

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.'

Thursday 30th March 2023

"I glanced out the window at the signs of spring. The sky was almost blue, the trees were almost budding, and the sun was almost bright." — Millard Kaufman

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is incredible how much we seem to fit into the very short Spring Term here at NEPS. The children have not only been very busy in class but also by getting involved with the extensive extra curricular and special events happening in school.

Science Week

This year's theme was 'Connections'. The week started with Professor Bubbleworks, who with the children's help made links between connections and multiple areas across science, technology, engineering and maths. Each day different year groups participated in discussions and demonstrations from a wide range of visitors. EYFS & Year 2 experienced a hands-on visit from a veterinary nurse and were particularly animated by her wonderful collection of snakes! KS2 were able to extend their understanding and knowledge spanning many different scientific fields including chemical engineering, the carbon life cycle and rocks. A former NES pupil was able to share their vast collection of rocks and crystals and their extensive knowledge kept the children fully engaged. Our parent-led workshops were a huge success and played an important role in inspiring our children in science. A huge thank you to our local high school volunteers who worked alongside our teachers

and led some fun activities exploring connections. Teachers planned a series of lively activities which saw children rotating through connection themed experiments. The week came to an end with the school being flooded with competition entries for the bridge making challenge. The children's efforts have been admired by school visitors and it has been great to see and hear the children making positive comments as they walk past the entries. Our children and families certainly encapsulated their STEM skills within their designs!

A huge well done to the Science Bridge Competition Winners:

Reception - Drasler RCD, Iris RH, Aydin RF

Year 1 - Francis 1B, Casper 1G, Alice 1LW

Year 2 - Ahil 2HM, Lorenz 2P, Olivia 2H

Year 3 - Mia 3G, Viraj 3M, Katrin 3FP

Year 4 - Lucy P 4W, Barbod 4T, Elliot 4R

Year 5 - Ellar Rae 5L, May 5R, Robyn 5MT,

Year 6 - Ayman K 6T, Zainab 6S, Lara 6F

Heyday Film Makers Being CREATIVE.

We were thrilled to welcome back the 'Heyday' film company into our school once again! A small group of Year 6 pupils created a short film that will be shown in the British Film Institute on May 19th. It will also be available to view in school and on Youtube soon afterwards. Imagine a mash-up of 'The Matrix/ Alice in Wonderland and Doctor Who!' Watch this space!

Oracy

Oracy home learning challenge

Please share videos of your discussions at: admin@northealing.ealing.sch.uk

Talking point

Last week, in school, we recognised the importance of energy saving by marking Earth Hour. It was an opportunity for us to interact, without the need for screens or lighting in our room.

You can read more about Earth Hour here: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/discover/science/nature/lights-out-earth-hour-wwf/>

Discuss the following question at home:

If phones, screens and tablets did not exist, what would you do?

Talk tactics you can use in this discussion:

<p>Instigator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In my opinion... • I think... 	<p>Builder</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I agree and would like to add... • Your point made me think... 	<p>Challenger</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I disagree because... • To challenge you, I think...
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Online Safety

We continue to safeguard our pupils whilst in school and provide a comprehensive curriculum that deals with concerns and issues that arise from time to time. A recent survey was completed by Years 5 / 6 and we are currently looking into ways to address the results.

The following link will give you access to our informative resources:

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World Autism Acceptance Week

This week is World Autism Acceptance week where we have been sharing how we make our school more inclusive, raising awareness and helping to make the world a friendlier place for our pupils with Autism. We have been looking at personal stories and poems from Autistic children, sharing top tips on how to create environments that work for autistic people and educating our pupils on the difficulties autistic children may face and how we can help.

EYFS

EYFS have had a busy half term. We dressed up for World Book Day with an author visit from Sara Momtaz and a special Madame Puff's Training School workshop. We did not have long to rest before everyone was preparing for WellBeing Wednesday and our special visitor, Benji's mum who came in to talk to us about looking after our emotional health as well as our physical needs. Nursery have been busy with their focussed Soft Start sessions, which have looked at Maths and Science. To finish the term Nursery are heading out for their next season's walk this week, looking for the signs of Spring.

KS1

Year 1:

Year 1 enjoyed a breezy trip to Northala Hills, where they learnt about how the hills and the green space was created and how it is now used. We followed it up by visiting Pitshanger Park and noting the similarities and differences between the 2 local areas. 1LW and 1B presented magnificent sharing assemblies, while 1G will be taking their turn in the spotlight during summer term.

Year 2:

Year 2 made a trip out to Gunnersbury Museum where the story of 'The Great Fire of London' was brought to life. Maths sessions are currently enabling children to use their outdoor space as they further develop their skills in measuring, symmetry and shape. Poetry sessions have shown the children's creative ability with similes proving a huge hit!

KS2

Year 3:

This half term Year 3 started with a bang as their wonderfully creative volcanoes were finally ready to be exploded in the playground! We enjoyed 3FP's assembly about volcanoes and 3M's assembly about forces.

Last Tuesday Year 3 had a visit from some students from Notting Hill High School. The students taught the children what kaleidoscopes were, how they work and how to make their own. Year 3 really enjoyed designing patterns and creating their own kaleidoscopes, which they proudly took home at the end of the day!

Year 4:

Year 4 also went on an exciting trip to the British Museum. They looked at artefacts from the Ancient Egyptian period including the Gebelein man, canopic jars and the Rosetta Stone. Children enjoyed filling out their quiz sheets as we explored the rooms of the museum.

Year 5:

20 keen Year 5 artists visited St Benedict's School to view their Middle School Art Show. The show featured Fine Art, Graphic Design and 3D design by pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9, along with work created by pupils in Animation, Photography and Design, and Make clubs. Everyone was very inspired by the artwork on display and went home full of ideas for their next art project!

SMT's assembly focussed on what the children had been learning about across different curriculum areas; including work from their core text, *The Promise*; deforestation in the Amazon and showcasing their wonderful artwork, in the style of Georgia O'Keefe.

Year 6:

Year 6 has been learning all about the Ancient Greek Empire and considering how the Ancient Greeks have influenced their lives. They have looked at democracy, both in Ancient Greece and in the UK today, through their PSHE lessons and considered the similarities and differences. On Wednesday 29th March, the children immersed themselves in an Ancient Greek culture day in school. The children gained experience of making pots, taking part in the Olympic Games and dressing up as Ancient Greeks. To complete the children's learning around democracy, Mr James Murray is coming into school on Friday 31st March to talk to the children about democracy in the UK today, the role of The Houses of Parliament and the role of an M.P.

Music and More at NEPS!

Our thanks to our resident piano teacher, Zillah Myers for her Piano Assembly on Monday, 27th March! Taking the theme of a book much cherished by NEPS - 'The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse' by Charles Mackesy, we were taken through a journey that linked Life to the adventure of learning an instrument!

Arts at NEPS

We are trying to raise the profile of art in North Ealing. The Cultural Education Partnership (CEP) launched an Ealing Arts Charter on the 10th January 2023. Mrs Bruley and Ms Pile attended a launch meeting last month and signed up as at some point we would like to gain an Arts' Mark for the school. This month, schools were invited to submit a video sharing an artistic response to the **Ealing Cultural Manifesto** with the focus "what creative change means to me, my generation, my school". The video is used to launch and promote Ealing's Cultural Manifesto. Prize £1,000! Ms Pile decided to enter NEPS. Herself and Mrs Bray spent a lot of their own time creating the video with a few of the children in Year 3 and 4. It managed to secure us **second place** and some prize money - £500 to spend on art related resources (in the application we said we would spend any winnings on exhibiting art e.g. creating gallery style viewings).

Design a Crown Competition

Please see the attached leaflet regarding designing a crown for the Coronation of King Charles III. Closing date is Thursday 4th May.

Sports at NEPS

Another fantastic term of sports for NES. It was great to welcome Victoria Ohuruogu (GB team track athlete) to NES on our Wellbeing Wednesday. The children thoroughly enjoyed the fitness circuit and her inspirational talk on patience and perseverance within sport. As a school we raised a huge sum of money towards new equipment for P.E at the school. Thank you to everyone that took part and raised money for the special event.

Basketball took centre stage this term with our Year 5/Year 6 team narrowly missing out on 3rd place at the tournament at Cardinal Wiseman. A special mention to Yasmin (5R) who was determined to achieve her best in the face of tough competition. We also attended our first basketball festival (Year 4/Year 5) at Alec Reed Academy. It was great to see children involved in basketball activities with most wanting to compete in our tournament next year.

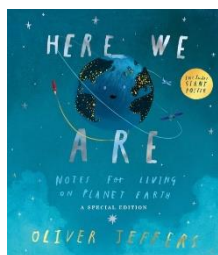
Sports Council

The Sports Council has met to discuss playtimes. They have reported that they enjoy having the Year 6 playground leaders to help support them in their play and to help the lunchtime supervisors. They are still thinking of ways of making sure that everyone has enough access to ball games and are currently looking at ways to adjust the equipment rota to make it fairer. They are delighted to be receiving some new sports equipment from the money raised at Wellbeing Wednesday and will discuss where some of the new equipment will go.

Chess Club

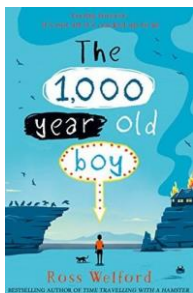
Well done to all the children who took part in the chess tournament. Elliot M (4R) was the winner and runner up Nour Eddin A (5R) - he gave a solid performance in every round! Great focus and determination shown by both players. May M (5R) and Asiya R (5L) gain recognition for most improved players. Well done everyone!

Book Recommendations



Here We Are, Notes for Living on Planet Earth by Oliver Jeffers:

'It looks big, Earth. But there are lots of us here so be kind. There is enough for everyone.'
A wonderful book and a great place to start learning about the wonderful place our world is and how we need to look after it. Mrs Flowers



The 1000 Year Old Boy by Ross Welford:

This book is about a boy called Alfie who lives forever, but tries to find a way not to. The book is full of adventures and is also about friendship. I liked the book because of how adventurous it was. I would really recommend that any one in Year 5 or 6 read this book, as it is so good. Amrit, 5R

Signpost

Attendance

80% of success in life is showing up. School keeps you safe, it educates you, it prepares you for your future. Please make sure you are in school every day except when you are sick and make sure you are on time!

Uniform Updates

We have been working very hard with the team at Junipers uniform shop. They have informed us that the new uniform will be available from Monday 3rd April 2023. This earlier start is to enable those families who have grown out of the present uniform to purchase the new styles. The plan is to gradually introduce the new uniform over the next two years. The new uniform will therefore be compulsory from September 2025, allowing all families plenty of time to make the change.

Twitter

Please take the time to look at our Twitter feed @NorthEalingSch

You can also find our Twitter feed from our home page on our school website www.northealingprimary.org

End of Term Information

Nursery finishes today Thursday 30 March.

Reception – Year 6 finishes tomorrow Friday 31 March at 1.30pm. Please collect your children promptly.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on **Monday 17th April** and wish you and your family an enjoyable break.

