

# FRIDAY LETTER



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## VALUE FOCUS - RESILIENCE...



This week and next week we have challenged the children to show resilience in their learning. In we have looked at three key elements that help us to be resilient – sustained effort, coping with failure and a strong belief in our own ability! We have also considered the importance of supporting each other and celebrating in other people's successes – in other words doing things the NPA way!

### ★ Weekly Achievement Awards ★

**Reception** Lucas B

**Year 2** Oliver W

**Year 4** Evie R

**Year 6** Skye M

**Year 1** Charlie P

**Year 3** Lily-May B

**Year 5** Jonathan L &

Lottie W

### ★ 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 **resilience**.

**Reception**

**Year 1**

**Year 2**

**Year 3**

**Year 4**

**Year 5**

**Year 6**

Marnee C

Jamie T

Cara T

Jack M

Shayne S

Ben W

Adam B



### THIS WEEK'S BEST ATTENDANCE

**Year 4**

**Well Done!**



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](#)



This week, our budding artists in Year 2 have been studying the Lancashire artist L.S. Lowry. The children have recreated some of Lowry's most famous pieces using oil pastels...





Reception had a wonderful day at their first 'Forest School' session this week. It was fantastic to welcome Miss Haworth from West Lancashire Sports Partnership on Wednesday, who taught our children all about keeping safe and spotting dangers outside. They also learned lots of nature songs, completed a mud painting and made mud pies. It was great to see the children having such fun and learning so much safely outdoors! We can't wait to see what the class will be getting up to over their next 5 sessions...



Year 5 had an incredible morning with Mrs Wiggins at Wellfield High School on Tuesday. The children mixed, baked and iced 12 cupcakes each and were able to take them home at the end of the day! Thank you so much to our friends at Wellfield for making our children and staff feel so welcome. The NPA pupils are very much looking forward to their future visits over the next few weeks to be involved with more creative subjects...



**WELLFIELD HIGH SCHOOL**  
'Inspire - Challenge - Achieve - Nurture'



## Important messages



### New ICT resources:

We are delighted to now have both Chromebooks and laptops in school for the children to use in their lessons. This is a great addition to our existing ICT suite and enables more children to be able to access technology at the same time in school!

### Further plans for improvement:

We have done extensive refurbishment inside school and it looks amazing inside and we can't wait to show you. We have new signage ordered for the outside of school and that should be appearing soon. We are desperate to change the windows and doors to school as they are in a really poor condition. Currently we have a CIF bid (condition improvement fund) in to replace all of these in school and we are awaiting the response to see if our bid was successful and if it is when the work will commence. We also have a bid in to improve the outdoor garden area and replace the furniture to create a more usable space. We will be creating an outdoor space on our field area from where we can run Forest School sessions. These are a great opportunity for our children to be outdoors and to work together co-operatively and this will be commencing in the next few week.

### Your support please:

As we look at making improvements to the outdoors of school, with an improved provision for outdoor play and forest school in particular, we are looking for your help and support. Last week we put up a brand new basketball hoop and within 2 days it had been vandalised and our children no longer can play basketball at playtime. We really want to be able to invest in outdoor equipment and are looking at ways we can protect that with improved fencing and improved CCTV, but if you are local to school and see anyone on the grounds we would ask your support in telephoning the police to come down to school and keep our grounds safe. Thank you!



### Uniform reminder:

As we mentioned last week working hard to ensure our standard of uniform improves. It is important that our children attend school in full uniform. We have spoken to our uniform supplier and they have reduced costs of the current uniform. For example, sweatshirts are currently selling for £3-£4, cardigans at £3.50 and Northbrook Polo's at £2.50.

Due to the pandemic we have asked all classes to attend in their school PE kit on the days they have PE lessons. On these days all children should still wear their school polo shirt and sweatshirt. Of course it is acceptable to wear either jogging pants/tracksuit bottoms or shorts and their trainers on these days. On the days when they do not have PE all children should attend school in full uniform and with black school shoes. Trainers are only acceptable when children do not have shoes that fit correctly due to the challenges of trying to source shoes during the pandemic. We would like to support any family having difficulty in purchasing uniform or school shoes for their children.



Millions across the world celebrated Eid-al-Fitr yesterday, bringing the month-long fast of Ramadan to a close. It was a very important date in the Islamic calendar, with Muslims marking the festival through prayer, feasting, sharing gifts and giving to charity – and although the Covid pandemic meant celebrations were smaller in scale than usual, the significance of the day remained the same. Of course, you might want to pass on your best wishes to friends or colleagues celebrating Eid by wishing them 'Eid Mubarak' – which literally means 'blessed celebration' or 'have a blessed celebration.'

*'Eid' is pronounced 'Eed' - as in the word feed. 'Mubarak', meanwhile, is pronounced as it looks – 'Mu-ba-rack'.*

As always, thank for your continued support. If you need to contact me at school please do not hesitate to contact [m.cunniffe@northbrook-pri.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:m.cunniffe@northbrook-pri.lancs.sch.uk).

**Have a fantastic weekend from all of us at NPA– see you on Monday...**

**Remember that we finish for the half-term week on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 3.10pm/3.15pm**