



Northfield Manor News

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your children had a great half-term and you managed to enjoy some of the warmer weather. It looks like we have managed to dodge the snow this year which has made life a little easier - let's hope there's no sudden change again.

Thank you to the parents who came to the recent Parent Forum and who shared views on several subjects. Thank you particularly if you put forward agenda points as it is important that the meetings reflect what parents want to focus on; can I just ask that we get these a good few days (preferably a week) before the day so that we can fit everything in. If items come in late, they will be dealt with, but may need to be deferred to the next meeting. Sex and Relationships Education dominated the agenda and I think just from this conversation we have a wide range of parent views on the subject. I have set the dates of the parent workshops (see below, and please note that there is a change to the evening session) so that parents can see the coverage and resources that we will use in the Summer Term this year; we are also working on a school policy that will be available for parents to read soon. The new government guidance will not become compulsory until September 2020, however given that it has been several years since parents have been consulted on the matter, it seems like now is a good time to begin a dialogue. SRE can be a controversial topic, and views may be strongly held, however, I do not think we should be afraid of that; however, we do need to make sure that all voices are heard in an atmosphere of respect and tolerance. I am confident that together we will do what is in the best interests of our children.

Another point coming from the Parent Forum was about replacing the playground equipment which had recently been condemned – unfortunately it was rotten and irreparable. While we would love to do this, I did explain that good quality, durable equipment was very expensive and runs into tens of thousands of pounds which we don't currently have available. On a positive note however, we have now employed our Business Manager, Mr Bentley who will be starting with us officially in a few weeks' time. Mr Bentley will be taking over from our Office Manager. Mrs Jordan, who has now moved on. Part of Mr Bentley's role will be to ensure that we are able to capitalise on any financial opportunities open to schools – this may enable us to go beyond the essentials. I know that most schools are finding the financial climate extremely challenging; I hope that we can still find some solutions to this. I would like to welcome Mr Bentley to the Northfield Manor team, and I look forward to working with him.

Mrs Pennington

LEARNING CHALLENGES	ATTENDANCE
<p>Reception: The children and teachers have been extremely busy this half term meeting lots of people who help us in our community. They have met some friendly police officers, road safety officers and chatted with some flight attendants during their visit to Birmingham Airport. They are now looking forward to thinking about how they might help the people who help us.</p>	<p>21.01.19-25.01.19 <i>Whole School</i> 95.9% <i>Class Winner</i> 2CF- 100%</p>
<p>Year One: After a visit from Hugo the dog, and many other animal visitors brought in by Mo from Animals in Hands, the children were eager to research different animal habitats from around the world. After becoming experts in the world's continents, they produced some amazing landscape pictures using pastels.</p>	<p>28.01.19-01.02.19 <i>Whole School</i> 93.9% <i>Class Winner</i> 5PR- 98.6%</p>
<p>Year Two: After looking back in history to identify how exercise and healthy eating has changed over time, the children are now starting to consider how to make our school a healthier place by choosing appropriate recipes and tools to make healthy wraps. They looked scrumptious and nutritious!</p>	<p>04.02.19-08.02.19 <i>Whole School</i> 95.4% <i>Class Winner</i> 2CF-98.2%</p>
<p>Year 3: Year 3's visit to the British Museum in London was an amazing experience, and what better way to learn about Ancient Egypt and it's fabulous artefacts than by going to one of the world's greatest collections.</p>	<p>2CF-98.2%</p>

<p>Year 4: Year 4 have been finding out about world ecology and discovering some concerning facts about plastic pollution. They are now hoping to be involved in making some changes in our own school to start to tackle this problem.</p> <p>Year 5: Year 5 have had a very important focus this term promoting a love of reading across the school. They have been organising our World Book Day events and everyone is very excited to see what great things everyone will be involved in.</p> <p>Year 6: As you would expect, Year 6 are busy preparing themselves for their SATs exams so that they can do their very best in few weeks' time. They are also still busy learning new and interesting facts about evolution and they are working on a well-written and edited collection of scientific articles.</p>	<p>11.02.19-15.02.19 Whole School 94.0% Class Winner 2CF-99.1% 25.02.19-01.03.19 Whole School 95.8% Class Winner 3MB- 98.7%</p>
Miss Holden and Mrs Pennington	

Keeping Children Safe in Education
<p>On Tuesday 5th February it was 'National Internet Safety Day'. The whole school took part in this with all classes covering many important topics, age related about keeping themselves safe online. They watched videos on keeping safe, discussions on sharing personal information, talking to strangers through gaming, cyberbullying, who to tell if they are worried, reporting and blocking apps, age restrictions for apps, permission and consent and who monitors their technology devices at home. These are a few of some of the useful websites for children and parents to find advice and guidance in continuing to support all children safe online. www.saferinternet.org.uk, www.nspcc.org.uk, www.childnet.com and www.thinkuknow.co.uk</p>

CERTIFICATE WINNERS	OTHER INFORMATION REMINDERS - DATES
OAK- Angelo, Tiniyah, Toby, Jareth-Daryll	<i>13th March - Yr 1 Safari Park visit</i>
WILLOW- Mylah-Rhys, Welat, Radiyah, Toby	<i>20/21st March- Parents Evening</i>
1CH- Raghavy, Adam, N'Khil, Scarlett	<i>26th March 9.00am and 28th March 5.00pm* Sex and Relationships</i>
1SW- Lacey, Jayden, Olivia, Jack	<i>Education workshops for parents (* Please note that the day of the 5.00pm workshop has changed from 26th March to 28th March due to parent requests for a different day from the morning session).</i>
2CF- Daniel, Riley, Amelia, Hannah	<i>9/10th April– Yr2 Kingswood residential</i>
2NS- George, Hadee, Adrian, Jahviah	<i>10th-12th April- Yr 4 PGL Hillcrest residential</i>
3AB- Ben, Joshua, Ridwan, Terence	<i>12th April – End of term</i>
3MB- Abdullahi, Daisy, Jacob, Poppy	<i>25 April - 9:15-11:00 Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Coffee Morning- (Mrs Painter)</i>
4JH- Aleeah, Jade, Daniel, Mckenzie	<i>6th June - 9:15-11:00 SEN Parent workshop (Mrs Painter)</i>
4SB- Romero, Lexi, Rishail, Jessica	<i>18th June - 9:15-11:00 Autistic Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Coffee Morning (Mrs Painter)</i>
5PR- Ben, Maysoon, Finley and Kate, Amnah	
5SB- Oscar, Haneen, Brooke, Laura	



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6SD - Aisha, Macenzie, Iana, Ella

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