



NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER

Dear parents and carers,

As we move through the autumn term, the children continue to develop and make progress in all they do. We also come to the time of harvest where we reflect on where our food comes from and its production. We are very proud of our harvest table and the contributions given by our community this week. We have been overwhelmed by the generosity shown and we have had to find new tables to display the food as there is so much. It will be taken to the local food bank where it will go to families and be greatly appreciated. Thank you also to the Year 6 children who have helped with gathering the food from around the school, displaying it and taking responsibility for this important cause. They are mentioned in the headteacher's awards this week.

We have had our first parent/carer stay and read sessions this week with Aspen Class kicking off our programme. It was fantastic to see parents joining the class to share books with their children in our lovely book barn. This is happening on Wednesday mornings after drop-off and our timetable for classes is included below. We hope to see as many parents and carers as possible!

We also had a great session today with parents meeting and discussing issues relating to children with additional needs. Our SENDCO, Maree Thorn, led the session and was able to discuss SEN, support and provision with parents over tea and coffee. Next week, Mr Caton will be available next week as the focus is early reading. Please do come along to these sessions even if it is just for a catch-up and to meet other parents. They are on a Friday morning after drop off in the Book Barn and everyone is always welcome.

Our PFA are looking for volunteers to help with putting on community events and raising money for our school. Whatever you can commit to will help, even if it is just an hour. Please email the school office if you can. Our PFA members will be at our Friday morning drop-ins if you would like to speak to them too. There will also be an AGM on 13th October. More details to follow.

Please ensure that your child attends school on time every day. We will ring a bell in the playground in the morning at 8.45 to ensure children are in their classes and the gate is closed by 8.50.

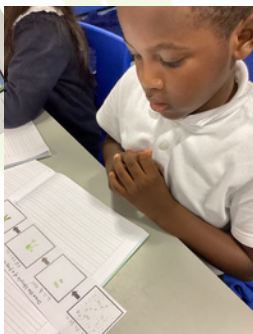
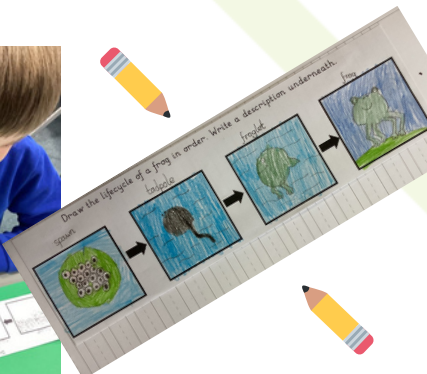
We have also noticed children wearing non-uniform PE kit. Please be aware that on PE days, children must wear a plain white t-shirt and blue/black tracksuit bottoms. They should not carry logos.

Please also note that children should not bring in toys and collectible cards from home.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Leslie and all the staff at Northumberland Heath

GREAT WORK



Drop in Sessions - all at 8.45 - 9.30 on Fridays

Friday 7th October – Early reading with Mr Caton, Early Reading Leader

Friday 14th October – Curriculum with Miss Redwood-Sawyer, Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum

Friday 21st October – Supporting reading at home with Miss Allen, Reading Leader

Please drop off your children and head to the Book Barn on these Fridays.



Helping your child with fears and worries

A guided self-help programme for parents
Running three times a year through term time
Next group starts on Friday 20th January 2023
[10:30am-12pm]

Have you noticed that your child presents as anxious in certain situations?
Or are they avoiding things due to fears and worries?
Does your child have a specific phobia that you are struggling to support them with?

We are here to help!

Bexley MHST are running this group to support any parents/carers that may be struggling with these difficulties.

There are 15 available places for each group. If the upcoming group is full, you will be placed on a waiting list.

If you would like to access this support, please fill out the expression of interest form below and we will contact you within 2 weeks of you completing the form.

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/C8JZIO/>

SENDCO

Save the Date



Star of the Week

Monday 3rd October - Flu Spray Day

Wednesday 5th October - Year 6

Please pay your PGL deposits by this date.

Thursday 6th October - Census Day

Friday 7th October - Hello Yellow Day

Children can come to school in non uniform with a yellow theme. Donations will be accepted to go towards the Hello Yellow charity who help children with their mental health.

Year 6 Bikeability Course

For more information please see your Arbor message or contact the school office.

Friday 14th October - Individual & Sibling School Photos

24th - 28th October - Half Term

Friday 18th November - Children in Need Theme: Rockstar & Pudsey wear

More information and home made costume ideas coming soon.

Parents Evening

9th November - 4-8PM

10th November - 4-6.30PM

Slots will be booked via Arbor from Monday 31st October.

ATTENDANCE

Bluebells	76.1%
RCATK	93.9%
RSAPLINGS	92.1%
1ASPEN	91.3%
1CHES	89.2%
1HAWT	95.2%
2ELM	94.7%
2NETTLE	94.4%
2ROWN	98.5%
3LP	96.5%
3MA	95.6%
3SB	91.4%
4MAPL	88.8%
4SPRU	93.5%
4Whitebeam	96.3%
5BEE	91.7%
5Linden	91.3%
5PINE	88.7%
6CED	96.9%
6ELD	95.6%
6OAK	96.0%

Class	Teacher	Star of the week
Bluebells AM	Mrs Eaton	Aubrey
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Saplings	Mrs Bailey	Demidas
Catkin	Mrs Consterdine	Dara
Hawthorn	Miss Milbourne	Isabelle
Aspen	Miss Nicholls	Lea
Chestnut	Mr Caton	Harrison
Elm	Miss Ettien and Mrs Chapman	Amelia
Rowan	Miss Smith	George
Nettle	Miss Newport	Bobby
Mountain Ash	Mr Skinner	Lila
Silver Birch	Miss Nash	Leon
London Plane	Mrs Atwell	Amelia
Maple	Mr Metchear	Anmol
Spruce	Ms Allen	Joshua
Whitebeam	Miss Page	Isabelle
Beech	Mr Ryan	Abraham
Linden	Miss Oliver	Precious
Pine	Miss Ludlow	Finley
Oak	Mrs Van Dyk	Amy
Cedar	Mr Clark	Macie
Elder	Mrs Parsons	Laura

Head Teacher's Award

Skyla

For supporting other children and being kind.

Millie, Amir, Scarlett & Frankie

For being Harvest Helpers