

# NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"Society as a whole benefits immeasurably from a climate in which all persons, regardless of race or gender, may have the opportunity to earn respect, responsibility, advancement and remuneration based on ability." – Sandra Day O'Connor*

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a wonderful week; it has felt very autumnal this week and the rain decided to greet us during pick up times! Typical weather. The good news is that the weather looks set to be warmer next week!

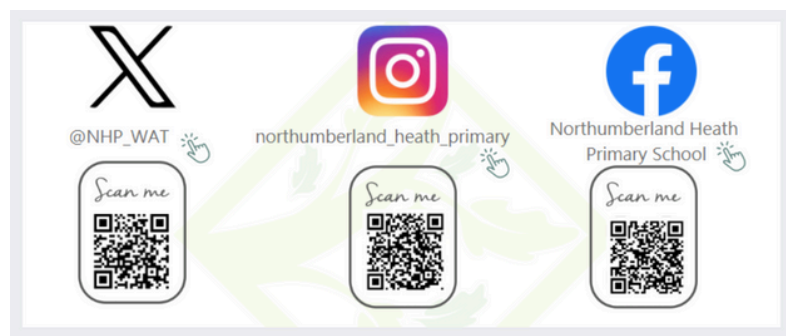
The builders continue to make progress with our roof. There was a delay in roof tiles, but we did have a delivery today so work can continue. The temperamental weather did stop the builders working at some points, but they were soon back to it once the rain has subsided. The children are coping well with the scaffolding and understand the safety measures we have put in place.

It was lovely to be back to school for a full week this week and seeing the children settle nicely into their new classrooms with their teachers. We had lots of Big Bang days to launch our new topics which sparked curiosity and lots of questions! We are lucky that, to support learning within the classroom, all children from Y1-Y6 have their own iPad. Mr Davies, our Trust Digital Lead, has been in to support the teachers and staff with ways to incorporate digital into children's learning and delivered a staff meeting on Thursday with many creative ideas! Our digital journey will continue throughout this year and beyond! It is an exciting time!

Lots of our Y6 children will be going to PGL on Monday for their residential for 3 days, we know they will have a great time! Thank you to all the staff for taking time out from their families to ensure the children have a fantastic experience. We will be updating their time there via our social media platforms. The other Year 6 children will be spending the day in Greenwich Park as a treat on Tuesday.

We wish you a wonderful weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

Ms D Indresano and the NHP Team!



### Apply for Primary and Secondary schools 2025

Applications for Reception and Secondary school are now open via the Bexley Council website, for September 2025.

Secondary applications close on 31st October 2024  
Reception applications close on 15th January 2025

[Click here for more information and to apply.](#)

Early  
Years



Bluebells have settled very well into their first week in Nursery. Already, they have learnt the school value of 'Respect', showing good sitting, good looking and good listening at carpet time. They are all enjoying exploring the environment and have stated an amazing learning journey. Keep up the good learning!

This week in year 1 we have been looking at fairy tales and different elements that make up a fairy tale.

We have gone on a scavenger hunt around the school and found clues to help us to get to the next point. We made biscuit sweet houses like in Hansel and Gretel.



Year  
One

Year  
Two



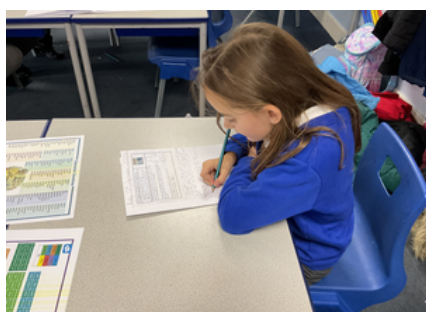
This week in personal development we have been discussing how we can be a good friend. We looked at how we can help others and share with them so that everyone can play together nicely. We enjoyed making posters to show how we are good friends.

This week, Year Three were introduced to their new topic 'The Stone Age'. Big Bang Day brought lots of fun activities such as ordering events from The Stone Age to Iron Age, creating Keynote presentations on different prehistoric beasts and even turning the classroom into a dark cave and recreating cave paintings. We loved being immersed in our new topic and are excited to learn more about the fascinating Stone Age time period.



Year  
Three

Year  
Four



In year 4 the children are reading and understanding a text by the name of This Morning I Met A Whale. Today they thought about how the main character may feel and look.

Year Five



For our Big Bang Day we made wonderful necklaces based on the ancient Benin culture. It was a lovely activity, and the children thoroughly enjoyed making them.

This week year 6 kick started their crime and punishment topic with a murder scene! They had lots of exciting clues and were extremely engaged to try and find out who did it. This linked in nicely to their new core text and they are already doing some beautiful writing as a result.



Year Six

## ATTENDANCE

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks
N Bluebells	83.6%
R Catkin	94.9%
R Saplings	91.3%
1 Aspen	95.9%
1 Hawthorn	85.6%
2 Elm	88.6%
2 Nettle	96.5%
4 Maple	97.3%
4 Spruce	91.7%
4 Whitebeam	93.3%
5 Beech	94.6%
5 Linden	86.3%
5 Pine	94.6%
6 Cedar	98.2%
6 Elder	93.6%
6 Oak	95.5%

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Class	Name
Bluebells AM	Bryanna
Bluebells PM	Marcello
Catkin	Neerja
Saplings	Albie-James
Aspen	Alicja
Hawthorn	Leea
Elm	Alexsandar
Nettle	Grayson

London Plane	Ava
Silver Birch	Maja
Mountain Ash	Reggie
Maple	Emmanuel
Spruce	Nova
Whitebeam	Phil
Pine	Spencer
Beech	Holly
Linden	Sai
Oak	Jannah
Cedar	Yaya
Elder	Izma

## S A F E G U A R D I N G

**Garden and Park Safety Message for Parents**  
 As your children enjoy playing in the garden, it's crucial to teach them a few simple safety rules, especially when it comes to the berries they might encounter. The bright, tempting fruits can be dangerous, and knowing which ones to avoid is key to keeping them safe. Here are some common garden berries to watch out for:

**Yew Berries**  
 These large, bright red berries may look sweet and harmless, but they contain toxins that can cause harmful reactions. Even more dangerous is the seed inside, which is highly poisonous. Yew berries are especially common in September, so be sure your children know not to touch or eat them.

**Privet Hedge Berries**  
 Dark purple and resembling blackcurrants, these berries are often mistaken for edible fruit. However, they can cause stomach pain if ingested. Privet berries appear in late winter and early spring, a time when kids might mistake them for other safe-to-eat berries.

**Ivy Berries**  
 Ivy produces black, clustered berries from November through January. These berries are toxic and should never be eaten. Remind your children to avoid them while playing in the garden or when you're out enjoying the winter weather.

**Mistletoe Berries**  
 These small white berries can cause blurred vision, stomach pain, and even convulsions if eaten in large quantities. While mistletoe is common around the holidays, the entire plant is poisonous, so keep it out of reach from curious little ones.

**Belladonna (Deadly Nightshade) Berries**  
 These shiny black berries, about the size of cherries, are highly toxic. Though they may look appealing in the late summer sun, eating them can be extremely dangerous. As the seasons change and berries continue to grow, remind your children: never eat berries they find in the garden or outside unless a trusted adult has confirmed they are safe. By teaching them this rule, you can help ensure they stay safe while exploring the outdoors.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**

Juida, Lena, Reggie, Ilayda, Harper-Ivie, Hanya, Deetya, Gabriella, Georgie, Providence, Arnie, Abigail, Temilade & Logan.



Please check back each week for updates. Also look on our social media pages & Arbor app.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
16th - PGL Y6 Coding Week	17th - PGL Y6 Y6 Greenwich Park	18th - PGL Y6 Coffee Morning 9am	19th	20th
23rd	24th	25th	26th	27th Macmillan Event 9-10 More info to come
30th	1st Black History Month	2nd SENCO Morning 9am Flu Vaccinations	3rd	4th Y5 - British Museum
7th Y6 - Bikeability Starts	8th	9th	10th World Mental Health Day	11th
14th	15th Phonics Workshop	16th	17th	18th
21st Harvest Festival Week	22nd	23rd	24th	25th

**WEEKLY EVENTS (Clubs finish at 4.10pm)**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year One - PE Year Five - PE Year Six - PE Choir Club	Year Three - PE Year Four - PE	Swimming - London Plane Year Two - PE Year Four - PE Dance KS1 Multi-Skills KS2	Swimming - Silver Birch & Mountain Ash Year Six - PE	Year R - PE Year One - PE Year Two - PE Year Five - PE