

# NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY SCHOOL

*"If everything was perfect, you would never learn and you would never grow." –Beyonce Knowles*

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a busy last week here at NHP with so much going on!

We want to say a huge thank you to those parents who were able to purchase from our Book Fair. We did get a percentage of the amount raised and we were able to select books for our school. We raised £561 and we were able to spend £224 on books for the school.

Our celebration of Black History drew to a close this week. Year 2 created amazing eBooks which will be shared with parents and year 1 invited parents in to purchase items that their child made – all proceeds went towards the Marcus Rashford Foundation.

The last part of the week, we focused on using technology in the afternoons and staff visited classrooms to get further ideas that they could then implement into their own teaching. Linden Class showed an amazing session based around using the green screen and turned their classroom into a film studio.

We had an external consultant come in on Wednesday to monitor our safeguarding procedures. She was very impressed with our systems and policies, she spoke to children and staff who all talked about how we keep ourselves safe, who we can talk to and the positive changes in the school.

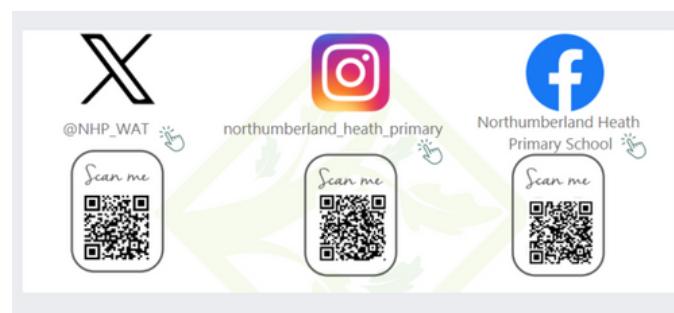
On Thursday, Year 6 were the first year group to share their learning this term with a Year 6 Gallery in the afternoon. Parents came in and their child showed them the learning that had taken place this half term. We had some amazing feedback from the event. Over the course of the year, every year group will invite parents in to view the learning. We also had our first new to reception parent afternoon where we were able to show new parents our lovely school.

On Friday, we finished the week with Headteacher awards assembly. Well done to all those children who received an award, wear your badge with pride!

Sadly, we said goodbye today to Mrs van Dyk who is relocating to Brighton, we want to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to so many children over the last 8 years and wish her well on her new adventure. Mrs Cooper, in the office, left us today as she starts her maternity leave, we will miss them both! We welcome Miss Patel who will be covering Mrs Cooper's role whilst she is off.

Wishing you a lovely and safe half term and see you all on Monday 4th November.

Ms Indresano and the NHP Team!



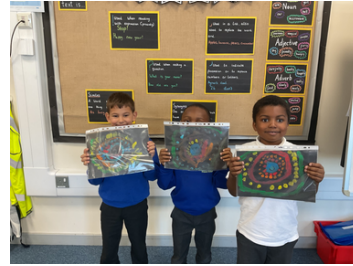
Early  
Years



This week Bluebells have been learning about 'Diwali', The festival of light. We used our fine motor skills to create 'Diya Lamps' from clay. We had to wait patiently for clay to harden, then we chose beautiful colours to paint them. Happy Diwali everyone!

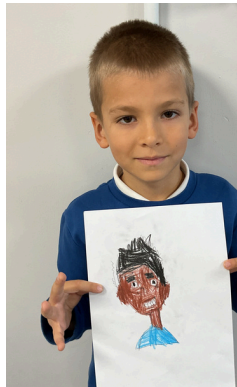
This week Year 1 had an art sale to celebrate black history month. The artwork was inspired by our artist for this half term called Kandinsky and another artist from our learning in black history month called Alma Woodsey Thomas. All the money we raised will go towards a food bank.

Year  
One



This week Year 2 have had a lot of fun learning about Marcus Rashford for Black history week. We learnt about when he was born, how he has helped to get free school meals and also that he plays Football for Manchester United. We were so inspired by him and drew our own pictures of him, don't they look great?!

Year  
Two



This week, Year 3 had lots of fun engaging in 'virtual fitness month' where we participated in a variety of energetic activities like shuttle runs, star jumps, lunges and even planks. We loved getting stronger and embracing healthy habits together.

Year  
Three



Year  
Four



In Year 4 the children have been completing Monet art pieces focusing on brush strokes, colour and shapes.

Year Five



Year 5 acted out a scene from the book Children of the Benin Kingdom today. They needed to include some character body language to show what their character was thinking and feeling!

Year 6 had an amazing exhibition of all our learning from term 1. Our parents came to look at the fabulous work that we have been doing.

We read the book - The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes and created some artwork in the likeness of Charles Keepings illustrations from the text. We wrote a newspaper article reporting the key events in the story. We really enjoyed learning about the highwaymen in British history and compared them with other stories like Robin Hood. You need to see the publishing board that was made from all our learning.



Year Six

ATTENDANCE

N Bluebells	86.6%
R Catkin	89.6%
R Saplings	81.2%
1 Aspen	90.7%
1 Hawthorn	93.0%
2 Elm	93.3%
2 Nettle	83.0%

3 London Plane	93.9%
3 Mountain Ash	89.5%
3 Silver Birch	91.4%
4 Maple	95.3%
4 Spruce	92.9%
4 Whitebeam	90.1%
5 Beech	90.0%
5 Linden	100.0%
5 Pine	93.5%
6 Cedar	91.8%
6 Elder	92.4%
6 Oak	89.0%

Head Certificates

Class	Name (Effort)	Name (Achievement)
Bluebells AM	Carter	Bryanna
Bluebells PM	Marcello	Edona
Catkin	Theo	Louie
Saplings	Albie-James	Miray
Aspen	Jacob	Ronnie B
Hawthorn	Ali	Huzaimah
Elm	Tommie	Emily
Nettle	Joshua A	Vinny
London Plane	Lucas	Maia
Silver Birch	Oliver	Valeria
Mountain Ash	Harry	Amira
Maple	Charlotte	Muhammed
Spruce	Cristian	Sophia
Whitebeam	Ruby R	Robert
Pine	Harneet	Millie
Beech	Elise	Albie - Jay
Linden	Harry	Annabel
Oak	Judia	Kayleigh
Cedar	Poppy	Seth
Elder	Lydia	Izma



SAFEGUARDING

This week KS2 had an assembly from Bexley Young Carers. Support services for young carers in Bexley are provided by Imago Young Carers. Being a young carer can have a negative impact on a young person such as low confidence and self-esteem, low educational attendance & attainment and poor physical & mental health.

It is Imago's aim to reduce the negative and highlight the positive impact of being a carer such as increased resilience, empathy, non-judgmental attitude and caring nature. Imago delivers a support service to anyone aged 8-18 living in Bexley who is taking on caring responsibilities for a family with a long-term illness, disability, mental health or substance misuse issue.

Imago will enable young carers to receive some respite from their caring responsibilities, socialise with their peers and receive tailored support and information. They provide social groups for young carers called Chill Clubs.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO**



Dante, Micaela, Chelsea, Finley, Gurkirat, Mankirat, Isaac, Joshua, Athrav, Samin, Shakira, Greyson, Hudson, Albie-James, Tonylee, Beealla, Rufat, Natalia, Leea, Emily, Michelle, Sarah, Rascheal, Jimmy, Sehajpreet & Mehar.



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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4th November Poppies sold this week	5th November EYFS Open Day 10am	6th November	7th November Last day to order Kittle photos to be delivered to school	8th November

We have a one week half term from Monday 28th October - Friday 31st October.  
School will resume on Monday 4th November.

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.](#)



Please label your children's uniform & belongings so that if they are lost, we have a better chance of getting them back to you.



Thank you to Layann who has donated a big bag of her own books to the school for other people to share. Layann also carried them all the way to school!

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

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		Please check your Arbor account on the first week back to book your child onto a club via the Arbor app.		