



# NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents/Carers,

Last week I wrote about the work the school is doing to focus on behaviour across the school; building knowledge, understanding and developing respect for each other across our community. This work will continue over the next couple of weeks and the upcoming summer term with more plans for workshops and opportunities for the children to benefit from as well as more parent workshops. We look forward to sharing more information soon.

This week we were visited by Mpula from The Arise Project as we build on our work to celebrate and respect diversity and support the school to work with children, families and staff in ensuring that any anti-racist behaviour and language is challenged. Children across KS1, LKS2 and UKS2 spent time together in three different assemblies and listened to Mpula talk about a wide range of issues. The children showed respect and asked some insightful questions during these sessions. This work follows our Personal Development focus on Respect at the end of last half term as well as weekly lessons and is also part of the journey the school is on to challenge behaviour and increase knowledge and understanding. Mpula will be coming back next week as the school recognises 'International day for the elimination of racial discrimination' to work with Y2 and Y5 as well as a parent workshop at the end of the day.

Today, as we celebrate Red Nose Day together, this further reinforces the notion of Respect and Kindness as we reflect on the reasons that the Comic Relief charity fundraises each year and the projects that benefit from funds that are raised. It was great to see everybody come in dressed 'red to toes' to recognise this day.

As a school we are keen to celebrate the many good things about the children and the school and aim to bring the community together to celebrate together. With that in mind, as we approach the Easter break we have put together some Easter competitions for the children to participate in. Take a look at the posters within the newsletter which shares some of the opportunities that will be taking place. We look forward to sharing the children's outcomes at the end of the term.

Also, this week, the school was visited by an external visitor, our school improvement partner (SIP) from Bexley. Our SIP was asked to focus on behaviour and conducted a behaviour learning walk whereby she randomly selected and spoke with some children across the school. She asked the children about behaviour and the children's responses were open and honest about what is working well and what needs to improve. Your children's views are important to us and we will continue to meet with children and talk to them about their school and what they would like to see happen to make things better. Some feedback included:

'It has ups and downs. The teachers will take the children outside and speak to them if they are doing something wrong'

'Behaviour is ok. We get rewards for doing good things.'

'There is no bad behaviour, we get points when we do good things'

'Behaviour is good, we follow our classroom support plan and then we get points for the recognition board'

Some children explained how support plans work and told our visitor that their teachers are the biggest reason that their behaviour improves; 'because my teacher encourages me to do better'.

When asked about recognition; some of the children said - There is a reward system for the whole class. We get points for showing respect. We have a Recognition board. You can choose which one you want it to go on. If you get 15 points, you get a reward. On Fridays, we have celebration assemblies where our teachers give out certificates for Star of the week. There are Headteacher awards and the Golden Book too.

There are lots of opportunities for parent/carers and our school to engage together next week - through parents evening, parent workshop and family learning opportunities - we hope to welcome you soon.

Many thanks for your support and understanding.

Miss C Ingrams and the Northumberland Heath School team

## This Week

### IN PICTURES



## FANTASTIC Feedback

“ The school nurse called me so I really appreciate that. She was so nice and friendly and give me some advice to the problems I am facing. She is really good professional.

(From a Parent)

# ARISE

Anti-Racism in Schools and Education

## QUOTES FROM OUR CHILDREN

"You shouldn't judge people for their colour. Everyone has equal rights".

**"Do not be racist & call people offensive names".**

THERE IS NO  
ROOM FOR  
RACISM

*"I enjoyed that they talked about peoples hair and braids. You shouldn't touch peoples hair without their permission".*

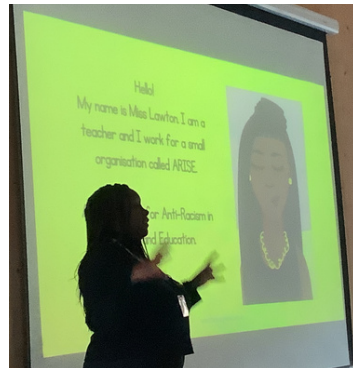
# BE KIND

**"EVERYONE IS  
UNIQUE IN THEIR  
OWN WAY."**

"We live in a world full of different people. We can learn from each other instead of being racist."



**"DO NOT DISRESPECT PEOPLE."  
"EVEN THOUGH WE ALL  
LOOK DIFFERENT,  
WE ARE ALL EQUAL."**



# SCHOOL VALUES IN ACTION



## Independence

A child who was struggling to draw the idea in her mind decided to make her idea into a 3D model. An independent decision to get the job done. Fantastic work.



# TREACLE TIME

TREACLE IS SO PROUD WHEN THE CHILDREN RECEIVE AWARDS, SHE WAGS HER TAIL AND GIVES A HAPPY 'WOOF!'



# RED NOSE DAY



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR RED NOSE DAY DONATIONS!**



# GOLDEN BOOK

Names

Northumberland Heath Primary School

## Family Learning Days



**21ST MARCH**  
 NURSERY AM - 8.30-9AM  
 NURSERY PM - 3-3.30PM  
 RECEPTION 8.50-9.30AM  
 ENTER VIA CLASSROOM

**22ND MARCH**  
 YEAR ONE  
 YEAR TWO  
 YEAR THREE  
 2.45-3.10PM

**23RD MARCH**  
 YEAR FOUR  
 YEAR FIVE  
 YEAR SIX  
 2.45-3.10PM

**COME AND LEARN**

Come into the classroom to see what topics your children are learning about. You will get the chance to participate in a lesson too! Parents & Carer's for Years One to Six should enter via the Brook Street Gate and make your way to the Classroom. Gates will be open 2.40PM. Please ensure that you arrive on time. We are unable to accommodate younger siblings.



# SCIENCE WEEK



As part of British Science Week, Year 4 were exploring the theme of "connections". They investigated how to build the strongest bridge just using paper, and also experimented with their own unique fingerprints!

# REMINDER



# Star of the Week

## Wednesday Stay & Read

Come to enjoy reading with your child  
9.00-9.20am

22nd March - Oak  
29th March - Whitebeam



We have coffee mornings for parents and carers straight after drop off every Friday.

### Art Competition Time

#### Do you have an interest in art?

If you would like to submit a piece of artwork to the office that will be considered for their 'Welcome Wall of Fame' please do so by 31st March 2023. Winners will be announced in the first newsletter after the Easter holidays. Winners will receive a certificate and arty gift!



## Logan is Raising Money!

Logan (Year 6) is taking part in a Race for Life Pretty Muddy to raise money and save lives.

If you would like to sponsor him and support Cancer Research UK's ground-breaking work here is the link:  
<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/logans-race-for-life-5009>

## PARENTS' EVENING

We hope as many parents/carers as possible are able to attend Parents' Evening. The dates and times are as follows:

22nd March - 3.50-5.45PM

23rd March - 3.50-7PM

Bookings will go live via Arbor on Monday 13th March



We also have activities for International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, Easter, the Kings Coronation, Stranger Danger & Grooming workshops, Road Safety, Anti-Bullying, Choices and Consequences, Paul Hannaford visits and much more coming up! Keep looking out on social media and Arbor for updates.

Class	W/B 13th March
	Star of the week
Bluebells AM	Myles
Bluebells PM	Nana
Saplings	Joshua O
Catkin	Georgi
Hawthorn	Tise
Aspen	Oliver
Chestnut	Semra
Elm	Amelia
Rowan	Ronnie C
Nettle	Fahim
Mountain Ash	Caiden
Silver Birch	Danny
London Plane	Suhki
Maple	Temilade
Spruce	Riley and Niran
Whitebeam	Ruby
Beech	Paige
Linden	Blessing
Pine	Finley
Oak	Layla
Cedar	Blake
Elder	Shanaya

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Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks
Bluebells	69.4%
RCATK	86.7%
RSAPLINGS	77.0%
1ASPEN	86.4%
1CHES	85.8%
1HAWT	87.9%
2ELM	94.0%
2NETTLE	87.7%
2ROWN	92.9%
3LP	84.1%
3MA	87.7%
3SB	91.7%
4MAPL	77.8%
4SPRU	88.1%
4Whitebeam	90.1%
5BEE	87.1%
5Linden	95.1%
5PINE	95.1%
6CED	85.9%
6ELD	88.5%
6OAK	79.7%

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