

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.’

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“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you’ll go”Dr. Seuss

“The beautiful thing about learning is that nobody can take it away from you”....B.B. King

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the 2022-23 academic year comes to a close we celebrate our core strengths at NEPS where the priorities are focused upon are not only the inclusion of all the children but also the best educational experience delivered through a rich and exciting curriculum. As many of you will be fully aware, the national landscape continues to be challenging for all schools and ongoing issues such as funding continue to be difficult for us at NEPS. We are incredibly fortunate at NEPS that staff movement is minimal and we continue to provide a caring, safe and purposeful environment underpinned by our learning values and curriculum principles. Thank you to all the amazing staff who work at NEPS whose level of commitment and dedication ensures this happens.

Achievements

We are delighted to inform you that we recently received our preliminary SATs results (Reading, Writing, Maths and Grammar) for the children in Year 6, all of which are above those of schools nationally. These

results reflect the perseverance by the children, teachers, support staff and of course parents. We are also very proud of the success in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 4 where children have performed very well in their EYFS assessments, Phonics screening, Year 2 SATs and national multiplication tests respectively. These results will be published on the school website when we have received the final data. Across the school as a whole our children have made continued excellent progress this year preparing them for the next stage of their educational journey.

Some of the highlights this year in terms of our school development priorities have been; the introduction of our Oracy project across the school encouraging most children and teachers to participate in and benefit from the range of Oracy tasks. Our renewed focus on writing development which has increased staff confidence in the teaching of writing and raised expectations around content and presentation. Finally, a continued review of our environment aided by our involvement in the London Autism project and the development of a dedicated sensory room within school. We look forward to sharing our renewed priorities for the academic year 2023-24 on our return in September.

Nursery End of Year Show

Nursery have ended their year with a delightful singing concert performed to parents, carers and siblings. The performance demonstrated how much the children have blossomed and grown throughout the year. Thanks to the Nursery team for their caring and supportive work with our youngest children at NEPS.

Year 6 Leavers and Production

As is the rhythm of school life we have to say goodbye to our Year 6 children who are moving to their respective high schools in September. The performance of 'The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan' was remarkable on Tuesday night. Not only was the quality of acting both spoken and miming incredible but the sound and props teams excelled themselves. I know we all enjoyed the humour immensely and of course the singing was a credit to all the children and NEPS as a whole. A great big thanks to Mrs Symes and the Year 6 team whose passion and enthusiasm made the event so special. Thanks also to the parents and carers involved and of course the children for giving their all during the rehearsals and final performance-simply phenomenal.

We are very proud of the Year 6 cohort children and look forward to learning about their achievements in years to come. Each year our children move to a wide range of high schools where we know they will use their lifelong learning skills and NEPS values.

Ark Soane Academy

Ada Lovelace

Brentside High School

Drayton Manor High School

Ealing Fields

Ellen Wilkinson School for Girls

Greenford High School
Latymer Upper School
St Benedicts
Twyford CoE High School
William Perkins CoE High School
Westminster Under School
Hampton School
Bolder Academy
John Lyons

Leavers and New Staff at NEPS

As ever at this time of year we have to say goodbye to a number of children, families and staff. This year we say farewell to Miss Rafiq and thank her for all her hard work as a class teacher at NEPS. Miss Rafiq is moving to a school closer to her home and we wish her luck as she continues her journey in education. We would like to thank Liz, our wonderful school P2B councillor who returned to NEPS for a few months and has now handed over to our new councillor Azana who has settled in to NEPS wonderfully. Finally, we say goodbye to Mr Mehew who has worked at NEPS since 1987. Mr Mehew has been a pillar in NEPS community not only as an incredible music lead but as a class teacher, ICT lead, philosophy lead and the list goes on. Mr Mehew did not want any leaving celebrations organised or 'fuss made' on his retirement but we have decided to name our music room after him. He has also kindly donated two paintings of the NEPS colours which will have pride of place in the New Hall. Mr Mehew, you will be greatly missed by staff, parents and children alike and we hope you will return to update us on your new initiatives and creativity.

From September we are pleased to welcome Miss Patel to our Year 1 team as a class teacher.

Governor Body Updates

Behind the scenes of school life we are very fortunate to have a highly committed and hard working Governing Body, we thank them for their continued support and commitment. Please see the annual report to parents which is an attachment to this newsletter, from our Chair of Governors Mr Andrew Dharman.

PTA Fair and Fundraising

We are incredibly grateful to our wonderful PTA who raised about £8000 at this year's Summer Fair. The funds from PTA this academic year have enabled us to buy a new range of books for the children's home reading, Ipads for each year group, gardening resources, Year 6 leavers presents, support for some families to access school trips and the list continues.

Our Summer Fair was proudly supported by our Platinum Sponsors Saints Estate Consultancy and Sinton Andrews. Support from our local businesses and community is essential to the success of the fair: £3000 was raised in sponsorship alone: 69 companies supported us, from paying to run stands, shows, games and

market stalls, to donating tombola, raffle prizes and food... We would like to thank them all for their generosity and for making it such a great success.

Next event-on September 24th, the NEPS Team will run the Ealing Half Marathon. The team is running to raise important ICT and outside area development funds for the school and our JustGiving page just opened: <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/neshalf23>

Attendance

As you will know we have been striving to improve the attendance of all children here at NEPS. Through perseverance and hard work we have managed to almost return to our precovid percentage levels (97%) by reaching 96.5%. Traditionally, we have always prided ourselves on exemplary attendance and next year we will be working even harder not only with the whole school attendance but also with those children with persistent/ problematic attendance.

After the summer break, the first days back at school really matter. Evidence from a recent Children's Commissioner Report showed that children who miss days 2, 3 and 4 of the new term for unauthorised reasons had a predicted overall absence of almost 45%, or 31 days across the term. Please can we ask all families to ensure they are back in school on Tuesday 5th September to start the new academic year. Please also consult our updated Attendance Policy on the school website and the link below for further parental guidance.

https://assets.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/wpuploads/2022/12/aaa-guide-for-parents-on-school-attendance.pdf?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Online Safety

Our online safety curriculum is currently being updated to meet ever-changing needs. Our youngsters are being bombarded with material that is often unsuitable for them and we MUST work together to challenge the negative and accentuate the positive. Their future is becoming increasingly more reliant on the use of IT and AI and we must work/learn alongside them.

However, opportunities will abound for them to access and explore online resources during the break. Please do ensure that you have set appropriate filters and that you SHARE what they are enjoying online. After all, you would not invite a total stranger to be a babysitter.....

Our website provides you with all you need to know - follow the link and scroll down to the 'Useful Links/Resources' section:

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

Music and More at NEPS!

Miss Page took our orchestra to perform in a Music Festival at Notting Hill and Ealing High School on July 5th. The children played three pieces that they have been rehearsing this term. It was a wonderful opportunity for the children to perform as an ensemble in a different setting! KS2 Choir opened the PTA Fair

on July 15th at 12:45pm on the main stage. KS1 also performed a selection of songs at this important event in the school calendar.

On a personal note, can I thank ALL of the school community for its support of music and the arts in our community school ensuring that we can live up to our mission statement: 'Every Child is a Musician'.

'Hang on to your youthful enthusiasm; you will be able to use them better when you are older.' Seneca.

Please note we have some wonderful external music teachers at NEPS providing a variety of lessons on musical instruments. Please have a look on our website for further information and contact the teachers directly for costs and availability.

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

Is your child interested in learning to play the cello? There are vacancies for new cello pupils from September. If you are interested, please contact Rebecca for more information:

rebeccalewismusic@yahoo.com

Sports at NEPS

All year groups thoroughly enjoyed their Sports Days this year and showed excellent sportsmanship both in their teams and as whole classes. The winners for Years 3 and 4 event were the red team, Year 5 and 6 were the blue team. Well done to all! They continued this collaborative spirit in last week's Park Run and yesterday's 'Games Rotation Day' - they continued to support and encourage each other in tag rugby, football and hockey. Thank you to all staff and volunteers who made these events so successful!

This half term saw the last of our events on the sporting calendar; Summer Athletics. It was a fantastic day full of smiles and medals. North Ealing came away with a bronze medal and individual recognition too. Ilakian and Jessica (Y6) claimed gold medals for their 400m race, Kobi (Y6) and Maryam (Y5) for their amazing long jump skills, Rio (Y6) shot put and Jason (Y5) for his super speedy 150 m. A big congratulations to all that took part.

NEPS Basketball Teams

On Sunday 16th July NEPS sent a number of basketball teams to an inter school and club tournament held at Latymer Upper School. All the children played to a very high level of skill and the Year 5 A team went on to win the tournament. Pete reports that the children displayed a high level of skill and responsibility particularly because for many of the children this was their first inter club competition-congratulations!

Platinum School Games Status.

This term has also seen North Ealing receive the highest accolade for school games; Platinum School Games status. This has been received through our ever growing involvement in local competitions, our young leaders scheme and our physical education curriculum.

Oracy Updates

Oracy home learning challenge

Talking point

You will soon be starting your summer holidays and we will have six weeks away from school. Last year, Wales was considering halving the break to three weeks. Some of us love the chance to spend time with friends and family but others don't always feel the same.

You can read more about this story here: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60674949>



Discuss the following statement at home:

The summer holidays are too long.

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

Reception

Reception began this half term with our annual Summer Trip to The Look Out Discovery Center in Bracknell. We were very fortunate with the weather and our amazing range of volunteer helpers. The children had a wide range of experiences which helped to consolidate some of their learning experiences across the Reception year. The children in Reception have worked hard all year and are now seeing the outcomes of their hard work. As a cohort, the children have developed positive and varied friendships that will continue to progress as they move into KS1. Everyone enjoyed a fun packed (and dry!) Sports Day - a wonderful opportunity to celebrate their sporting skills. We were delighted to finally invite you all into our classrooms for an opportunity for your children to share their work and achievements this year. What a great way to end the term! We are all so very proud of the children in Reception this year.

KS1

Year 1

What a busy term it has been! We had our trip to Odds Farm...which we swiftly returned from due to matters out of our hands! Luckily, we were able to rebook and had a fantastic day stroking the animals, feeding them and making links to our science topic. For RE, we visited our local church to look at what is inside this religious building and the children had some quite philosophical questions to ask, such as "Who created God?"

Geography Fieldwork Fortnight saw the children plan the best spot for King Charles to enjoy a picnic, while in English we have been writing stories to tempt two little adventurers back into their storybook! This week, we have been enjoying our DT lessons where we visited the local greengrocer, tried different fruits and learnt how to safely cut them. We also created delicious smoothies! Lastly, the children enjoyed the class assembly from 1G and showed fantastic sportsmanship during Sports Day. We are so proud of each and every child in the year group - they are a credit to the school!

Year 2

Year 2 experienced an 'African' influenced workshop to support their core text 'Lila & the Secret of Rain.' Children were able to demonstrate their drama and dance skills to a variety of African music. Some of our children also enjoyed taking part in an 'Able Writer's' workshop where they worked with children from different schools, looking at ways to improve the writing process. All children have embraced 'Arts' week where they have produced some wonderful work reflecting on influences from artists they have been studying - children were incredibly keen to experiment with Optical Illusions and their African pots have been designed with good purpose. The Year 2 classrooms were brightened up with all the 'Summer Gardens', thank you to all the parents for encouraging the completion of this homework. As part of the DT curriculum children worked together and demonstrated their food preparation skills and made two tasty salads! Great effort from all the children (and parents!) on their annual Sports Day. Good luck in year 3!

KS2

KS2 were treated to a poetry session run by PLOT17 - a mobile, interactive block party focusing on raising awareness, inspiring action and spreading the message of "making things green", with DJ sets in between performances. Great fun was had by all year groups.

Year 3

This half term Year 3 have enjoyed investigating our Big Question 'How can human life impact natural life in an urban environment?' During Fieldwork Fortnight we explored the way rocks have been used in our local area. We identified rocks, examined their durability and tried to work out how long they had been in situ. During Arts week, the children worked hard to sculpt their own Giacometti sculptures and enjoyed a year group exhibition to celebrate their wonderful creations. All classes rounded off a brilliant year by producing some of their most impressive writing to date; a non-chronological report about whales. We want to express how proud we are of all the children in Year 3; their attitude to learning and growing maturity has been particularly noted by all the adults that work with them. Well done Year 3!

Year 4

This half term Year 4 explored the beautiful Shree Sanatan Hindu temple in Wembley as part of their R.E topic. They had the opportunity to ask questions to a member of the temple and sketch the stunning architecture. Year 4 also took part in our new initiative 'fieldwork fortnight'. The children were researching Ealing's levels of air pollution, undertaking surveys and observations of traffic activity on the A40 and designing advertising campaigns to help promote clean air. They also completed their D.T. project making a

range of exciting, healthy salads and developing and showing off their sewing skills by making a personalised napkin to use while eating their salads.

Year 5

We have had a very creative time in Year 5 over the last few weeks. During Arts Week, we looked at self portraits and studied in detail the proportions of the face. This topic linked with our science topic this term: How do we change as we age? We studied the work of Frida Kahlo and then designed our own Frida Kahlo inspired self portrait, reflecting our identity and interests. Soon after, we had our DT project on pizza making, linked to a previous science topic on reversible and irreversible changes. Year 5 students designed pizzas (bearing in mind our healthy eating guidelines), made the dough and then created individual pizzas which they took home to bake and eat. Delicious!! Our creative skills were topped off with a long writing task linked to our study of The Highwayman by Alfred Noyes. The Year 5 teachers have been blown away by the quality of this writing across the year group- what a lot of progress our Year 5 students have made this year as writers. We are all very proud of you!

Year 6

June and July have been very busy months for Year 6. After sitting their SATs, they went off to explore the River Thames - looking at features of the river and wildlife. From their scientific observations groups created a synopsis on predicted levels of pollution. After a number of scientific experiments every group found this section on the Thames to be cleaner than originally thought! Year 6 were also kept very busy with the rehearsals for their show. The final performance was a triumph and the Year 6 children and staff deserve a huge round of applause for their success. Well done everyone!

Rights Respecting



Article 31: Every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of cultural activities.

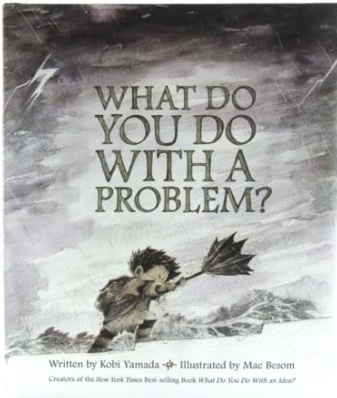
Are you visiting some museums and galleries this summer? Maybe you are lucky enough to travel and explore some different cultures. Use the holidays to relax, play and enjoy your time.

Book Recommendations

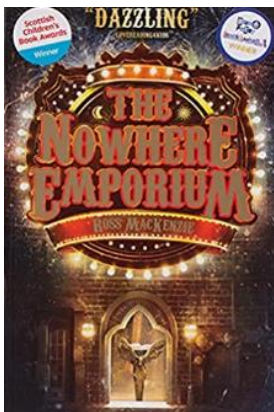
Two beautiful books that will inspire all of us to be brave and grow in confidence. Mrs Flowers



What Do You Do With An Idea? by Kobi Yamada



What Do You Do With A Problem? by Kobi Yamada



The Nowhere Emporium by Ross MacKenzie

A mysterious bookshop appears overnight in Glasgow, and an orphan stumbles upon it and decides to enter. So begins an adventure of wonder and excitement when the shop owner disappears and Daniel, the orphan, has to navigate the vast labyrinth of rooms and travel back and forth through time to uncover the mystery of the shop owner's disappearance. This is a truly stunning book, with incredible description, which will fire the imagination of readers of all ages. A fantastic summer holiday read. Mr Rutherford.

NEPS Summer Reading Challenge

There is nothing better than having a long summer to relax and to read. Why not get sponsored though as you are doing it? This summer, all the children can take part in a reading challenge to encourage them to read as much as possible and raise added funds for the school to spend on new books. The class with the highest amount raised will win a prize. See the attached information sheet for more details.

Signpost

Yoga for Children

Little Yogi is run by Nicci for Years 1-6, 3.20pm – 4.20pm on a Thursday. Please contact her on 07968 304 441 or mailme@little-yogi.com If you are interested in signing up your child.

Girls' Football

Pitshanger FC we are working tirelessly to increase girls and women's participation within football. They are pleased to be able to offer a series of free open day sessions to girls interested in football training, those wanting to play competitive games and girls who just want to have fun, whilst learning a few new skills.



Research suggests that girls need greater encouragement to participate in sport and there is a decline in participation during the teen years.

The Women's World Cup is upon us; they are hopeful that this will ignite an interest in football for many more girls. Their first session will take place on Saturday 22nd July.

If you have any queries, please feel free to make contact with them.

Gymnastics

Gymnastics Club is run on a voluntary basis by Mr Wareing and Mrs Coulstock before school on a Tuesday morning and has been attended by almost 100 Year 3/4/5 pupils this year. Although the club is run on the basis of just having fun and improving body control, all pupils who attended have at least achieved their BAGA 5 awards, with many progressing to achieve their BAGA 1 and even their Bronze Pairs Awards.

The club will run again from 8am Tuesdays next term for Year 3/4 pupils, (alternate weeks), with a half term focus for Year 5 pupils after Christmas.

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. There have been some enquiries about wearing a non-logo uniform, we have suggested that we would of course like everyone to have a polo shirt with a logo but completely

understand that this can be costly. The compromise is that maybe one with a logo for events and photographs etc and the rest from M&S, this is just guidance though. Families must do what they can afford.

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.

Lunches Free for ALL Primary School Children - September 2023

From September 2023 school meals are free to all primary school children in London. Information has been circulated via email earlier this term.

Last Day of Term

Nursery finishes today.

Reception – Year 6 classes finish tomorrow 21st July at 1.30pm.

First Day of Autumn Term

School reopens for the Autumn Term 2023 on Tuesday 5th September 2023.

We wish you all a happy and restful summer break and best wishes to all those children who are heading off to secondary school in September.

