



# NORTHUMBERLAND HEATH PRIMARY NEWSLETTER

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD TEACHER

The children at Northumberland Heath have had another fantastic week of learning and enjoying all the fantastic learning opportunities across the curriculum.

Mr Caton led our parent coffee morning today where he discussed aspects of early reading with parents and carers and explored ways to help children learn these crucial early reading skills and develop a lifelong love of reading. Next week, Miss Redwood-Sawyer will lead a session on our curriculum offer and how children build knowledge throughout EYFS to Year 6.

The Friday drop-in on the first week back after half term (4th November) will be an opportunity to meet some of our governors informally in order to get to know them and their role at the school. We hope to see as many parents and carers there as possible in order to discuss aspects of the school and have real impact on our community going forward. We have had a group of children from across the school attend a multi-language day led by Bexley where children got to meet pupils from other schools and engage in activities which promoted an understanding of other cultures and learning of languages. It was a really great opportunity as it enabled children to learn with others and broaden their knowledge of other countries. One of the attendees said she really enjoyed learning songs in different languages – particularly the Oke Cokey!

Our PFA will be holding their Annual General Meeting on Thursday next week in the parent hub. All parents and carers are welcome to come along and meet others, share their views and put themselves forward to help if they can. The meeting will be held from 5-6pm and will be a great opportunity to meet - and maybe even join - the team.

Today is Hello Yellow Day and it has been great to see everyone dressed up in yellow for this important cause. Mental health and wellbeing is something we take seriously as a school and hope that we can use this to highlight the importance of mental health even further. If you have concerns about your child's wellbeing, you can always share your concerns with your child's teacher, one of our wellbeing coaches or any member of staff so we can work together to ensure our children can thrive.

Finally, we had a great time at our Mad Hatter themes lunch this week. Staff dressed up and children enjoyed special food on the theme. It was fantastic to see more children taking up the opportunity to taste our delicious hot food that the school provides at lunchtime. Please speak to the school office if you are interested in signing your child up for school meals.

Have a happy weekend,

Mr Leslie and all the staff at Northumberland Heath

Drop in Sessions -  
all at 8.45 - 9.30 on  
Fridays

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

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

Friday 4th November -  
school Governors

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

You can find daily updates,  
pictures of lessons and  
important notices on Facebook  
& Twitter



It was lovely meeting some of you at the coffee morning last week, putting a face to the name in some cases. For those of you who have concerns about your child, please speak with their teacher to discuss what you've noticed and to make a plan of action. You can also contact me on [nhpsenco@watschools.org.uk](mailto:nhpsenco@watschools.org.uk), but keep in mind that their teacher will know your child far better than I do. If you have any feedback on how we can improve what we do for children with SEND, please don't hesitate to get in touch!

SENCO



**GREAT WORK** On Wednesday,  
Year 2 made their  
own lemonade!  
We practised our  
juicing and  
grating skills,  
created  
instructions and  
tasted our  
creations!

# Save the Date



# Star of the Week

## Year 6 Bikeability Course

For more information, please see your Arbor message or contact the school office. Starting 10th October.

## Friday 14th October - Individual & Sibling School Photos

## 24th - 28th October - Half Term

**Wednesday 16th November** - Open Day for 2023-24 Reception & Nursery classes.

## 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

Registration Form	Present R/C: Marks
Bluebells	72.1%
RCATK	91.1%
RSAPLINGS	91.0%
1ASPEN	91.9%
1CHES	93.3%
1HAWT	85.7%
2ELM	95.4%
2NETTLE	91.1%
2ROWN	95.8%
3LP	98.3%
3MA	94.8%
3SB	86.8%
4MAPL	95.2%
4SPRU	96.1%
4Whitebeam	97.8%
5BEE	96.6%
5Linden	93.6%
5PINE	96.1%
6CED	85.9%
6ELD	97.0%
6OAK	90.4%

Class	Teacher	Star of the week
Bluebells AM	Mrs Eaton	Leea
Bluebells PM	Mrs Eaton	Max
Saplings	Mrs Bailey	Lilliana
Catkin	Mrs Consterdine	Mia
Hawthorn	Miss Milbourne	Cameron
Aspen	Miss Nicholls	Bibika
Chestnut	Mr Caton	Logan
Elm	Miss Ettien and Mrs Chapman	Toby
Rowan	Miss Smith	Alexa
Nettle	Miss Newport	Jamie-Jay
Mountain Ash	Mr Skinner	Camilla
Silver Birch	Miss Nash	Fiire
London Plane	Mrs Atwell	Joshua
Maple	Mr Metcheat	Kayleigh
Spruce	Ms Allen	Isabelle
Whitebeam	Miss Page	Malaki
Beech	Mr Ryan	Blessing
Linden	Miss Oliver	Jack
Pine	Miss Ludlow	Erica
Oak	Mrs Van Dyk	Layla
Cedar	Mr Clark	Mittie
Elder	Mrs Parsons	Kelly

# Head Teacher's Award

**Katie May  
Tayo  
Fifi**

for fantastic writing!