

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 17th June 2022

***"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."*— Jane Goodall**

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term in all schools is a mixture of great excitement and deadlines! The pace of life at NEPS has certainly increased as we enter into the last few weeks of term. We have Year 5 off to the Isle of Wight or local trips next week, Year 6 are beginning to think about their transition to High School arrangements and end of year production. All classes are taking part in multiple trips, open days and of course the usual timetable of lessons in all subjects of our curriculum. We are looking forward to the many class assemblies, music events and inviting parents and carers in to see their children's work throughout June and July. This week we had visits from a number of members of our Governing Body who joined lessons, spoke to staff and witnessed how a usual day unfolds at NEPS. Of course we are also looking forward to our annual school fete on Saturday July 2nd 1-4pm and we are very grateful to the PTA for organising this popular event and hope that everyone will get involved.

PTA NES School Fete

The Summer Jubilee themed fete will take place on Saturday 2nd July 2022. Please all come along to support and get involved. Please put this date in your diary, not only is it a fantastic day it is crucial for raising much needed funds which enhance school life for all the children at NEPS. Our fundraising focus is to improve our outside spaces and all the money raised will help reach that goal. Additionally, the PTA needs a great deal of help on the run up to the event and on the day. Please read all PTA updates for more information.

Please contact the PTA via northealingpta@gmail.com

People who want to donate Jubilee Themed Decorations are very welcome.

Our **School Choir** will open the event at 1:00 in the upper playground. Choir members will be admitted at 12:45 with their parents.

A **KS1 Choir** will perform at 3:00 on the main stage singing a selection of songs covered in school. You will have received a notification of this so PLEASE sign up so that we can finalise any staging issues. All welcome from Years 1 and 2!

Assemblies

Last Friday 4M performed a very impressive assembly focussed on the ever increasing threat of global warming and climate change. We even had our very own David Attenborough who walked us through the various habitats of the world and the negative impact humans are having on all the wonderful creatures in our world. All the children performed with confidence and passion through acting, singing and recount of their deep understanding of the issues at hand. They did manage to end on a positive note with a message about what we need to do to change and how we can all work together to save our planet. Thanks to Mrs Mirza, Mrs Bray and all the children-absolutely brilliant.

2K assembly-a big thankyou to Miss Kerai, Miss Edmonds and all the children in 2K who performed their first ever assembly at NEPS. The children told us the story of 'The Robot and the Bluebird' by David Lucas. The children used song, drama and their work to demonstrate what they have learnt about this wonderful book. The key messages running through the text are about kindness, gratitude and friendship. The children performed with confidence and their singing was truly uplifting-well done to all.

4R assembly-Thanks to the children and Miss Rafiq for a very informative and dynamic assembly linked to their science topic, Sound. The children evidently enjoyed every moment of this topic expressing this through music, a clever play script, poetry and history. The children demonstrated great independence and confidence throughout without forgetting any words and displaying sheer enthusiasm and teamwork - and the singing was fantastic! Well done 4R!

Whole School Assembly

This week's whole school assembly focussed on clean air day:

<https://www.actionforcleanair.org.uk/campaigns/clean-air-day>

Professor Stephen Holgate, Air Quality Expert, says: *"Air pollution is the biggest environmental threat to our health, no matter who you are or where you live, as air pollution is toxic right down to zero. This growing body of evidence, however harrowing, provides an opportunity to showcase the health impact air pollution has on all of us. I hope this latest analysis highlights the need to act urgently - air pollution is a public health crisis."*

Clean Air Day

Thursday 16th June was National Clean Air Day and the children did a fantastic job of sharing that message with the local community by wearing green and decorating their scooters and bicycles with green accessories. Children from the Eco Team have chosen a winner from KS1 and KS2. Everyone will find out who has won in Monday's whole school assembly.

Relationship Education

Here is the link to the Relationships Education Talk again.

<https://www.northealingprimary.org/relationships-education/>

Lessons will commence next week. Please contact your child's teacher or the School Office if you have any concerns or questions admin@northealing.ealing.sch.uk

Online Issues

The internet has become a key part of all of our lives and we all enjoy its many benefits. At the same time, unlimited access to the worldwide web can present issues that our pupils are not always fully aware of in terms of access to content.

A recent survey of pupils in Years 5 and 6 indicated that they are satisfied that we are doing all we can to keep them safe and that we are doing 'of our best' to provide up-to-date information and teaching resources to meet their needs/concerns.

PLEASE keep a watchful eye on any usage of social media/ gaming platforms/ chats etc.

90% of an iceberg is below the surface and that is why we all need to keep a good lookout!

Achievements

Music Concert

We were so proud to, FINALLY, present a showcase of musical talent in NEPS that included the Orchestra, two choirs and a wide variety of solo items that embraced every possible musical style from classical to Hip-Hop on June 8th.

This represented a VERY welcome return to our long-standing tradition of live music-making.

Our school's mission statement specifies that 'every child is a musician' and we hope to become ever more diverse in our celebration of musical traditions. Donations received will go towards supplying instrumental resources to year groups in order to enhance work in poetry, drama, dance and science topics.

Sports Update

Before half term Year 5 and a handful of Year 6 students attended the Summer Athletics event at Perivale Track. It was a tough competition, although we managed to finish on the podium, winning 3rd place. Mr Allen was extremely proud of all the students that took part as they showed a high level of determination and sportsmanship. A special mention to Elifnur S (6J) who came first in the Girls Shot Put with a huge score of 5.17m, a record for North Ealing and Cleo K (5R) who successfully came first in the 600m race. Well done to all our athletes!

School Council

The School Council met this week and would like to run a Sports Awareness Day. This will take place on Friday 15th July and coincides with our much loved Park Run day. We ask that all the children come to school dressed in their favourite sports outfit and donate £1

for sports equipment at school. The children are now deciding what additional sporting activities to plan for their classes throughout the day.

EYFS

There was much excitement last week for the Reception classes as they embarked on their trip to the Science Museum in London. They were furthering their work on their senses and enjoyed workshops in the Pattern Pod, finding different ways of creating patterns and other interactive activities as well as exploratory play in the garden. A big thank you to all the parents who got their DBS and helped make the day such a success.

Nursery had a lovely visit to St Barnabas Church where Father Justin explained how the parish had celebrated the Queen's Jubilee with a special service. He also told us that they were planning to have a party in the grounds. After the talk we enjoyed our fruit snack outside the church. Thank you very much to all our parents who were able to come and well done to all the children who were so well behaved during the visit.

KS1

A big well done to all the children who took their phonics screening tests last week. They worked so hard and made us all proud of their achievements. Thank you to all the staff and parents who supported the children through this.

The children in Year 1 visited St Barnabas Church this week to enhance their learning around their new theme exploring Christianity. They experienced a wonderful tour around the church and were involved in a powerful question and answer session with the church representative. The children were in awe of the high ceilings and stained glass windows.

Year 2 children started a new text called 'Lila and the Secret of Rain'. They are enjoying exploring life in Kenya through lots of cross curricular work. In English they have been working on descriptive writing of Kenyan village life and in Geography they have been making comparisons between London and Nairobi. In Music they have continued the theme with singing and African drumming.

There was great enthusiasm towards the Jubilee celebrations where children decorated their classrooms and provided thoughtful descriptions of what they would do if they were King or Queen for the day!

KS2

Last week Year 3 visited Gunnersbury House to attend a Roman workshop - linked to their topic 'What effect did the Romans have on Great Britain?'. The children had a great day out, dressing up as a Roman emperor, getting 'hands on' with 2000 year old Roman artefacts collected from excavations in Acton and Ealing - this really helped bring the events of 2000 years ago to life. The children were a credit to the school and posed the workshop leader some very thoughtful questions. Well done all and many thanks to the volunteers for helping out.

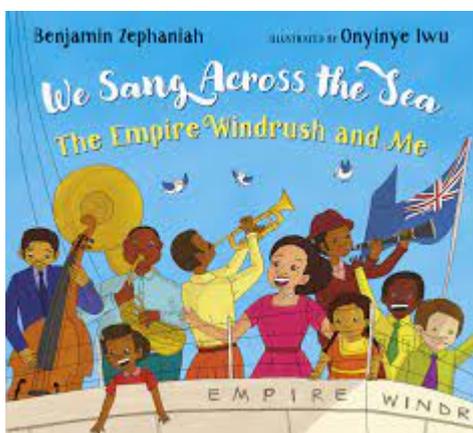
Later on in the week, we followed up our visit to the museum by dressing up and holding a Roman day at school. We took part in many activities, including making and using Roman shields, practising marching and making Roman Army formations, creating our own clay oil lamps similar to the one we saw at Gunnersbury and learning about Roman numerals. A great day was had by all!

Year 4 completed the new Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The purpose of this statutory check is to determine whether pupils can recall their times tables fluently - an essential for future success in mathematics. Well done to staff and children.

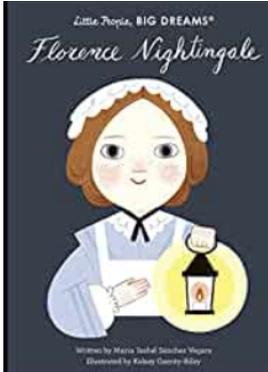
5A was selected to take part in an international reading assessment, called PIRLS, which is designed to look at attitudes toward reading and reading habits and to measure the reading achievement of 9-10 year olds across over 60 countries. The tests were administered by an external agency, who were very complimentary about 5A's attitude to reading, their resilience and their behaviour. Well done 5A!

Book Recommendations

In celebration of Windrush Day on Wednesday 22nd June this is a great book to share.



We Sang Across the Sea: The Empire Windrush and Me by Benjamin Zephaniah: The hopes, dreams and bravery of the Windrush generation are expressed in this vivid story through the real-life experiences of Trinidadian musician, Mona Baptiste. Written as a brand-new poem by Benjamin Zephaniah, the book is beautifully illustrated by the extraordinary artist, Onyinye Iwu.



Florence Nightingale, by Maria Vegara: This is a story about a girl who was very rich and she was a nurse. She told the other nurses to wash their hands before cleaning the hospital. I would recommend this book because she saved the soldiers. Milo, 1LW.

Rights Respecting

World Refugee Day on 20 June is an international day designated by the United Nations to honour refugees around the globe. This year, the focus will be on the right to seek safety.

As we know, the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child says that governments must provide children seeking a refuge with appropriate protection and assistance (Article 22) and they must respond quickly and sympathetically if a child or their parents apply to live together in the same country (Article 10).

Signpost

Reminder to follow NEPS on Twitter [@NorthEalingSch](https://twitter.com/NorthEalingSch)

Use of Mobile Phones on School Site

Please can we remind everyone to refrain from using their mobile phones whilst on the school site as this can become a safeguarding issue.

Class/Sports Photos

Cliff Harris photographers will be in school on Wednesday 29th June to take the children's class and sports photos. Please ensure that you send your child to school in their full school uniform on this day. If your child is due to have PE, please send them in their uniform and provide them with their PE kits to change into.

School Tours

The next school tour will take place on Wednesday 22nd June at 9.45am. Please click on the following link for further information:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/north-ealing-primary-school-1562432601>

Woodwind Instrument Tuition

Michal Wesolowski is a woodwind teacher here at North Ealing Primary School. From September, in addition to the current Flute and Clarinet tuition, he will also be introducing brand new Saxophone lessons.

To sign up, please head to <https://musicconcept.co.uk/ne/> where you will find video demonstrations for each of the woodwind instruments:

To contact Michal please email at ne@michalwesolowski.com or phone by calling 07968353074.

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 your child is in the **correct uniform at all times**. Please contact the school office if you need any help.

Attendance

Summer term 2022 best attendance classes 6F (98.3%), 4R (98.2%) 3G (97.4%) well done to these classes.

Please can we remind everyone that we are no longer able to authorise any term time leave at NES. It is essential that the children are in school every day unless they are unwell.

Lateness- Having written to everyone last week about lateness we have seen an improvement. However, there are still a number of families who are arriving late every day to school, which is so disruptive to the school day and your child's learning. Please can all parents ensure their children are coming through the school gate by 8.50am each morning.

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

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.

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>

Changes in Contact Details/Medical Conditions

We have had a few occasions recently where we have not been able to contact parents/carers due to them not responding to our phone calls/texts.

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.

Please remember to update the School Office with any changes in contact details and/or health needs or allergies your child may have.

CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service) Support

Please find a link below which Liz from Place2Be has suggested could be useful for young

people and families. There are a number of apps, paid and free, which support mental health and wellbeing.

<https://www.camhs-resources.co.uk/apps-1>