



# Northfield Manor News

April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very long term and the children and teachers are looking forward to a break. Everyone has been working hard on their learning challenges and there has been some excellent work and understanding evident across the year groups. Our hard work around reading is paying-off; our termly evidence gathering shows that we are improving in this area; children are becoming more experienced, proficient and engaged readers. There is still more to do, so we are continuing to commit resources to new decodable books for key stage 1 and to make plans for summer reading events. I hope over Easter that all children devote some time to finding and reading books they love; and don't forget adults have a huge influence so when children see adults read, they are more likely to do it themselves. Our Year 3/4 music concert was well-attended by parents and the children were able to show their learning on either ukulele, clarinet or flute. Well done to all the children involved and to our music teachers Mr Phillips and Miss Wrighton. The Spring residential in Year 2 and 4 to Kingswood and PGL Hillcrest have been very successful and the children have taken part in a variety of activities designed to challenge them, as well as develop teamwork and perseverance. Residential also give our children the chance to shine in a different setting and create wonderful memories. I'd like to thank our fantastic teachers, Mrs Sheldon, Mrs Painter, Mr Ellis, Mrs Edwards, Mrs McCarty, Mr Carr and Miss Sutton who gave up their own precious time to take the trips - please pass on your thanks when you can.

**SRE consultation** Our Sex and Relationships consultation period has now closed in relation to the development of our current policy. Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the workshops/gave their views on this topic. The policy and parent views have been forwarded to the Academy Council and will be discussed at the next Academy Council Forum on Monday 29th April. The outcome of this will be communicated to parents as soon as possible.

**Nursery Bid** There is no news on the nursery bid. The bids (which are put forward to the government School Nurseries Capital Fund) were due to be announced at the end of March, however there is no news yet. I am told that many government announcements are later than expected, possibly due to current political events. This is frustrating for all of us; parents are as keen to know as we are so places can be sorted for September. I will update you again after the holiday and hope we will have news by then.

**School will close for the European Elections on May 23rd.** As you know the local elections on Thursday 2nd May are not taking place in Birmingham, so we will not have to close. However, as we have not left the EU, there will now be European Elections on the 23rd May and our school *will* be used as a polling station. This is rather late notice, however as we all know, national politics are unpredictable at the moment – fascinating times! Children will not attend school, but teachers will be working as usual and the school office will be open should you need to contact us.

**Attendance** Whole-school attendance is currently 95.8% which falls in line with national average – an improvement for us as a school as in the past we have consistently been below national average. We are still aiming for 96.0% or above and with the summer term coming up this looks highly possible. We will have a special whole-school celebration that all children can enjoy and join in with at the end of the year should we meet our target. I will keep you posted on this one. Please remember that if your child is not in school for any reason you must let us know via the school office. And finally, a reminder that holidays in term time will be unauthorised. While it is tempting to take holidays when prices are cheaper it really does harm children's education as it leaves gaps in their learning.

Finally, weather you are getting away or staying at home, have a wonderful Easter break with your children. I look forward to seeing them all back with us on Monday 29th April.

**Mrs Pennington**

LEARNING CHALLENGES	ATTENDANCE
<p><b>Reception:</b> Reception children have been learning about people who help them and who they might help. They have had lots of visitors and visits, but after much thought, they decided to ‘cheer up’ the residence of Castle Croft Residential Home as they thought some might be a bit lonely. They made cakes to share and drew pictures to leave with the residents to brighten their walls. Well done Reception children, you are really thinking of others.</p> <p><b>Year 1</b> - Year 1 have been learning about animals and how to care for them in their topic <i>Let's go on Safari</i>. After lots of research, a visit from ‘the animal man’ and a visit to the safari park they were able to share their learning with Reception children. Well done Year 1.</p> <p><b>Year 2</b> – As part of their <i>Fighting Fit</i> challenge, Year 2 put Year 1 through their paces in a specially designed fitness routine. They were excellent, supportive instructors and thought Year 1 did well. They also learnt a lot about food groups and healthy eating so that they can make healthy choices.</p> <p><b>Year 3</b> – After a trip to the wonderful British Museum and completing their own research, Year 3 taught Year 2 about the Egyptians through workshops which included instructions on how to wrap a mummy! Well done Year 3.</p> <p><b>Year 4</b> – Through <i>Keen to be Green</i> Year 4 have shared their learning with Year 3 in an extremely well-researched and powerful assembly. They have learnt a great deal about recycling and the damage plastics are causing to our world.</p> <p><b>Year 5</b> – Year 5 led the school in a very well-planned World Book Day where they encouraged everyone to enjoy some great books. They also enjoyed a trip to Harry Potter Studios. Well done, Year 5.</p> <p><b>Year 6</b> – While learning a great deal about Evolution, Year 6 are also making sure that they are well-prepared for their SATs tests after Easter. They are working very hard and are very keen to do well.</p>	<p>Current whole-school attendance is <b>95.8%</b></p> <p>04/03/19-08/03/19 Whole School <b>95.1%</b> Class Winner <b>5PR-99.3%</b></p> <p>11/03/19-15/03/19 Whole School <b>95.0%</b> Class Winner <b>3AB-98.7%</b></p> <p>18/03/19-22/03/19 Whole School <b>96.1%</b> Class Winner <b>6SD-99.0%</b></p> <p>25/03/19-29/03/19 Whole School <b>95.8%</b> Class Winners <b>1CH-98.3%</b> <b>2NS-98.3%</b></p> <p>01/04/19-05/04/19 Whole School <b>95.2%</b> Class Winner <b>1SW-99.3%</b></p> <p>08/04/19-12/04/19 Whole School <b>92.4%</b> Class Winner <b>4SB-98.7%</b></p>

<b>Keeping Children Safe in Education</b>
<p>Have a great Easter and holiday everyone, but with safeguarding always in mind. Remember: <b>Stranger Danger</b> –when out and about and <b>Keeping safe online</b> - who we talk to and what we share. Some useful website below of things to do to keep the children happy and safe:</p> <p><a href="https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/school-holiday-camps-clubs-kids-10755708">https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/whats-on/family-kids-news/school-holiday-camps-clubs-kids-10755708</a>  <a href="https://visitbirmingham.com/whats-on/festivals-and-events/family">https://visitbirmingham.com/whats-on/festivals-and-events/family</a>  <a href="https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/news-and-views/features/make-time-for-yourself-this-easter">https://canalrivertrust.org.uk/news-and-views/features/make-time-for-yourself-this-easter</a>  <a href="https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/birmingham">https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/birmingham</a></p> <p style="text-align: right;">Thanks Mrs Sheldon</p>

<b>CERTIFICATE WINNERS</b>	<b>OTHER INFORMATION REMINDERS - DATES</b>
	<i>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April – Children return to school</i>



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**WILLOW-** Erin, Maiara, Oliver, Riley, Oliver

**OAK-** Dexter, Dharshini, Matthew, Albie, Reia

**1CH-** Evie, Anabelle, Tommy, Kamaliyah, River-Faith

**1SW-** Conrad, Dennehy, Teddy, Anderson, Alfie

**2CF-** Jayda, Luxmy, Leo, Daniel, Archie

**2NS-** Sammy, Amy-Jen, Shay, Vaughan, Michael

**3AB-** Ezekiel, Pavithiran, Millie, Madison, Isabelle

**3MB-** Poppy, Androniki, Imara, Rodane, Kacey

**4JH-** Luke, Joseph, T'Neil, Alayna, Jack

**4SB-** Mason, Trishica, Taran, Ella, Lucie

**5PR-** Sam, Nedesh, Kate, Ta'Zhian, Tadi

**5SB-** Lola, Seungchan, Jade, Ellis, Hyoseo

**6AJ-** Ella, Estelle, Codi, Jessie, Eveie-Mae, Lexi, Basile

**6SD-** Isobel, Pavisan, Ella, Bailey, Donel, Megan

## Curriculum Leaders

Olivia - 4JH

Shayna-4SB

Lexi -4SB

Ella-6SD

Jai -2NS

*Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April –Year 3 Rainforest Workshop*

*Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May –Reception visit to Heart of the Country*

*Year 4 visit to Flavourz*

*Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May- Bank Holiday*

*Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May School closed for European Elections*

*Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May- Break up for Half term*

*Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June- Children return to school*

*Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> June – Year 4 Swimming*

*Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June- Class photographs*

*Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> June- Selly Oak Festival Football Tournament*

*Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> June- Year 6 Residential*

*Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July- Year 4/5 Primary Olympic Festival at Hillcrest*

*Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July-Stage by Stage performance at Hillcrest*

*Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Children break up for summer holidays at 12.30pm*

*Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – Teacher Training.*

Special Educational Needs transition workshop on support for transition-

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 9:15 in the KS2 Hall - contact Mrs Painter

Coffee morning for parents who have children with Autism or are being

assessed – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June at 9:15 in the KS2 Hall – contact Mrs Painter

## Charity Football Match in Memory of Alan Trevor Dews (parent) Raising money for British Heart Foundation

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> April, Kick-off 11.00am

Cadbury Football Pitch

Bournville Lane B302LU

Followed by 'Fun and Games' at the Cadbury Club Centenary Suite – kids' corner, face-painting, glitter tattoos, games, raffle, tombola

Easter Bonnet Parade open to everyone – prizes for the most inventive  
Admission Free

