

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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'Kindness is a language that everyone understands.'...Mother Teresa

Information

Dear Parents and Carers

I am sure that the whole community will join me in thanking all the teaching staff, support staff, office and site staff for their relentless commitment and dedication over the past term, particularly with the increasingly challenging climate we all find ourselves in again. It is always a very demanding time of year and I know that despite the recent restrictions the children have greatly enjoyed accessing the varied aspects of school life. We remain optimistic and look forward to a safer 2022 and beyond.

Can I also thank the PTA who have managed to raise significant funds throughout the term. The team has managed to come up with a wonderful range of alternative

fundraising ideas. We have been able to purchase a set of Interactive White Boards for the Year 2 classrooms and have plans for the same in the Year 1 classrooms. We also have received the money raised through the CO-OP community fund which we are using to enhance our outside areas. Please can we encourage all NEPS families to get involved with the PTA and contribute to the many fundraising or volunteering activities. We hope there will be a range of very exciting events next term and during the summer so please sign up and join the fun!

A big thank you to all our volunteers who we have been able to welcome back into school this term. As ever this contribution has helped and supported the school with a number of tasks that would not get done without the additional support.

Finally, can I thank all parents and carers for supporting NEPS each day and we wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Please all take the opportunity to share some high quality family time together and keep safe.

Staff Leavers

In the natural rhythm of school life we often have to say goodbye to valued members of staff. Ms Weber who joined NEPS in 2013 has had a number of roles at the school from a classroom teacher, English Lead with a specialised focus on Phonics to an Assistant Head and more recently the Senco role. Ms Weber is joining the Read Write Inc organisation as a trainer and we are very thankful to her for her commitment to NEPS over a number of years. We are very excited for Ms Weber and wish her all the best in her new endeavour. We are also saying goodbye to Miss Hossami who has taught in many areas of the school and was hugely instrumental in the introduction of the Mastery Maths approach. Thank you to Miss Hossami for all her dedication to NEPS, we wish her well and hope she will return to see us in the future. Finally, Mrs Ward in our EYFS team will be leaving us this term, we thank her and wish her luck with her future plans.

Assemblies and Christmas Shows

Our last assembly of 2021 was focussed on the upcoming holiday season. It explored 'giving' as well as 'receiving' and asked our pupils to think about what this time is about for them personally as well as for others.

Our school learning values and core principles were covered in detailed: Nurturing Values, Enquiring, Purposeful Learning and Sustainability.

- What can YOU do to say, 'Thank You,' to our planet - our best present ever?
- How can YOU make things better for all of our neighbours on the planet?
- Will YOU be able to say, 'I did my best for everyone' at the end of 2022?

Congratulations to all the children and staff who have managed to produce our annual festive performances virtually for everyone to enjoy at home. They are all unique, with each year group having added its own special touches - a time skilled and time consuming task, mainly completed by the younger members in the teams! We must also thank Mr Davies who came in for a day to film and edit some of the KS2 shows!

Online Safety Information

A free gift from us to you! It could be the best present that you ever receive for you and your wonderful family!

Just click on this link:

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

Please remember over the holidays to keep an eye on your child's activities online. It is a great time to have fun with new games, devices and festive chats; if you have any concerns about how the children can do this safely, please do visit our online portal through the link above and the helpful links on our school website under the Curriculum - Online Safety at NEPS tab.

Curriculum

Spring 1 Term **curriculum maps** for each year group will be placed on the [school's website](#) in the next few days. Please have a look so you can see what your child is going to be studying. You can then ask them questions/challenge them about their learning.

For homework recently, Year 5 were asked to write acrostic poems linked to Anti-Bullying week.

Leo H:

Kindness

Kind and respectful
Is important to us here.
No one should be excluded,
Deep inside, everyone should be empathetic.
Never bully other people.
Essential to smile and give lots of hugs.
Stand together,
Stronger together.

Bella MC:

Friendship

Friends always stick together.
Respect everyone,
Include each other in P.E.
Enjoy each other.
Nice and show kindness.
Depend on each other.
Say sorry when they are wrong.
Helping and has empathy.
Interested in each other.
Peacefully playing.

Xilun:

Respect

Respect everyone, we're all different.
Everyone is special in their own way,
Simply just be nice to everyone.
Peace is always the way.
Easily make friends by being kind.
Celebrate our differences,
Together we can do anything!

William S:

Respect

Recognise our differences

Equality is the key.

Show kindness to all.

Play with others and have fun.

Everyone should be caring.

Chat with someone to cheer them up.

Together we can make everyone happy.

Last month, Year 3 participated in a fantastic trip to the Natural History Museum. As the children have been learning about The Stone Age and evolution, we investigated the links between 'Lucy' and modern humans in the 'Human Evolution' section of the museum. The children have also been learning about different types of rocks, in science, and will be moving on to learning about volcanoes in geography so this was an excellent opportunity to 'hook' them in! They had an amazing time and were a credit to the school. Many thanks to the parents who volunteered to help, your help, as always is much appreciated.

Five enthusiastic historians from year 4 went for a fantastic morning at St Benedict's school in Ealing. The children looked at how the vikings managed to sail, invade and trade around the world. They looked at runes and riddles and got creative making posters. The day culminated in a surprise role play from the sixth formers at the school which gave us all a shock and a giggle!

This week Year 4 took part in a virtual STEM Christmas Quiz by STEM Ambassador Hub London. The webinar was run by two Ambassadors for primary school children across the UK. Year 4 worked collaboratively in their classes to answer questions such as 'Where would you find a Christmas Tree worm?' (The Ocean) and 'What part of the plant is a Brussel Sprout?' (the bud). We were interested to learn that for an artificial Christmas Tree to be more sustainable than a real tree, it must be used for ten years in order to be greener than a real tree. The children asked lots of enquiring questions and learnt some fun and festive facts along the way!

Reception children used and developed their DT skills in a project to make Christmas baubles for their trees. They went from the planning and design stage through to production and were very proud of the results. It helped get them into the festive spirit too, so some great multitasking, children!

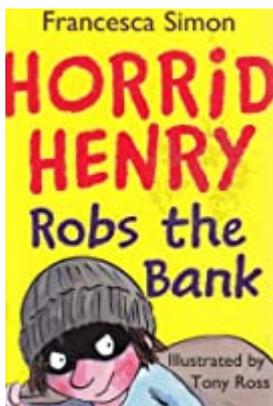
EYFS Tour

Many thanks to Mrs Finnerty for leading the EYFS tour of the school virtually last week. It was very well attended and received by parents and prospective parents who got a glimpse through videos at a day in the life of the EYFS and a thorough presentation and Q&A session.

Music Updates

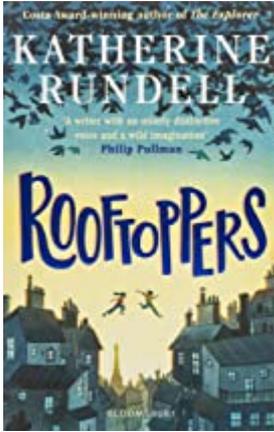
- Thanks so much to Ms Page and Ms McCready for directing our school choir in the absence of Mr Mehew at 'Lighting up the Lane'. They all made us very proud. Well done everyone!
- The choir will start again w/b 10/1/22 and we are REALLY hopeful that the ESMA Concert in May will go ahead. Plans have started! We are open for new members!
- Orchestra will also start w/b 10/1/22 - new members of Grade 1+ level welcome!
- It is hoped to start the 'training orchestra' next term - conditions permitting!
- Year 5 will be using the PTA-funded SAMBA BAND kit next half-term and Year 3 have started their lessons on the ukulele (also PTA funded). We will appreciate the enthusiasm for music provision in our school!

Book Recommendations



Horrid Henry Robs the Bank by Francesca Simon -

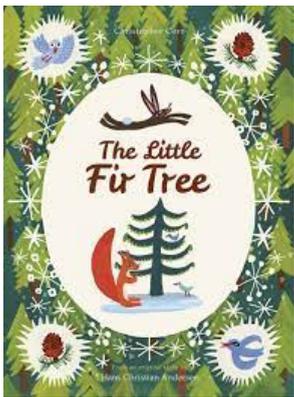
I like this book because I like Horrid Henry books. Horrid Henry is a boy who is very horrid. He has a younger brother called Peter. I would recommend this book 8/10. **James 2K.**



Rooftoppers by Katherine Rundell -

This story is about a girl called Sophie, who was found floating in a cello as a baby. She is adopted by an eccentric man, who cares for her for many years. After an event which could change their lives forever, they escape to Paris, where Sophie is convinced her long-lost mother lives. Once in Paris, Sophie meets a rooftopper called Matteo: a person who lives on the roofs of houses all over Paris. Together they try to find Sophie's mother. I like the character of Sophie, as she is curious, funny and can be quite cheeky at times. I especially enjoyed the part when Sophie and Matteo walk over a tightrope, which is scary and funny at the

same time. I would recommend this for people who are 8+ because the plot is exciting and thrilling and you become very connected with the characters. **Bodhi, Year 6.**



The Little Fir Tree By Hans Christain Anderson

Something festive from Mrs Flowers;

Instead of being happy with what it has and what it is, the fir tree wants more. Andersen's tale teaches a lesson about how we look at the world. Instead of looking at the negatives, we should look for the positives all around us.

Rights Respecting

Article 14

December is an important month for several religions with people across the UK celebrating Christmas, Hanukkah and Kwanzaa amongst other holidays and festivals. This is a great opportunity to explore Article 14 which ensures children freedom of thought, belief and religion.

Every child has the right to think and believe what they choose and to practise their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. We

hope this Article will remind and help you to think about all faiths in your school, have a respectful discussion exploring different views and celebrate the wonderful diversity of all our thoughts and beliefs.

Signpost

Lost Property

As ever there are a number of items in lost property. These will be placed outside in the playgrounds today and tomorrow. Please have a look if your child has lost anything and please take unnamed items if you would like to. All lost property will be sent to recycling after tomorrow.

Covid Updates and Reminders

In preparing for next term and the government's strategy, we do not have any details yet. We are planning for all eventualities and would ask that all parents check their emails before our return to school on January 6th 2022. All we can do is check the situation as it unfolds as we have in the last 20 months of the pandemic.

We have added the link for the most recent guidance:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak/step-4-update-what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges>

Please can we stress to everyone how important it is to get your vaccinations and follow the most recent guidance. It is our collective duty to protect the NHS for all those people who need urgent medical care, please play your part.

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.

End of Term Information

School closes tomorrow, Friday 17th December, at 1.30pm. Please collect your children promptly.

Wednesday 5th January 2022 is a Staff Training Day, so the school will be closed to pupils.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on **Thursday 6th January 2022** and wish you and your family an enjoyable break.



