

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 26th May 2023

“United we stand, divided we fall.” – Aesop (620 -560 B.C.)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As ever we are amazed at how much we pack into a short half term. The children have not only been involved with all statutory assessments and testing but have enjoyed a packed agenda of curriculum enhancement through trips, visitors, immersion days and much more. Please take a look at our twitter feed for some of the highlights of the last few weeks [@NorthEalingSch](https://twitter.com/NorthEalingSch) . It is not just the children who have been busy learning, the staffs’ professional development for the summer term has focussed on; Developing Oracy Skills in the classroom, Racial Equality and working with the London Autism Project. The staff here at NEPS are always keen to continue their own learning in order to improve life at school for all the children.

Achievements

SATs

Well done to all the children in Year 2 and 6 for completing their SATs tests this half term. It is essential to remind the children that none of us are defined by test results. Testing and exams are a part of life and we can only do our best. I would like to thank all the staff for all the hard work in making the process smooth

and supportive. We also thank all the parents who clearly worked hard to ensure their children arrived prepared and ready to undertake the tasks.

Heyday Film Festival



We are delighted that our entry in the 'Heyday Film Fest 2023' resulted in an award for 'Best-Scripted' film.

'Quo Vadis?' will shortly be on youtube and will be shared with the school community in a special assembly after the break. Our pupils demonstrated our school's learning values at every stage of this project.

Online Safety

Our online safety curriculum remains key to our use of computers/technology in school and is currently being updated for the new academic year in order to focus on how we, as a school, can provide adequate support and guidance to all. Keeping pupils safe is the responsibility of us ALL and we do ask that we share responsibility in these matters. Sensitive guidance is available on the school website:

<https://www.northealingprimary.org/online-safety/>

Music and More at NEPS!

Summer Concert is on June 14th 18:30-19:30 in the New Hall. Our Choir, Chamber Choir and Orchestra will present a 'showcase' of their creativity which will also include solo and small group items. We will be celebrating another busy year of music-making and are hoping to fund a new music trolley to transport instruments easily around the whole school!

We also have a busy schedule of assemblies this term introducing all of our pupils to 'live' music making. Our teachers of Cello, Guitar and Piano present opportunities for their pupils to perform in front of an audience and make a strong case for the power of music to aid learning and mental development. Details of instrumental lessons are available on the NEPS website:

<https://www.northealingprimary.org/music-at-neps/>

Sports at NES

Such a successful half term for Sports at NES. We came third, winning a bronze medal, in Best Team Cricket last week at Ealing Cricket Club. We also had a fantastic result at Quad Kids Athletics. Our Year 5 team won a bronze medal and our Year 6 team won a silver. Such a proud moment for NES, a first at that event too! A special mention to our Year 3 and Year 4 tennis squad, who came out to a tennis festival last week too,

displaying resilience and determination on every event. A big round of applause to all that have participated this half term.

Oracy updates

Oracy home learning challenge

Talking point

As the days get longer, many of you will be negotiating later bedtimes as you feel it is too bright to go to sleep.



You can read more about why we actually change the clocks here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/37645854>

Discuss the following question at home:

If you could change one rule that your adult family members have set, what would you change?

Talk tactics you can use in this discussion:



Instigator

- In my opinion...
- I think...



Builder

- I agree and would like to add...
- Your point made me think...



Challenger

- I disagree because...
- To challenge you, I think...

EYFS

Nursery: Nursery have had a really busy and fun half term with loads of creative and sensory experiences based on a range of texts that have included, 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' and 'Elmer'. We have also continued to welcome our parents in for Soft Start mornings that explored early mark making skills and fine /gross motor development.

Reception: This half term, we have been learning through Traditional Tales. We focused on 'The Little Red Hen', 'The Enormous Turnip' and 'The Gingerbread Man'. There has been a strong connection with developing our oracy skills through presenting our class assemblies. The children have enjoyed the addition of baking opportunities making bread rolls and gingerbread men.

KS1

Year 1: This half term, Year 1 have taken part in lots of in-depth discussions about women who have left a legacy for us all. This has been closely linked to Rights Respecting and the importance of our rights to be educated and to play. The children have been busy at home making some amazing shoebox hospitals that have been shared with their class and displayed for all to enjoy! Finally, Year 1 went to Odds Farm...for a

little while! Please look out for further information regarding a re-run as the Year 1 team are in the process of trying to reorganise the trip!

Year 2: A huge well done to Year 2 for all their perseverance and dedication over recent weeks. Also thank you to all the parents who have supported and motivated their children throughout the SATs process. We have continued to widen our understanding of 'Animals and their Habitats' with a wonderful visit to Perivale Woods. The children took part in a variety of 'hands on' activities and returned with enthusiasm and exhaustion! The children enjoyed their 'Animal Day' earlier this week where they were dressed as their favourite animal for the day. Our core text - 'The Robot and the Bluebird' also inspired us to make our very own robots using recyclable materials - I am sure they will take pride of place once they arrive home...!

KS2

Year 3: This half term Year 3 has embraced all things Roman in order to investigate our Big Question 'What effect did the Roman Empire have on Britain?' We have enjoyed learning about why the Romans invaded and whether the native Britons welcomed or resisted their arrival! We have been to Gunnersbury Museum to take part in a Roman workshop, where we looked at primary and secondary sources to learn more about Roman life. On Thursday, the children came to school dressed in their finest Roman robes for our much anticipated Roman Day! The children marched around the playground with their fantastic shields, made their own Roman coins and learnt about Roman numerals. Lastly, we enjoyed 3G's wonderful assembly all about friendship and the importance of our special community here at NES.

Year 4: This half term Year 4 has taken part in Arts Week - creating digital artwork inspired by David Hockney. We took a trip to Pitshanger Park with our viewfinders and ipad to find the best landscape image to recreate. Firstly, we created our image with oil pastels using patterns and a range of colours. We then took to the chrome books and created our images using a digital paint app.

Year 5: Summer term has been a busy one for Year 5 so far. The highlight of the term (maybe even the year) has been their residential trip to Kingswood Activity Centre in Ashford. They had two nights away from home and three days packed with exciting activities. They conquered their fears with a Leap of Faith and enormous climbing walls; collaborated on team tasks and braved the mud when building a raft that would sail on the lake. It was an extremely successful trip for everyone and they returned home with many happy memories.

Those who stayed at North Ealing for their activities week got a chance to visit the Wildlife Photographer of the Year exhibition at the Natural History Museum, see the animals at Horsenden Farm and develop their gardening skills through planting various fruits and flowers on the school grounds. Elsewhere, they have been studying the book "Holes" by Louis Sachar and learning even more about materials and how they change, in science.

Year 6: This term has been exceptionally busy for Year 6. The completion of SATs was seamless - it was good to get them over and done with! Most of the year group have had a week of action and adventure in Monmouthshire at Hilston Park. They have been doing climbing, zip wire, archery, canoeing, raft building, team building etc. Those who did not go have been busy taking part in daily excursions to Northala Fields, Pitzhanger Manor, Thames Barrier by River, Holland Park Adventure Playground. They have also enjoyed some painting, cooking and gardening. I think everyone is looking forward to a well earned rest!

HS2 Workshops

On the 15th May the children in Year 4, 5 and 6 were lucky enough to be part of 3 HS2 workshops. We had 7 members of staff presenting on three areas of the project: Health and Safety, Engineering and Tunneling and BIM/Design.

The children and staff learnt a lot from the sessions, appreciated the scale of the project and now have a growing understanding of the pros and cons of such a vast undertaking. We look forward to welcoming project members back and linking workshops to specific units of work.

Rights Respecting

As an **adult, teacher or parent**, we are **Duty Bearers** - We have a responsibility to ensure that Rights Holders access and enjoy their rights.

The **children** are the **Rights Holders**. They are to be aware of their rights and should hold the Duty Bearers to account so the rights of the child are upheld.

Rights are for all children and young people across the world. Humans are born with **rights**. **Rights** cannot be given, taken away, bought or sold. **Rights** do not come with any conditions attached and are not linked to responsibilities as they are not earned. Every **right** is important in order for children and young people to survive, develop and reach their full potential.

Travel News Updates

We continue to promote the benefits of travelling to school by choosing healthy, safe, sustainable methods in our assemblies and circle time discussions.

Active Travel Competition Results: We have just completed Ealing's Annual 10 Day Active Challenge. Year 6 had a mini challenge and completed 5 days as they have been away on their residential this last week. Congratulations to 6S who completed the most active journeys in Year 6, they were rewarded with the ice lollies prize on Friday 19th May.

The rest of the school completed the full 10 day challenge and a big congratulations to 3M who completed a massive 296 active journeys to school. Ice lolly treats will be given to all 3M pupils before home time.

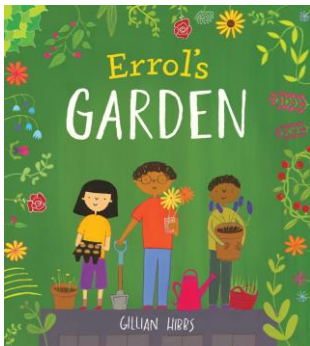
IN TOTAL 3,745 ACTIVE JOURNEYS WERE COMPLETED BY NEPS PUPILS IN THE EALING 10 DAY ACTIVE

CHALLENGE -WELL DONE CHILDREN.

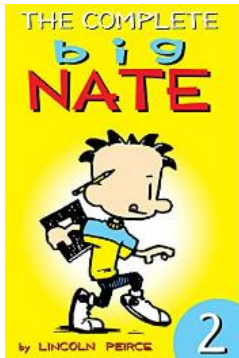
Active Travel Events Coming Up: The second half of the summer term is always a busy time as we make use of the good weather to encourage all children and adults to walk/cycle/scoot to school. When we return **Monday 5th June is 'Bike to School Week'**. Children and adults are encouraged to cycle or scoot to school all week. We will keep a daily tally of how many people do this and will reward all our bikers with a healthy breakfast bar on Friday 9th June.

Thursday 15th June is National Clean Air Day and we will plan an event with our ECO Team to mark this day.

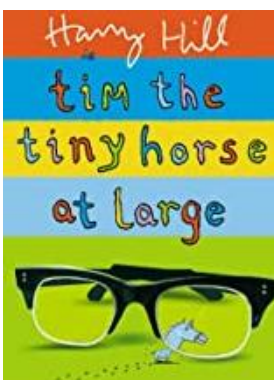
Book Recommendations



Errol's Garden by Gillian Hibbs: Errol loves gardening, but he doesn't have a garden and is fast running out of space to grow any more plants in his family's flat. Then he comes up with a very creative solution, thanks to the discovery of a disused area at the top of his apartment block.



The Big Nate by Lincoln Peirce: This book is about a boy called Nate and his enemy Gina. Their teacher puts them together for an assignment and the book is about what happens when they have to work together. I like the book because it is funny and it is a bit like a comic book as well. I think anyone would enjoy reading this book. **Florence, 4T.**



Tim the Tiny Horse at Large by Harry Hill: Tim is a horse, but he does everyday things like a human - but an elderly human being. Each chapter is about his life and adventures. I really like the author's style of writing and how funny the book is. I laughed a lot reading this and I would recommend it to anyone up to Year 6. **Alex, 5MT.**

Signpost

Dates to remember

75th Anniversary of Windrush Competition

See poster here <https://www.northealingprimary.org/windrush-competition/>

And further details on google classrooms.

Get creative over half term! We would like as many entries as possible so that we can share our works and have the best chance of NEPS being [EGFL](#) prize winners.

Friday 14th July Park Run

We are very excited to be once again running the mile in Pitshanger Park. On Friday 14th July the children from Reception to Year 6 will be joining in and keeping us all fit! We will be staggering the age groups across the morning and encouraging all the children to join in. There are a number of volunteers needed to help, please contact the PTA or your class rep if you can spare the time.

Saturday 15th July School Fete

The school Summer Fete Saturday 15th July 2023- This is a wonderful day and celebration of our community school. Please put this date in your diary, not only is it a fun day it is crucial for raising much needed funds which go towards making NES the very special place it is. Additionally, the PTA needs a great deal of help on the run up to the event and on the day-please offer some support.

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

Uniform Updates

Juniper Uniform Shop have informed us they are well stocked with the new uniform. 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. We encourage all families to be wearing the new uniform from September 2023 and it will be compulsory from September 2025, allowing all families plenty of time to make the change.

Pre-Ordering School Lunches

Please can all those parents whose children have a school lunch please ensure they have pre ordered the meal each day. We have had over 60 families not pre ordering and it is making lunch times very difficult.

Ealing 135 Playgroups

Ealing 135 is a social network that supports parents with children under the age of 5. Although Ealing 135 does provide support for parents, it also provides support for children, with a range of activities.

Ealing 135 is looking for Playgroup Volunteers. Playgroup Volunteers will help set up and tidy up at Acton Gardens playgroup. Acton Gardens playgroup is on Tuesdays (term-time only) 10:25am-11.45am. If you would like to learn more about Ealing 135 playgroups, there is some information on their website and on the Acton Gardens Community Centre website.

<https://ealing135.org.uk/activities/play-groups>

<https://www.theagcc.co.uk/agcceaing135stayandplay>

Brentham Club

The Brentham Club has a wonderful volunteer opportunity for a parent who has basic level 1 sports coach training to help them kick start their grassroots Girls Football Club. They require parent support for 1 hour on a Saturday morning, ages for the girls would be from 5 - 11 years old.

Please contact Ms Shukman Williams, Brentham Club Management Committee on 07969 173 969 for any further information.

OPEN Ealing



'OPEN Ealing' ran a competition to design bunting for the Coronation. Hector G 4R entered as part of his Cubs group and was one of the winners, so his design was featured on special Coronation Bunting that was hung all around Ealing businesses.

www.openealing.com

Well done Hector.

End of Term Information

School finishes today at normal time for the May Half Term Break.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on **Monday 5th June 2023** and wish you and your family an enjoyable break.