points



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'.

The winners for Spring 1 were Yellow Lions. The totals have been reset for Spring 2 and our Team Captains will continue to count these up on a weekly basis.



February

Monday 23rd - Children return to school

Thursday 26th - Y5 Liverpool City Trip

Thursday 26th - Community Voice

March

Monday 2nd - Northbrook Careers Fair 1-4pm

Thursday 5th - Birthday Lunch

Friday 6th - Y2 Islam Workshop

Friday 6th - World Book Day Celebrations

WB 9th - Year 6 Test Week

Friday 13th - Mother's Day Crafts Sale

Monday 16th - Mother's Day Lunch

Tuesday 17th - Y3 Trip to Martin Mere

Tuesday 17th - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 18th - Y6 Visit to Townley Hall

Monday 23rd - Y2 Zoo 2 U Visit

Wednesday 25th - Bingo

Friday 27th - Finish for Easter 2.10pm/2.15pm

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.

Mrs G Astbury

Deputy Headteacher