

North Ealing News



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'At North Ealing Primary we inspire and nurture all our children to become aspirational, lifelong learners through an inclusive, ambitious and engaging curriculum.'

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"Autumn leaves shower like gold, like rainbows, as the winds of change begin to blow".....Dan Milman

Information

Dear Parents and Carers

This half term has been a heartwarming and purposeful start to the academic year 2021-22. I would like to thank the whole school community for the commitment to get back into the swing of things and engage with school life. We hope that many of you were able to meet with your teachers online this week to hear about your child's progress and attainment, everyone is working so hard! The Senior Leadership Team have spent the last few weeks joining all the children in their classrooms to see how they have settled into their learning. A key priority for this year is raising standards through establishing a coherent and exciting curriculum and a renewed focus on Maths Mastery. As a staff we are continuously learning, drawing on research based evidence and engaging in professional discussion-we are all learners at NEPS. I hope that everyone manages to have a fun filled half term break, enjoying family time and rest.

Assemblies

Year 6-On Friday 15th October 6S performed the first class assembly to parents since March 2020. I have to say it was an emotional affair for staff who were so proud to see the children showcase their work on the topic about WW2. The children asked, 'Who were the heroes of WW2?' The acting, singing, narration and enthusiasm was fantastic! Can I thank all the children in 6S, Mrs Symes and Mrs Wineicka for all their hard work.

Year 3-Today 3G presented an uplifting class assembly based on the NEPS learning values, particularly perseverance. The children retold the story of 'Giraffes Can't Dance' emphasising the value of never giving up and how it is OK to be different. Well done 3 G and thank you to Miss Green and Ms Peppi for all the hard work.

Our whole school assembly this week focussed on Famous Artists and how we can all be creative, a NEPS learning values. We discussed some less well known but very influential artists and then set ourselves a whole school task, see details below;

School Art competition

- Choose a famous artist
- Try to use their technique
- A4 or A3 or 3D
- Different media
- Name and class on the back
- Closing date Friday 5th November
- Prizes for each year group entry
- Displayed in the NEPS Gallery
- Example of an artist and a technique but you can choose anyone you want!



Amy Sherald uses a technique called Grisaille in her work, which is a technique whereby a painting is executed only in tones of grey – she does this as a way of challenging the concept of colour-as-race.

Curriculum

This half term Year 6 have been thinking about their big question: Who were the heroes of World War Two?

Last week they enjoyed being 'evacuated' to Devon and spent the morning experiencing what it would have been like to be fostered by another family during the war. They wrote letters home which detailed their own experience and stories of those they 'met'. They also learnt about our very own NEPS Anderson Shelter and designed and made their own. Great work Year 6! 6S rounded off the week off with a fantastic assembly on WWII...

Year 5 put their creativity skills to use in designing and making moving vehicles. The children had to think about driving forces, aerodynamics and friction in their designs. The project linked to our work on Forces in Science and Transport in our History unit. At the end of a fun and engaging week, the children took part in the 'North Ealing Grand Prix'.

Year 4 created some wonderful 3D Anglo-Saxon villages. Children designed their settlements and developed their plans, drawing on their knowledge from their Anglo-Saxon topic in History. Children constructed model houses covered in textures made with a variety of recycled materials. Well done Year 4 for creating such fantastic pieces of art displaying all you have learnt about settlements so far!

Nursery have had a fantastic first half term. They have settled in really well and have made good progress at remembering to choose it, use it and put it away! They have explored all the classrooms indoors and outdoors safely and enthusiastically. Every day the children embrace learning new things and developing a range of skills. We celebrated this achievement yesterday with our end of half term party based on our weekly book, 'Room on the Broom', everyone had a really fun time.

School Council

At the last School Council meeting the children had consulted their classes about what the children are enjoying at school at the moment and what could be better. There was unanimous feedback regarding how much the children are enjoying their lessons and the curriculum as a whole.

With regards to what could be improved at school the main topic was the toilet doors in Year 5 and 6 and the lunch portions being served. Following these concerns I have met with our wonderful SBM, Mrs Gordon and we are securing money from our capital funding to replace the toilet doors. We have also been in constant contact with ISS catering company to look at the portions being served at lunch-this is under constant review.

Music Updates

Our choir has met weekly since the return to school. They have explored a huge range of styles; Hip-Hop, Ballad rock and songs in 3 parts! November 28th is 'Light up the Lane ' and we will be there.

Our orchestra entertained parents and carers on Thursday morning with four varied pieces. They have done so well to achieve so much so quickly this half term.

Sports Updates

Last week, we saw our team of Year 6 students take on other Ealing schools in the local Tag Rugby tournament at Ealing Trailfinders. Both teams played exceptionally well winning 3rd and 7th place. A special mention to the parent helpers; Mrs Mullholland and Mrs El Baba, who really got stuck in as nominated team managers - Thankyou.

We would also like to congratulate Hal (Y6), who this week received a letter from Ealing Council qualifying for the LYG Cross Country event.

We are looking forward to seeing our Netball team in action this Friday and an assortment of other competitions after half term.

PTA

Autumn Disco-Thanks so much to the hardworking PTA members who put on the School Disco last Friday. I do not think I have ever seen the children as excited as they were in the lead up. The whole evening was very well organised and there were plenty of helping hands-welldone.

Park run-this is always such a popular event with the whole school community and we are grateful to all the volunteers and staff for making these special events happen for the children.

Amazon wish list-each day we receive a few more items from our wishlist. We are very grateful to be able to add to school resources from that very generous initiative, keep them coming!

Online Safety Information

Take a look at the information below from [National Online Safety](#).

Have you thought about joining National Online Safety?

Sign up and get instant access to hundreds of free information guides on the latest apps, games, devices, and online risks – including streaming services, age restrictions and how to set up parental controls on phones and tablets.

You may have heard of Squid Game, a programme on Netflix that has been very popular recently. It's rated 15 due to its violent nature and adult content. But there have been reports of younger children also watching it.

Children might also have seen parts of the programme recreated as challenges on social media, for example on TikTok, or they may have seen or played an online game that it is based on.

Recently, there have been some media reports of children recreating violent aspects of the show, though there have not been reports of any children being seriously hurt.

What should parents do?

It might be tempting to, but do not directly raise Squid Game with your child – they might be unaware of it, and mentioning it could make them more likely to seek it out.

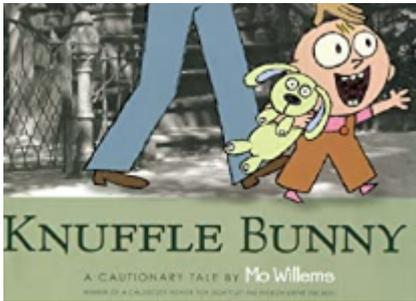
Do let your child know they can talk to you about anything they see online that they find upsetting. If you hear them talking about Squid Game or if they mention it to you, talk to them about how the show is not meant for young children.

For more pointers on talking to your child about online safety, see this page on the NSPCC website:

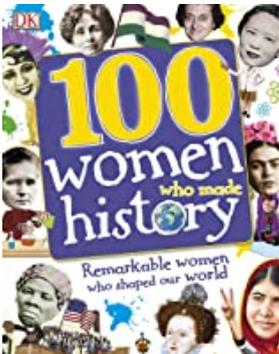
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

We would encourage you to take this opportunity to check your Netflix settings for your child's profile. You can set maturity ratings so that your child only sees TV shows and films that have a rating suitable for their age. Please do contact us if you would like some help around this.

Book Recommendations



Knuffle Bunny by Mo Williams -This book is about a little girl and her favourite teddy. The teddy gets lost and then the girl's family try to find the teddy. I think this book is really funny because I like the part that she tries to tell that the teddy is lost. **Chloe, 1B**



The Hundred Women Who Made History by Andrea Mills, Clare Hibbert, and Rona Skene - The characters in this book are all real women. They are famous people like Malala Yousafzai and Queen Elizabeth II. The book gives you lots of information. I would give the book a 100,000 out of 100,000 star rating! **Florence, 3G**

Rights Respecting



Article 16 – The Right to Privacy

Every child has the right to privacy. The law should protect the child's private, family and home life, including protecting children from unlawful attacks that harm their reputation

Travel News: Choosing Healthy, Safe, Sustainable Travel

Our aim is to continue working with you, our children and staff to help us all choose healthy, safe, sustainable travel.

Good News To Celebrate

On Monday 5th October we officially joined Ealing's School Street's campaign. It means that every morning from 8.30am-9.15am, and every afternoon 2.45pm-3.15pm the top end of Meadvale Road and Summerfield Road are pedestrian and cycling only zones and this is monitored by installed cameras.

We have just completed our 10 day Active Challenge, well done to all pupils and parents who made that extra effort to be more active travelling to school. The top performing year groups were at the lower end (Nursery) and higher end of the school (Year 5). Class 5R were the most active class in school –Congratulations!

Next Term

We will take part in NEPS Road Safety Week 1st November-8th November. All children should wear a brightly coloured outfit on Tuesday 2nd November 'Be Bright to be Seen' and we ask you as parents/ carers to send in a voluntary contribution that we will donate to the charity BRAKE. The children will take part in assemblies and road safety lessons during the rest of the week.

Here are a few road safety rules for kids that you could teach your children:

- Cross the road at the Zebra Crossing.
- Do not run on the streets.
- Always walk on the pavement.
- Do not stick your hand or head out of a moving vehicle.
- Strap on seatbelts in cars.
- Get off on the safer side of the car.
- Gear up for bicycle rides.

Signpost

Punctuality

Dropping off - It is important to be on time as the first part of the school day is used to give out instructions or organise school work for the rest of the day. Late arrivals are disruptive to the whole class and often embarrassing for your child. We take the view that there are no late children, only late parents. The school gates open at 8.45am and we expect children to arrive to enter the classroom in time for lessons to start at 8.55am.

If you are late in the morning – from 8.55am – your child will be required to go directly to the Office to sign in.

School Uniform

The North Ealing uniform should be worn at all times. Please refer to the school uniform list below.

- No jewellery should be worn other than religious jewellery or SMALL stud or sleeper earrings for pierced ears
- Wristwatches may be worn (no Smartwatches)
- Long hair should be tied back

Nursery - Navy blue school logo sweatshirt, navy tracksuit trousers, white polo shirt, black trainers.

Reception - Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress with grey socks/tights, white polo shirt, navy blue school logo sweatshirt, black trainers.

Summer uniform - grey shorts with grey socks or summer dress (blue/white checks or stripes) with white socks and black trainers.

Years 1-6 - Grey trousers, skirt or pinafore dress with grey socks/tights. White buttoned shirt, school tie and grey jumper/cardigan.

Summer uniform - grey shorts with grey socks or summer dress (blue/white checks or stripes) with white socks and black trainers

Shoes (Nursery- Year 6)

- Children are required to wear **black** trainers without logos.
- Trainers must be worn for the daily mile.
- Children should *not* wear open-toed sandals or Crocs.

Small selection of plain black trainers are available from our school uniform shop, Juniper (details are on the school website)

<https://www.northealingprimary.org/north-ealing-primary-school-uniform-policy/>

P.E. Kit

- Navy shorts, yellow school logo T-shirt and black trainers – all in a labelled bag.
- School logo sweatshirt and plain navy tracksuit trousers may be worn for outdoor games in winter.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD'S NAME IS ON EVERY ITEM OF SCHOOL CLOTHING, LUNCH BOXES, BOOK BAGS AND WATER BOTTLES.

School Lunches

The new arrangements seem to have been working well. Again, if you have not informed the catering company of medical allergies this is vital and must be done without delay. Please ensure that you register and make payments in advance of your child/ren having a school lunch. The cost of a meal is £2.35 per day and the link below will enable you to register/login in.

<https://parents.feedinghungryminds.co.uk/register>

Reporting Absences

Please can we remind you to report ALL absences to the school office by 8.30am. This can be done by calling the absence line 0208 997 2653 and leaving a message, texting using the Schoolcomms App or emailing admin@northealing.ealing.sch.uk . Please indicate your child/ren's name, class and full reason for absence. Stating they are 'unwell' is not sufficient. Many thanks for your cooperation in this.

Covid Cases in School

We have had a small number of covid cases in school since returning in September. Please remain vigilant with LFTs and look for symptoms at all times. Please ensure you tell the school immediately if your child tests positive and do not send your child to school until the 10 day isolation is completed.

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.

Half Term Reminder

We will finish for the October half term today, Friday 22nd October 2021, at the usual time and return to school on Monday 1st November 2021.

We wish you all a restful half term break.