

North Ealing News



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"North Ealing works inclusively with our families to maximise the learning potential of all children in our community"

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Autumn 1

'Aim for the moon. If you miss, you may hit a star'.....W. Clement Stone

Introduction

Headteacher's Comments

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year despite the endless days of rain and the evenings drawing in. The NES Climate March set us off for a great year ahead thinking about sustainability, preparing our children for the future and a deep commitment to making a difference.

Vision and Values

As a result of an in depth review process involving a range of stakeholders we are updating and changing our school vision statement and learning values.

'At NES we inspire and nurture all our children to become aspirational life-long learners through an inclusive, ambitious and engaging curriculum'.

We feel this is a true reflection of all the hard work in transforming the curriculum at NES in addition to our constant high expectations. Further to this, we have added resilience to our behaviours for learning to help promote our belief that in order to learn we must experience a joy of not knowing things, making mistakes and experience a true challenge in our learning.

As a school we have worked very hard to develop a strong ethos about promoting reading, particularly reading for pleasure. We have started this year by discussing whether we do enough about writing for pleasure and how we can actively promote this at home and school. We are determined to develop a community of writers and need a commitment from everyone in the community to do this. We want to delve deeper into the compositional aspect of the writing; the purpose and audience of the writing; greater opportunities for pupils applying writing skills consistently across the curriculum and consider what an incredible skill it is for all of us.

Achievements

Whole School

Harvest Assembly

Please can we say huge thank you to everyone who contributed so generously to our harvest food collection on Monday 7th October. During the assembly we discussed the meaning of the word Harvest and the different ways to explain the term.

Harvest -The harvest is the time when you reap what you sow, as a verb, to harvest something means that you pick or gather it. As a noun, harvest means the time of year when crops are ripe and ready to be gathered.

We also explored a range of different meanings: gather in, accumulate, pile up, collect, garner, crop, cut, pluck, pick, cull, take in, draw in, glean, amass, gather the harvest, hoard, and take the yield. We discussed where our food comes from and the importance of sustainability and trying to buy local produce.

Rights Respecting School

We are very excited to be having whole school training on 'Going for Gold.' As we work towards achieving the Unicef's Gold Rights Respecting Schools Award. We will update you on our next steps.

Gardening at NES

We are so grateful to our dedicated gardening team who have already been so busy at work! We have started a bulb collection again and will be doing a whole school plant as soon as we have enough. The bulb tubs are on the school gates - please give generously.

We have had a request from a family to plant a tree up near the Pitshanger Lane entrance and we are looking for the best option for this.

We have also started planting vegetables with links to RHS soup making - watch this space.

The PTA has very kindly funded water butts for all areas of the school and this should help us with our watering schedule.

We are also working with a family at NES who have a landscaping company, to develop a woodland area in the Year 1 playground. We are so excited about the prospect of the addition to our site.

Healthy Schools London Silver Award

Once again we have been successful in attaining the Healthy Schools London Silver Award. I would like to thank Mrs Jackson and Ms Pile for all their hard work and look forward to attaining Gold next Year.

Walk to School October 2019

Well done to all those people who have managed to walk to school as much as possible for the last two weeks and have earned their stamps on their book marks. It is critical that we all work hard to reduce our carbon footprint at NES and keep ourselves fit and healthy. A big thanks to

Mrs Finn and the new Year 5 Junior Travel Ambassadors, Dora, Rishab, Eleanor, Ajuni, Lily and Betty for being so diligent in their stamping the bookmarks each day.

Filming at NES

Unfortunately due to the unpredictable weather conditions we have had to postpone our filming team but watch this space.

Pupil Achievements

Sporting Achievements

What a great start to the sporting year for both NES and Team GB out in Doha! This half term has seen some fantastic sporting achievements for North Ealing. We have participated in two football tournaments (Peal Shield and William Perkin Advanced Cup) and the Annual Cross Country Race.

A big congratulations to our cross country runners; Ella 6MP, Moana 6MP, Tyler 5S, Zak 5S, Kenzo 5S, Owen 6MP, Blake 6MP, Adam 6P, Rishab 5A, Joe 5A, Amber 6P, Flora 6P, Jude 5FJ, Isabelle 5A and Aron 5A. They all ran an excellent race. A special mention to Inian 6MP and Sam 6MP who were placed 16th/17th out of 156 children, a brilliant achievement for NES.

A huge well done to all our amazing sports stars that have represented North Ealing this half term, we look forward to reporting even more exciting news over the upcoming months.

We also have a new Sports Blog set up for all to view via the NES Learning Zone. It is linked to our School Games website and it will include updates on our competitions we have participated in. Next term we have more fixtures to look forward to including football and netball.

Sainsbury's Schools Games Mark

We are very excited that we have attained Gold again for last year and will continue to strive towards improving our sports opportunities at NES.

School Council

Our new School Council for 2019-20 have got straight down to work choosing the winner of the Nessie Competition, selecting a charity for this term and discussing how to spend the very generous PTA £500 contribution to School Council led initiatives.

Maths Competition Success

Adrian S, 6S, has recently won Gold with Distinction for a perfect score on the Annual Maths Competition, organised by the London School of Mathematics and Programming. This was part of the competition that is specifically organised for Year 5-6 students.

Attendance

Currently the school's overall attendance figure is 97.5% which is just below last year's figure of 97.6%. This is an excellent rate of attendance, well done to everyone for helping us to achieve this and keep coming to school as every day counts.

Please can we remind you all to ensure your children arrive on time for school. Lateness does affect the whole class, as well as the individual, as it causes a disruption to the teaching and

learning time of the children.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and you have given us authority for them to be on the Walk to School Register, please remember to advise the school office, by 8.30am, if they are absent/running late for any reason. Many thanks.

Please can we also remind you to try to make all non-urgent doctor and hospital appointments outside of school hours, however, we do appreciate that you sometimes do not have control over the appointment times allotted to you.

Be In The Know

EYFS

The children have made a fantastic start to this term in the EYFS. All the children across the Nursery and Reception classes have really settled in to routine at school. Full time nursery continues to be a success with the children adapting well to staying in school all day and having their lunch in the main hall.

The theme so far this term has been “All about Me” and the children have been thinking about what makes them special. Parents have been invited in for a variety of talks on phonics, the Prime Areas, Communication and Language and Personal, Social, Emotional Development. These have been well received and we always encourage parents to take advantage of these opportunities. Children have really enjoyed having Family Sharing sessions in Reception where we can spend some time with parents and family sharing what we are doing.

We hope the children have a great half term and look forward to seeing them on their return.

Key Stage 1

Well done to the children in Key Stage 1 for settling so well into the new term.

Year 1 have had a busy first half term. They have been making observations on the change of scenery and collecting autumnal objects in the park to study further at school. They have also been studying maps and using their knowledge on a virtual trip down Pitshanger Lane (the weather not helping out), noting landmarks and places of interest.

Year 2 have extended this map work by walking up the Lane and thinking about the use of keys in maps. This term they also enjoyed the workshop on Burglar Bill delivered by Monster Cat as well as the Book Explorer workshops where small groups went on a special visit to the library to read with our guest who also kindly left us some editions of the books.

We wish all the children a happy and safe break over the half term.

Key Stage 2

6S Class assembly - We were delighted to start our class assemblies with 6S sharing their exploration of ‘The Piano’ by Aidan Gibbons. This is a beautiful short animated film directed by Aidan Gibbons with a piece of music by Yann Tiersen called Comptine d’un Autre été: l’après midi in which an old man reminisces about his life. Thanks to all the children, Mrs Symes, Mrs

Stephens and Mrs Amin for all their hard work in telling us this thought provoking and emotional tale.

5A Class assembly –‘Victorians Got Talent’- Last week was the turn of class 5A who delivered a thoroughly entertaining assembly based on their knowledge of Victorian Britain. The children delivered some very important messages not only about notable people from the past, gender equality but also about how hard life could and can be for people living in poverty. It was so exciting to see all the children’s amazing inventions and hear their impressive ideas. Thank you to Mrs Allard and all the children of 5A.

Linked to their topic work on World War Two, Year 6 have been studying the Second World War paintings of Henry Moore and last Friday, they visited Tate Britain and had a great time developing their sketching skills in preparation for their Arts week project. This week, the children have sketched, designed and created, using papier mache, their own version of Henry Moore's sculptures. Finally, they have constructed their own bound books, much like the notebook beloved by Felix, the main character in their English text 'Once'.

Year 5 also had their Arts Week this week. This was linked to their topic ‘Victorians’. They started the week studying the life and works of William Morris, then moved on to designing and replicating his style of wall paper using mixed media. The week culminated in the children building their very own Victorian homes (wall paper and all), created mainly from recycled materials. It was great to see so many parents in to view all of the wonderful creation.

Last week Year 5 visited the Emirates Stadium for the Your Future Your Ambition (YFYA) event - an award winning Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) initiative developed to inspire, excite and engage pupils. Despite the long journey, it was fantastic opportunity - the children had a great time.

Signpost

Handwriting Competition

Think of an interesting sentence (or two!). Write it neatly in the NES handwriting font – all letters in words are joined. Write your name and class on your sheet. Give to your teacher on 28th October. Winners will be announced in assembly 4th November!

Sample sentences:

‘You are never too small to make a difference.’

‘The more that you read, the more things you will know.

The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go.’

Dates for your Diaries

Monday 11th November - Interfaith Week - celebrating difference – more details to follow.

Monday 11th November Anti-Bullying Week - celebrating difference - more details to follow.

Tuesday 12th November 9am -Coffee morning for families of children with additional needs in the School House. There will be a guest speaker, Matthew Jeat, from Ealing Parent and Carers' Forum.

Changes in Contact Details/Medical Conditions

Please remember to update the School Office with any changes in contact details and/or health needs or allergies your child may have.

Please ensure that the school has a valid number to contact you on during the day. If you are unable to access your mobile phone, please provide us with an alternative number in case of any emergencies.

Volunteers

Many thanks to all the parents who attended the coffee morning and have expressed an interest in volunteering in the school. We have made our first allocations to year groups and, whilst we await clearance for a handful more, would continue to welcome anyone else who would have any time to spare to help us in and around the school – we really do rely on your support!

Workshop at The Guardian

Here is a fantastic workshop being held at The Guardian on 9th November for families, see link below:

<https://www.theguardian.com/gnmeducationcentre/2019/aug/20/cartoon-and-art-family-day-saturday-9-november-2019>

School Half Term Holidays

School finished yesterday for the half term break, as today is a Staff Training Day. We wish you all a happy and restful break and look forward to seeing everyone back on **Monday 28th October**.
