

# 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 27th May 2022**

*It is not what you do for your children, but what you have taught them to do for themselves, that will make them successful human beings.  
~ Ann Landers*

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been thrilled this week that our Year 6 cohort have been able to enjoy either a residential trip in sunny Shropshire or a week long range of activities making the most of London. Of course for the last few years these trips have not been able to take place and we are aware that they require the staff to work incredibly hard, for which we are very grateful indeed. The focus of all these trips is to provide the children with thought provoking learning experiences about the world around us and of course building and developing relationships.

At JCA the children have immensely enjoyed activities such as abseiling, archery, fencing, raft building and buggy building and a range of evening activities including the final Disco!

The children who have been going on day trips have enjoyed visits to the National History Museum, Tate Modern, Northala Fields and Pitshanger Manor. They have finished off the week back at school baking and gardening!

**RCW Assembly** - last week the children in RH told us their version of 'The Hundred Decker Bus' by Mike Smith. The children took us on an adventure demonstrating not only their learning achievements over the year but also remarkable performance skills. Thanks to all the children and of course Mrs Casimir, Mrs De Gale and Mrs Muja for all their hard work and we look forward to the RH assembly today.

**RH Assembly** - today RH treated us to a celebration of their learning centred around their core text 'Look Up' by Nathan Byron, a story about a science-mad chatterbox, Rocket - who wants to be the greatest astronaut, star-catcher, space-traveller ever. The message is one we can all learn from, Rocket is trying to convince her brother to stop looking down at his phone and start LOOKING UP at the stars! All the children shared their beautiful space pictures, rocket poems and extensive knowledge of meteorite showers. The class sang with clarity and confidence, a great achievement. Thanks to all the children, Miss Homes, Mrs Bux, Mrs Housego and Mrs Muja for the hard work and team effort!

**Food Bank Donations** - we were able to deliver an amazing 300kg of food and essential items to the Ealing Foodbank this week. North Ealing have established a strong link with the food bank and we now have such a good reputation for our fantastic deliveries they look forward to us arriving. We will once again ask for further contributions later in the summer term. Thanks very much to Mr Doherty and Mr Flowers for packing and delivering the goods and to everyone for the much needed donations.

## **Achievements**

The past two weeks have been a busy few for sports at NEPS. On Friday 13th May, a mixture of Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in the local Quadkids Athletics competition at Perivale track. Although we narrowly missed out on the team medals, we were awarded with a certificate and trophy for our determination and sportsmanship at the event. A big well done to all the children who took part.

Last Friday, Mr Allen accompanied some Year 4 pupils to Ealing Lawn Tennis Club for a Tennis Festival. It was a successful morning with our teams placing 2nd (receiving a medal) and 5th. Congratulations to those children!

Finally, today our children in Year 5 and a few from Year 6 have been participating in Summer Athletics at Perivale Track, Miss Jenkins cannot wait to hear how you all got on and will provide updates in the next newsletter.

## **Special Days and Events**

### **Queen's Jubilee Celebrations Week Beginning Monday 6th of June**

We are in the process of planning a week of events here at school, please look out for any request for help from home.

### **Music Concert**

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.

### **Travel News - "CHOOSING, HEALTHY , SAFE , SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL "**

### **Walk To School Week beginning Monday 6th of June**

We return to school in June anticipating beautiful, warm, sunny days and will begin by choosing to walk / cycle /scoot to school. All classes will record their daily active journeys and the winning class will earn an extended playtime on Friday 17th June. Please remember that if you must drive to school because of particular circumstances it can still be recorded as an active journey if you park at a distance that involves a 10 minute walk to school, this is classified as 'Park & Stride'.

### **'Shoesday Tuesday' 7th of June (RENAMED AS 'JUBILEE TUESDAY' FOR 2022)**

We will have our second ever 'Shoesday Tuesday' when all children and school staff wear their most jazzy shoes to school (making sure they are safe for running around in). This year we are celebrating it as '**JUBILEE TUESDAY**' and everyone has to make sure their shoes are either red/white/blue or at least have one of these colours whether it's laces or added stickers. A voluntary £1 can be donated from each family which will be

used to replace broken / lost playground resources that keep our children active and engaged during their playtimes.

## **National Clean Air Day - Thursday 16th June**

Our School's Eco and Travel team have worked together to plan lots of fun activities to mark this important day. -

**Wear Green To Show You're Green** - a non-uniform day for children and adults. On Thursday wear any clothing that is green.

**Bling Up (As In Green Up) Your Ride** - all forms of active travel are especially encouraged today as we think about the impact of car journeys and pollution on our environment. Children and adults are encouraged to decorate bikes /scooters with green accessories as a way to share the message with all the people in our local area. There will be a special prize for the 'blingiest'(most green) ride. This will be chosen by our Eco Team.

**Eat Green To Be Green** - EYFS and KS1 will make sure that all fruits and vegetables for snack time are green. If you send in a playtime snack please make sure it is green, there are lots of choices including: apples, pears, grapes, cucumber sticks, sugar snap peas.

## **Curriculum**

### **EYFS**

The children in Nursery have been continuing their learning about growth and change. They brought in pictures of themselves as babies and compared them with how they look today. We read the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle and we learned about the life cycle of a butterfly. We had our own butterfly growing kit and we watched the miracle of metamorphosis up close! We watched the caterpillars growing very big and then turning into chrysalises. Finally, we saw them transforming into beautiful butterflies. We took good care of our butterflies until they became strong enough and then we let them fly free. We also read the book 'Jasper's Beanstalk' by Nick Butterworth and we looked at tiny seeds. We planted beanstalks and herbs in our gardening area and watched them grow.

Reception children have been reading the book 'Coming to England' by Floella Benjamin. They have been using this alongside their exploration of the five senses and have been comparing the differences between fruits found in the different parts of the world. We have also been treated to two fantastic assemblies over the past couple of weeks

showcasing all the great work being done over the term.

## **KS1**

Year 1 have had an eventful couple of weeks. They have continued their work on animals, learning how to classify them and to examine their diets. In ICT they have been building up their skills by plotting out maps for their beebots to follow. They have also been thinking about how lucky they are to be in school to access all these opportunities as they study Malala Yousafzai as their significant individual.

Well done to all the Year 2 children who took part in their SATs tests over the past month. They took it all in their stride - thanks to all the parents and staff who helped to make this as smooth a process as possible. They have really enjoyed looking at minibeast habitats, getting to grips with their learning practically in the trail in the park. Everyone is looking forward to a good break over half term.

## **KS2**

Last Wednesday Year 4 ventured into London to visit the National Gallery as part of their research for Arts Week. Led by Gallery Educators, the children took part in a lively tour bringing paintings to life through storytelling and object handling. Pupils were given an overview of landscapes, looking at how they have been approached by different artists and the key elements of composition of Landscapes, encouraging comparisons of style and technique. The children did NEPS proud and came back armed with lots of ideas for our digital art project this week. Well done Year 4!

## **Gymnastics Club**

Gymnastics Club is run voluntarily by former teacher Mr Wareing and LSA Mrs Coulstock on a Tuesday morning in the school hall.

The club runs to allow pupils to grow in confidence in their own gymnastics ability with the opportunity to gain British Amateur Gymnastics Award (B.A.G.A.) recognition if they wish.

Over the past two terms:-

23 Year 5 pupils have attended the advanced club with the majority achieving their BAGA 1 (top award.)

Over 30 Year 4 pupils have attended, with many achieving BAGA awards 4 and 3.

Over 30 Year 3 pupils have attended and begun working towards their first BAGA awards. It has been a real joy to see so many pupils enjoying the sport and improving their coordination and gymnastics prowess.

## Book Recommendations



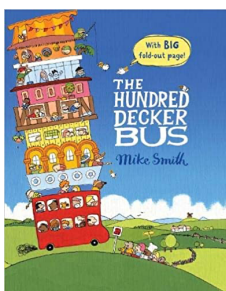
**Tiny Turtle Tracks by Karen Justice:** World Turtle Day is observed on May 23 in an attempt to recognize the importance of this species on earth. More awareness is being created among people so that everyone can come together and save them.

This is the story of one small turtle who's born with the odds stacked against him. Only one turtle in a thousand lives to be full grown. With tiny flippers flapping, the newborn is launched on a grand adventure. When he's followed by a shark named Tank, it seems all is lost, but fate intervenes. ...Mrs Flowers



### **Queen Elizabeth II: The Queen Who Chose to Serve:**

Each class has very kindly been donated this book to celebrate the reign of Queen Elizabeth. Thanks to Mrs Silva who thought of us here at NEPS and delivered the books from IPC Ealing, Drayton Green.



### **The Hundred Decker Bus by Mike Smith:**

A book about adventures and the power of our imaginations. By Mike Smith and recommended by RCW

## Rights Respecting

### Article 15 (Freedom of Association):



Every child has the right to meet with other children and to join groups and organisations, as long as this does not stop other people from enjoying their rights.

Why is it important that young people should have the opportunity to meet, spend time together and share ideas?

## Signpost

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

## 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-15624326012>

## Second Hand Uniform Sale

This will take place in the Year 5 and 6 playground after school today, thanks to everyone for the kind donations, to Mrs Salazar and our wonderful PTA helpers for organising-please give generously.

## 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.

## 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
- No nail polish
- 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.**

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## 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

## 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](mailto: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**

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.

## **School Half Term Holidays**

School finishes today Friday 27 May, at normal time, for the half term holidays. We wish you all a happy and restful break and look forward to seeing everyone back on **Monday 6th June**.