

# 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 2

*'May hope rise within you. May peace wash over you'.....Charlene Costanzo*

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## Introduction

### Headteacher's Comments

#### **Thanks to All Staff at NES**

Please can we extend a very big thank you to all our teaching staff, support staff, office and site staff for the continuous hard work over the last term. As the year comes to a close we can look back at a wide range of achievements and exciting experiences. Some of my personal highlights are our climate change march, all the wonderful class assemblies and Christmas shows and taking some of the children to the British Film Institute to see the first screening of the NES Heyday Film. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the whole NES community for their support and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please all take the time to get some well earned rest and quality family time together.

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## Achievements

### Whole School

#### **Sporting Update**

We have had a great end to our term this year, as both the boys and girls football team have made it through to the next stages of the Peal Shield Cup. On Monday, both teams faced opposition from Lady Margaret School. The boys played first winning 2-1, with great goals from Alex B and Sam S (Y6). The girls were up next winning their game 4-0, Sety M (Y5) scoring all four goals. It was a wet and windy day, although both squads displayed exceptional teamwork and sportsmanship even through muddy boots.

Our upcoming competitions include gymnastics and basketball for Spring. A huge congratulations to all children that have taken part in sport competitions this term and have represented NES!

#### **North Ealing Christmas Fair 7th December**

Thank you to the PTA and everyone who managed to come along and support the Christmas Fair this year. Great fun was had by all and these days always make NES the special place it is! The fair raised a £5956.04 an incredible achievement!

## **Gardening Club**

Our wonderful gardening team have done an amazing job this year. Each child has planted a bulb kindly donated by the community, a range of vegetables have been planted and we have received a highly commended award from Ealing in Bloom. Thanks so much for the dedication to making our site look its very best.

## **School Film**

You will remember I wrote to you back in September about the making of the NES film for the school website. One sunny day in November we at last managed to capture the real essence of North Ealing. The film will go live on the first day back after the holidays. It is a heartwarming reflection of our fantastic children!

## **Poppy Appeal**

Thanks to everyone for supporting the Poppy Appeal again during November we raised just under £100.

## **Children in Need**

The School Council were very proud to have raised just over £600 for Children in Need this year.

## **Christmas Concerts**

It was a privilege to be able to attend all 7 concerts last week like to say thank you to all those who have been involved. The different performances were greatly enjoyed by all and we hope you all have fond memories of your children taking part.

The concerts kicked off with Year 1 presenting a 'Lights, Camel Action 2' themed nativity where we enjoyed some incredible dancing and some very tough judging!

Followed by our Key Stage 2 concerts which were held at St Barnabas again this term and the atmosphere was splendid. Years 3 and 4, supported by the choir and orchestra, treated us to a wide range of carols sang beautifully. Years 5 and 6 followed with a celebration of our beautiful world through songs, poetry and prose. There were so many highlights including a reminder of a number of the UNICEF articles and a charter for the rights of our planet. Thank you for a magical evening KS2!

Next up were the Nursery concerts which were held in the Nursery classrooms this year. The children sang with amazing confidence about snow people, putting their coats on, Jingle Bells, letter boxes and my favourite 'Santa Shark'. Well done Nursery!

On Friday 13th December Year 2 used poetry and song to retell the Nativity story. They delivered a set of very strong messages which we send to everyone in the community;

**A world of hope, filled full of peace**

**A caring call, let love increase**

*Christmas is a time for giving and receiving. Family and Friends gather together and share special food and special times at this time of year.*

Finally, the series of shows closed with Reception's 'The Stars are Coming Out for Christmas.' Reception used an imaginative and creative set of songs and a selection of prose to retell the

Christmas story. The Christmas dinner hats were a particular highlight and all the children looked remarkable. Well done Reception!

On behalf of the school, we would also like to thank St Barnabas for letting the church to us. Finally, we say a big thank you to all parents/carers and governors for attending the concerts and being such a warm and supportive audience.

Thanks to all our Cello players who played a selection of Christmas Carols for our final whole school assembly. The message to end the term was to think about peace and good tidings to all.

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## **Pupil Achievements**

### **Healthy School Award**

We are so proud to have just been awarded the Gold Award for Health Schools. We have to persevere and strive to improve all our children's health, diet and fitness. From January we are embarking on 'sugar smart initiative' to further reduce our sugar intake at school. Our plan is to gain the Platinum Award for next year.

### **Power Maths**

Thanks to Miss Hossami and Mrs Symes for all the hard work in introducing our new Maths Mastery programme this term. Power Maths has now been running for just over half a term at NES. One of the greatest strengths of Power Maths is that it supports the teaching of Maths mastery curriculum where questions are carefully designed to challenge children to view the same problem in many different ways, as well as being exposed to various representations of mathematical concepts. This strengthens children's understanding of a concept, with the end goal being that they can apply their understanding of a concept to a range of different mathematical problems. We continue to work hard to deepen our knowledge and skills in the teaching and learning of this new approach.

### **Heyday Film Festival**

Back in September a small group of Year 6 children spent the day with the Heyday Film Company making a film 'Zombie Outbreak'. The children were then invited to the premier screening of their film along with 16 other schools from across the country at the British Film Institute. It was such an exciting day and incredible to sit in a proper cinema to see the film. We will be showing this at school in early January.

### **Year 4 Visits' to St David's Care Home**

We have had two wonderful afternoons with some of our Year 4 pupils visiting St David's Care Home, just around the corner from school. On Monday, 6 of our pupils helped residents create the most beautiful Christmas table centres for their dining room and on Wednesday, 6 more of our pupils sat with residents and read them a story and chatted to them.

It has been a delight to see our pupils interact with members of the older generation in our local community: seeing their caring and thoughtful approach and showing such respect and interest in the people they spent time with. The residents were delighted to have such wonderful children in their midst and look forward to our next visit! Mrs Stonebridge

## **Poetry from Year 6 Tuesday 17th December**

I am a phoenix,  
I live on the clouds; seeking true enlightenment,  
I am the light you see in your sleep, making your dreams come true,  
My optimism is as full as my harmless heart,  
I am the bar you set for your-self,  
I am the infinite joy of achieving; stabbing all the bad thoughts like a samurai,  
My eyes are jewels, sparkling with ambitions,  
I am hope...

By: Inian and Blake - Year 6

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## **Attendance**

Last half term, Autumn 1: 04.09.19 – 17.10.19, the class with the best attendance was 4J with 99.3%. The classes with the best punctuality were 3GA and 5FJ. Overall, the school achieved 97.5% attendance for this period. Well done everyone and try to keep this up!

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## **Be In The Know**

### **EYFS**

What a busy half-term it has been in the Early Years department! Nursery children have not wasted a second of their time. They started by thinking about autumn and using their immediate environment to collect conkers and leaves to use in their art work. There were lots of celebrations over the half term: Diwali, Bonfire Night, Remembrance Day, St. Andrew's as well as our fantastic Inter-Faith Week. We were especially lucky to have parents come in to talk about their cultures and it was a great way to underline our ethos of respect and inclusivity at North Ealing Primary. Another way we promote our values is through our commitment to being a Unicef Rights Respecting School and two representatives from each class, including Nursery, met together to talk about our work as ambassadors. The children in Nursery all reflected on their rights, reading through the story, "I have a Right to be a Child," and creating art work on their rights to have healthy food.

Christmas would not be Christmas without a panto, and EYFS children were treated to a visit from a local theatre company who put on a performance of The Selfish Giant. The children were enthralled by the costumes and acting - as were a couple of visitors to the school who saw the actors arriving at the school site in full costume. Not something you see every day. And of course, the end of the term was marked by the beautiful Christmas shows. Well done to Nursery for their great performances in front of an audience for the first time. Reception children had prepared a really ambitious concert called The Stars Come Out For Christmas. They all put on a spectacular performance and wowed their parents and families with their confidence and dramatic talents. Well done to all and a big Thank You to all the adults who helped to make these wonderful events such a success.

We wish everyone a peaceful and restful break over Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

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## **Key Stage 1**

Children in Key Stage 1 all got out on trips this term. Year 1 went on their traditional trip to the Watermans Theatre in Brentford where the children watched a performance of Pinocchio. Year 2 children also got out to Perivale Woods. The children did not notice the weather as they explored the Learning Centre; it was a really creative day, making spider webs and sorting living and non living things. This all tied in to the topic of materials the children were covering in class and was a great way to consolidate prior learning and prepare them for follow up work.

Year 1 spent a week exploring their artistic talents and learning about the work of Andy Goldsworthy. They used their work on autumn to collect natural objects from their environment and use them to make land sculptures.

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. See you all in 2020.

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## **Key Stage 2**

There were three fabulous class assemblies in KS2 during this half term;

4J provided us with an engaging musical extravaganza on their Anglo Saxon topic. They included numerous cross curricular links and even managed to effectively reenact the tactics used in the Battle of Hastings with some great acting and comedy. You will even see a few clips from the rehearsal in the new school film! Thanks to Miss Jenkins, her team and the children for such an informative experience.

5FJ marked the end of Anti-Bullying Week with a celebratory game of Who Wants to be a Millionaire to showcase their in-depth understanding of what bullying means, the different types of bullying and how to recognise these. Through drama, music and an exploration of Unicef Rights of a Child, they provided the audience with a set of comprehensive tools to tackle bullying within NES and beyond. Well done Mr Facey and Mrs Jackson and all the children for providing such an important message for us all.

And finally, 6P's assembly on all things related to light managed to marry a display of scientific knowledge and research with a very entertaining tale about sources of light. Starting with the basic sources of light to the incredible inventions and discoveries made by human beings and how fundamental light is to the way we live! The assembly ended with an interview with Sir Isaac Newton to discuss his investigation into the incredible phenomena of colours. It left us all wanting to go and find out more --- Well done Miss Pitt and all the children in 6P.

This half term, every year group have been lucky enough to get out and about. Year 3 have been studying two of their favourite topics - Rocks & Volcanoes and The Human Skeleton so they planned a trip to the Natural History Museum to further contextualize their learning and to develop their lines of enquiry. An added bonus was a visit from our favourite geologist, Mr Jackson, who updated the children on his latest work and was able to answer many of their

questions - some of them higher order questions!

Year 4 went to the Museum of London to deepen their ties with the Anglo Saxons. They experienced one of the most spectacular discoveries - the burial ship at Sutton Hoo. The children returned with answers to many of the questions raised during lessons. Back at school, this was followed by video calls with historians from the National Trust, who shared replica artifacts and answered further questions.

Year 5 studied The Victorians this term so took the opportunity to visit Gunnersbury Park Museum to step back in time to experience what a Victorian kitchen was like. All children dressed up and role played Victorian Living - they examined the hierarchy within a household; what would have been cooked and the different types of utensils used in a Victorian kitchen.

Linking to their history topic of World War 2, Year 6 turned themselves into evacuees for the day and had a visit from our very own Mrs Housego who shared her very own experiences and memories of the evacuees billeted with her family during that time. This provided them with a first-hand account of what it would have been like. Many thanks go to Mrs Housego who continues to give her time so generously to NES.

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Ms Saxton. We wish her all the best with all her exciting travel itinerary and return to Australia. In the new term, Class 5S will be welcoming Ms Sweeney as their teacher for the remainder of the year.

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## Signpost

### NES Gallery Competition

Please find attached a flyer detailing information about our NES Gallery Competition. Entries need to be returned to Mrs Stonebridge by Friday 17th January 2020.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION :- Harrison Catering School Dinner Accounts

This information is only relevant if you *pay* for your child's school dinners.

Please remember that all school dinner monies need to be paid for ***in advance***.

A combined approach by Harrisons and NES to parental debt took effect from September 2017 whereby **ALL** meals have to be paid for in advance for children in Year 3 – 6. If there is any outstanding balance we ask parents to supply a packed lunch for their child until the outstanding balance is paid. **School meals currently cost £2.35 per day.**

**Please ensure your family is not faced with this situation by making sure your Harrison account is in credit.**

Hopefully these measures will go some way to reducing the debt the school has to pay at the end of each academic year due to non-payment.

We hope you can appreciate how important this is for the school and thank you for your

cooperation.

You can access the Harrison Catering website directly from the school website [www.northealingprimary.org](http://www.northealingprimary.org) From the home page, click on the 'quicklinks' tab then click on the 'Harrisons - School Dinners' tab to log on. Alternatively you can phone them on 020 8280 0318/0319 or pay on line at [www.ealingmeals.com](http://www.ealingmeals.com) or [www.ealingmeals.co.uk](http://www.ealingmeals.co.uk)

### **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.

### **Lost Property**

All items will be donated to Bag 2 School after today so please check for any items. Can we remind all parents to name all school uniform as there is a huge amount of lost property each day.

### **Last Day of Term:**

**Nursery finished Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December.**

**Reception – Year 6 finish today - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm. Children return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and look forward to seeing you in 2020.**

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