

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.'

Friday 12 November 2021

'Standing up for someone who's being bullied shows care and courage in your heart.'...Semi-Delicate Balance

Information

Dear Parents and Carers

With the Autumn term 2021 in full swing we are very proud of how all the children are engaging with school life and particularly their learning across the curriculum. We pride ourselves at NEPS on the core achievements in our learning without forgetting all the enhanced and extra-curricular endeavours that happen each day. Our recent Art Competition was an example of the children throwing themselves into the task at hand! The entries are phenomenal and we hope to display all of them in the gallery and beyond. We will be celebrating in the assembly on Monday 15th November.

Assemblies

On Monday 15th November the assembly theme will be 'One Kind Word'. Please take this



opportunity to speak with you children about what we can do to be kind to one another and also discuss the meaning of bullying including cyber bullying. See the parent pack below that is on the school website.

<https://www.northealingprimary.org/anti-bullying-week/>

5MT Class Assembly

'Can You Feel the Force?'

5MT took us through a very practical and enlightening explanation of their recent big question, How do forces affect objects? Through the use of song, storytelling and practical experiments and a dose of risk taking the children demonstrated their learning and achievements. Can we thank Ms McCready, Mrs Tranter and Mrs Mohindra and all the children for a simply brilliant assembly and we look forward next week to seeing 6F in action.

Online Safety Information

Tiktok/Facebook/Twitter/Snapchat/Instagram/Reddit/Twitch/Omegle..etc etc? Not sure if your child should be using it? North Ealing has invested in the 'National Online Safety' platform which has a wealth of useful information and advice so that you are able to make the best choices for your child. It takes two minutes to register and is completely free to you. You can download it on your phone, tablet or computer. Please click on the link below to join our safer community.

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/enrol/north-ealing-primary-school>

<https://info.nationalonlinesafety.com/mobile-app>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-age-can-my-child-start-social-networking>

Social media, in particular, is causing considerable issues in communities and we need to work together, home and school, to provide consistent safeguarding.

School Council Updates

Monday 15th Nov all children are to wear odd socks to school in order to celebrate difference.

The children have asked for Friday 19th November to be a PJ day for Children in Need-all children to donate £1 please.

There has been a lot more discussion on kindness.

Curriculum

Last week Year 5 were treated to a special Geography Day to round off their History unit 'Why is Ealing here?'. We teamed up with Roehampton University's Geography specialist students and their lead, Anthony Barlow. The focus was on developing a sense of distance, orientation, scale and positioning systems. And to gain a sense of place. The three Year 5 classes collaborated using three different scales of study to explain and compare human, physical and environmental geography in space and place. The children gained so much from the experience and had a lot of fun. Thanks to those who popped in to have a look and a chat.

We were also lucky enough to have Dr Brett St Louis - a senior sociology lecturer from Goldsmith University, and one of the country's top mathematicians, Jennifer Elevique, Zoom in to share their stories, celebrate those people from the past and present who contribute to our society today and to inspire and encourage our children to work hard and realise their dreams.

EYFS

The children in Reception had a fantastic day this Tuesday learning how to scoot safely and for fitness. The Scoot Fit instructor had the children (and one or two adventurous teachers) scooting in no time around an obstacle course to music and all the children had a great time.

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In Year 1 the children have been practising crossing the road safely as part of Road Safety Week in PSHE lessons. They have also been busy making Papel Picados, Mexican art banners, which are related to their new core text - A Gift from Abuela.

In Year 2, the children have been engrossed in their science experiments to do with the topic of materials. They have thought about and used a variety of materials to create a container to safely contain an egg; they are very excited to try them out today! They have also been learning about space through their core text, Way Back Home, learning space related songs to help.

Music Updates

The choir is busy rehearsing for 'Lighting Up the Lane' on November 28th, the PTA Christmas Fair on December 3rd and various concerts towards the end of term! Please come and support us! New members will be able to join in January 2022.

The orchestra is also working hard at 'Pirates of the Caribbean' and items for the end of year concerts. New members of Grade 1 and above ALWAYS welcome.

In our class music sessions, pupils are working on the New Model Music Curriculum (singing/listening/composing/performing) and also linking this to their current class topics.

Year 3 have started their first ukulele lessons, thanks to the generosity of PTA funding, supporting our school's Music Mission Statement, 'everyone is a musician'. This will be extended to other year groups in due course.

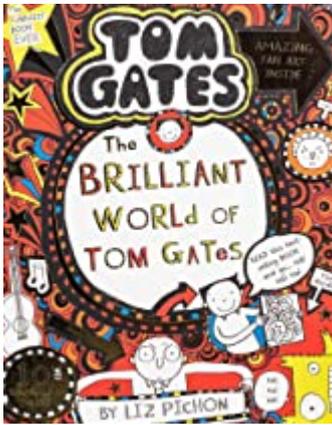
Sports Updates

This term, Sports Council have met to share ideas and improvements that can be made in the playground. They have requested the return of a ball day rota in Year 5 and 6 which has been implemented.

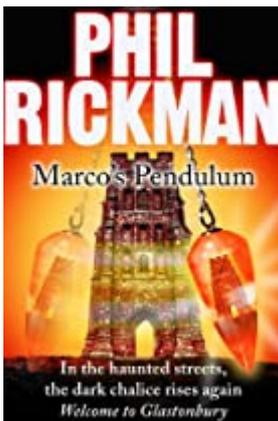
They have also requested the return of Playground Leaders to support with games in the playground during lunch times. Year 6 Playground Leaders have been briefed about how to lead games and how to act as positive role models for the younger children.

Last week, a group of Year 5 and Year 6 girls participated in a local Ealing girl's football competition. All the girls who took part were determined to achieve their best and gave 100% effort in each game they played. It was such a success that our Year 5 team came away with gold medals for 1st place and our Year 6 team placed 4th. A special mention to Ina (Y6) and Isabella (5A) who displayed exceptional team spirit. Mr Allen also took our boy's team out for a friendly game against Montpelier Primary which saw us come away with a win. Good luck to both boys teams who are playing today at a Primary school competition which is being held at William Perkin School.

Book Recommendations



The Brilliant World of Tom Gates by Liz Pichon is about a boy who likes to draw pictures and read secretly in class. The main characters are Tom Gates, his friends Derek Fingle and Norman Watson and Mr Fullerman his teacher. It is set in a large town somewhere in southern England. I like it when Norman is running around the playground with his jumper above his head shouting "I'm a spaceman!" (repeatedly). 5 stars! **Henry Year 3**



Marcos Pendulum by Phil Rickman. This book is about a boy who is sent to stay with his crazy grandparents in Glastonbury. He soon realises that the town is magical and, although this makes him excited, he also faces many challenges along the way. I am really enjoying this book because it has some great vocabulary and keeps the tension up. I would recommend it to anyone who likes magical stories. The best thing is that you can find a copy of this book at school: just ask one of the Year 6 teachers or me! **Mathu, Year 6.**

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

READING RECOMMENDATIONS



Puffin Books is working with the Anti-Bullying Alliance to support this year's Anti-Bullying Week, and have created a list of children's books that focus on kindness, empathy, and accepting other people's differences.



Clean Up!

By Nathan Bryon and Dapo Adeola

Age Range: 2 – 5 years

This empowering picture book will encourage children to spread kindness by aiding their local community, as Rocket sets off on a mission to save a Caribbean island from plastic pollution.



Wonder

By R.J. Palacio

Age range: 8 – 12 years

Consistently heralded as the number one children's book which focuses on bullying, *Wonder* features ten year old Auggie, born with a facial abnormality, on his journey being sent to a real school for the first time. A funny, frank and moving book about the importance of empathy and choosing to be kind.



Charlotte's Web

By E.B. White

Age range: 8 – 12 years

A modern children's classic, Wilbur and Charlotte's unlikely friendship is sure to inspire children to champion those who might not be able to champion themselves.

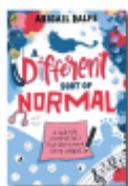


The Butterfly Club

By Jacqueline Wilson

Age range: 8 – 12 years

Best-selling author Jacqueline Wilson has written a heart-warming story on friendship, confidence and becoming your own person in *The Butterfly Club*, where Tina is split up from her two sisters for the first time and is instead paired with angry Selma, who has more to her than first meets the eye.



A Different Sort of Normal

By Abigail Balfe

Age range: 8+

The beautiful true story of one girl's journey growing up autistic - and the challenges she faced in the 'normal' world. A remarkable non-fiction read to help children empathise with others differences.

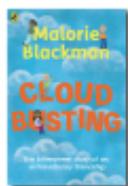


You Must Be Layla

By Yassmin Abdel-Magied

Age range: 8 – 12 years

When Layla gets unfairly suspended from her new school, where she's the only black, Muslim student, she's determined to prove herself and stand up against those who try to put her down.



Cloud Busting

By Malorie Blackman

Age range: 8 – 12 years

A bittersweet story about an extraordinary, unexpected friendship, told entirely through verse. A funny and poignant read about seeing things from another's perspective and perfect for more reluctant readers.



Pig Heart Boy

By Malorie Blackman

Age range: 9 – 12 years

A powerful, thought-provoking story by the incredible Malorie Blackman, about a boy who undergoes an experimental treatment for his heart condition, teaching the importance of accepting people's differences.

www.puffin.co.uk

Rights Respecting

Ahead of Anti-Bullying Week taking place from 15-19 November, we are exploring Articles 2 (non-discrimination), 12 (respect for the views of the child) and 19 (protection from violence, abuse and neglect).



Signpost

School will be closed on Friday 26th November for staff training.

We will also be having an extra bank holiday in 2022 to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, therefore the Spring Term will commence for children on Thursday 6th January 2022. Wednesday 5th January will be a staff training day.

Punctuality

We are still seeing a significant number of children arriving late each day. 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 – you and your child will be required to go directly to the Office to sign in. Please do not attempt to wander around the school once the day has begun.

School Lunches

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.

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.