

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 1st April 2022

'Spring adds new life and new beauty to all that is'.. Jessica Harrelson

Dear Parents and Carers,

This newsletter falls just over two years after the UK was placed into its first Covid-19 lockdown. We hope that things continue to open up for all of us and that NEPS life will continue to go back to a new normal. I also wanted to take the opportunity to thank each of you once again for the incredible support over the past two years. Without this partnership it would have been so much more difficult to cope with the difficulties we were faced with and most importantly support all the children who attend NEPS. We have had an incredibly packed Spring Term and I hope this newsletter captures a number of the most recent events and achievements. Can I also take this opportunity to wish everyone a fun packed Spring Break and Happy Easter.

Staffing Updates

The end of term brings some changes to staffing here at NEPS. We are very sad to say goodbye to Mrs Amin who has worked in many areas of the school for a number of years. We wish her luck in her new position and for the future. We are also saying goodbye to Mr Di Lorenzo who came to NEPS as a temporary teacher and has remained with us for two terms. Thanks for everything and we know you will be back as a supply teacher at times next term. We welcome Mr Doherty our new site manager who has started at NEPS, please say hello to him on the school gate. After Easter we look forward to welcoming Mr Gami to 1H who joins us from a local Ealing school bringing with him a wealth of experience. We also look forward to Mrs West starting at NEPS joining Mrs Robinson as the school Senco.

School Council

Thanks to the very hardworking School Council who have managed a number of events this term. The highlight has to be arranging the Earth hour day and events throughout the week. We had a whole school assembly to look at ways we can help to tackle climate change - this set the tone for the week. The children entered a poster competition; had lessons centred around looking after the environment; on Friday dressed in natural colours or as animals and donated a £1 to raise money for World Wildlife Fund and between 2pm-3pm all lights and most computers were switched off to support the cause. Next term we will have a new charity and will be organising a number of sporting themed events as the weather improves, we hope!

Eco Team KS2 Assembly

The Eco Team's assembly for KS2 was a real insight into what they are planning for the coming months and what their longer term action plan looks like. We have been asked to start with recycling white board pens & markers, batteries and glue sticks - these will be sent off to be recycled. Our recycle boxes are filling up fast. The focus for the summer term is to reduce the school's carbon footprint. Watch this space!

Year 5 Cake Sale

We would like to send our heartfelt thanks to all of the parents for supporting the bake sale last Friday, either by donating cakes or by coming along to buy them. The sale raised just over £240! When added in to the contributions for non-uniform day, Year 5 raised £300 to support the tree planting efforts of the Plant for the Planet Organisation. We are very proud of our Year 5 students for being so inspired to make a contribution to this worthy cause. Well done Year 5!

PTA Updates

Once again we thank the hard working PTA who continue to raise much needed funds for the school. The children thoroughly enjoyed the annual Easter Egg hunt! It was also amazing to see such support for the cake sale raising funds for the Ukraine appeal. There are a number of events planned for the Summer term, please get involved.

Heyday Film Makers

We were happy to welcome back the 'Heyday' company into our school after the lockdown!

A small group of Year 6 pupils enjoyed a frantic day of film-making that will be shown in the British Film Institute on April 21st. It will be available to view in school, and on youtube, immediately afterward. Watch this space!

Taking the theme of the upcoming 'SATS' and trying to ease any tension, the pupils worked inclusively and VERY energetically to produce a Black and White Silent Film in the style of Chaplin, Laurel & Hardy etc.

As always, CREATIVITY is a core learning value of our school!

Special Days and Events

We have a 'Summer Concert' planned for June 8th at 6.15pm to provide an audience for our wonderful choirs, orchestra and instrumental groups. Music has begun to thrive again after two difficult years and we really want to showcase the talents of our pupils!

Our choir will also perform at the PTA 'Summer Fair' on Saturday July 2nd.

Online Safety Information

As always, we do hope that you are having conversations with your child/ren about their use of the internet and social media. At North Ealing Primary, we have followed our Digital Literacy Curriculum that is designed to provide in-school support and advice. We cannot control what your child can see outside of school. PLEASE take an interest in their online life and be ready to listen to any concerns that they may have.

Curriculum

Science Week

Thank you to everyone for showing such enthusiasm to science during Science Week - staff, parents, visitors and children! Across the school, we witnessed every class learning something new and fascinating from our dedicated staff who really threw themselves into the role of a scientist this week. It is very fitting that this year's theme is 'growth' as we have seen the children's love of science begin to blossom even further this year... We have been blown away by the poster entries so far and look forward to choosing some to send off to the National competition. Thank you!

Greek Day

This Tuesday, Year 6 enjoyed an Ancient Greek day. The children came in dressed as Greek Gods, Goddesses or typical Greek citizens. We prepared and did presentations on influential Greek philosophers, mathematicians and politicians and learnt about Greek theatre. In the afternoon, the three classes took part in an Olympic Games, with each class representing a different city-state: Athens, Corinth and Sparta. As well as competing in running races, javelin and long jump, the children also took a pledge to Zeus and performed poetry. We ended the day by sampling typical Greek food. A fabulous and great effort Year 6.

Egyptian Day

On Tuesday Year 4 also stepped back in time to become Ancient Egyptians for the day. The children came into school wearing amazing costumes, including some incredible, homemade headdresses and masks. The children decorated their classrooms with hieroglyphic bunting and enjoyed some Egyptian singing and dancing. They became tomb raider detectives, examining evidence from the past and working in teams to solve historical crimes. In the afternoon everyone was an artist creating their own mixed collage silhouette piece. We are incredibly proud of their hard work and creativity this week - well done Year 4!

St Benedict's Art Show

Yesterday some of our Year 5 children were lucky enough to go to a special viewing of the St Benedict's Middle School Art Show. This included Fine Art, Graphic Design and 3D Design, along with work done by pupils in Animation, Photography and Design and Make clubs. The children made notes, discussed their thoughts and were inspired by what they saw - especially when they saw pieces created by ex-North Ealing pupils. We thank St Benedict's for the opportunity.

EYFS

The Reception classes have been starting to get ready for their class assemblies next term by joining in with their Key Stage 1 friends in singing assemblies and also in whole school assemblies. They are all looking forward to performing to an audience next term. They have also enjoyed being visited by children from Year 4 who came to read stories to them - all were enthralled.

Year 1

Year 1 children have been continuing their studies on greener spaces, receiving a visit from Greener Ealing this week. They were challenged to think about how and why we need to look after our greener spaces. They spent time in Pitshanger Park to look at the London Plain trees - each child adopting one so they can have a hug and a chat with their tree whenever they are in the park! To round off, they also got stuck in growing their own runner beans.

Linked to the RE celebrations, children have been enjoying eating special foods that are eaten at special celebrations like at Easter Holiday, Eid, Passover.

Year 2

All classes have been busy preparing for class assemblies this half term, learning songs and bringing all their learning together. These are the children's first ever class assemblies and they all put on such a great show - Thanks very much Mrs Hayre-Milne, Miss Page and the team along with all the children in 2P and 2HM who have shared all their learning and achievements in their class assemblies this term. They based the assemblies on their core text 'The Lonely Beast' managing to spread a very positive message about loneliness and the importance of friendship and acceptance. We are looking forward to 2K's assembly after the Easter break.

Well done to Year 2 for providing an impressive set of entries for the March in March competition (we had the most entries out of the whole school!)

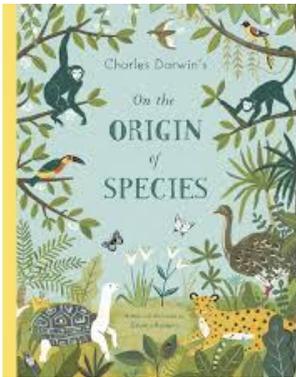
Teachers and children are working hard preparing for SATs. There was lots of excitement during science week with children taking part in a range of experiments to enrich their learning and make it more memorable - thanks to all involved.

Book Recommendations



A River by Marc Martin: I came across this book at a recent event I attended and was mesmerised by it. The book is about a girl who imagines she is floating over a river, as she looks out of her window. It is a beautiful picture book, with amazing illustrations that can be studied for ages. The story takes you on a journey from the city to the sea and each page captures your imagination in a new way. The book is highly recommended to all children in EYFS and KS1, although I'm sure children of any age would find the book highly engaging and enjoyable.

Mr Rutherford



On the Origins of Species by Charles Darwin: I shared this book in our Monday assembly. We discussed the amazing amount of variety in the world and also the process of the fight for survival as a species evolves. A great book to spark a number of discussions about the world around us with beautiful illustrations.

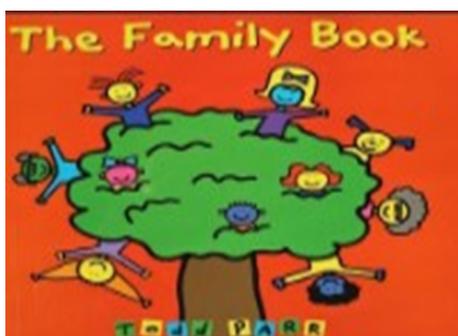
Mrs Flowers

Rights Respecting



Article 5 (parental guidance and a child's evolving capacities): Governments must respect the rights and responsibilities of parents and carers to provide guidance and direction to their child as they grow up, so that they fully enjoy their rights. This must be done in a way that recognises the child's increasing capacity to make their own choices.

Article 18 (parental responsibilities and state assistance): Both parents share responsibility for bringing up their child and should always consider what is best for the child. Governments must support parents by creating support services for children and giving parents the help they need to raise their children



The Family Book: use this book as a starter for a conversation about the role of parents and carers in family life.

Achievements

On the 18th March, North Ealing Primary school attended a basketball competition against other local Ealing schools at Alec Reed Academy. It was a fantastic success, both teams made the school extremely proud. We came away with 1st Place (Emma, Alex D, George S) and the Spirit of the Games award for our other team (Waleed, Anya and Suzanne). Well done to all the children that took part. We now look forward to competing against other boroughs.

Signpost

Uniform

Please can I remind all parents and carers that all children need to be in the correct uniform. We have noticed that a number of children are not always attending school in the correct uniform. Please consult the school website and ensure that from the beginning of next term your child is in the **correct uniform at all times**. Please contact the school office if you need any help.

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

Attendance

Good attendance is important because:

- Statistics show a direct link between under-achievement and poor attendance.
- Regular attenders make better progress, both socially and academically
- Regular attenders find school routines, school work and friendships easier to cope with. Regular attenders find learning more satisfying. Regular attenders settle into High School more easily

Please note there is a direct link between good attendance and achievement at school.

Attendance examples during a school year:

90% means your child misses 19 days which is 4 weeks or 100 lessons

80% means your child misses 38 days which is 8 weeks or 200 lessons

70% means your child misses 57 days which is 11.5 weeks or 290 lessons

Change of Date-Gardening Event Friday April 22nd

This will take place straight after school at 3.30pm all Volunteers welcome and needed. Bring your own gardening equipment if you have some but there will be things available. Please meet outside the Year 2 classrooms and we will allocate areas for people to work on. The work will include sweeping, weeding and general tidying. We are very happy for children to help but they must be supervised by their parents at all times and must remain with you. Please email the school to say if you will attend to help.
YOUR SCHOOL NEEDS YOU!

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Local Elections - Thursday 5th May 2022

Please be advised that the school will be closed on Thursday 5th May 2022, as our school is being used as a polling station.

School Lunches

Please ensure that you register and **make payments in advance** of your child/ren having a school lunch. We have seen an increase in the amount of accounts with an outstanding balance and the catering company has asked that you ensure your child has enough money to cover the cost of each day's meal. *Non-payment has a detrimental effect on the school's finances.* 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 today, Friday 1st April, at 1.30pm. Please collect your children promptly.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on **Tuesday 19th April 2022** and wish you and your family an enjoyable break.

