



Northfield Manor News

January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

It's been a busy and successful start to the year at school and the children have been enjoying a range of trips and visitors. Reception have been particularly busy learning about the 'Working World' with lots of visits and opportunities to ask our local services about their jobs. We have had a range of workshops and visiting experts to spark the children's curiosity about different historical periods - Year 5 found the Viking workshop particularly interesting. Many of our *Stage by Stage* members attended the Young Voices concert at the NEC and had a fantastic experience as always. I know that Mr Keley and Miss Fouracre were very disappointed not to attend this year due to illness, but thanks go to Miss Rowe and Miss Wilde for standing in. Thanks also to our parent helpers – we couldn't offer these experiences without your support and it's greatly appreciated.

Our sports teams are off to a brilliant start this year, guided by the expert coaching of Mr Ellis and Mr Hayes. Our girls have worked hard to develop into a very strong team as they showed at the PL Primary Stars Girls Under 11 tournament. They have the honour of being the first NMPA team to qualify for the national finals in May which is to be held at Watford FC. Well done, girls and good luck! Thanks to Mr Carr for driving the mini-bus and supporting.

Our school attendance is staying strong despite the winter weather which often brings an increase in sickness. Our fantastic cleaning team are very conscientious with their work, especially around infection control, and this certainly plays a part in maintaining our attendance. Thanks to all of them for their hard work.

Our Parent Forum met on January 23rd and discussed a range of issues. There was much positive feedback regarding our new homework policy and this seems to be working very well for children, parents and teachers. There were also positive comments for the new school lunches – we will be asking the children for feedback now that the new menus have been in place for a few weeks. Watch this space. Parents were also happy with the growing range of clubs and we hope to continue to broaden this further as time and resources allow. Minutes and actions will be on the website Friday 7th February and if you wish to put forward an item for the Parent Forum or simply want to know more about a particular area of school life, just email or phone the office and we will put it on the agenda. Thanks to all the parents who attended – we really appreciate your time and your feedback. The next meeting will be 21st May from 9am -10am.

The winter will be over before we know it, but there's still a chance of snow as yet; please read the general information below from Mr Nichols our Site Manger. So, a great start to the year; here's to warmer weather and lighter nights and a successful spring term.

Safety Notice

Please take extra care whilst walking to school, particularly when frost, snow or ice is forecast. Our site team do salt and undertake regular checks within the school grounds to allow for access, however this is restricted to pathway areas only. Parents and children are asked to take extra care on untreated playgrounds particularly at the very start of the day. Mr. Nichols, Site Manager.

Mrs Pennington

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LEARNING CHALLENGES	ATTENDANCE
<p>Reception: Who help us? How can we help others? The children will be visited by doctors, nurses, fire officers and many more to discuss how they help us and our community. The children will be regularly visiting Castle Croft Care home to identify ways they can help the elderly people who live there.</p>	<p>Current whole school attendance is 95.8%</p>

<p>Year One: Where can we find different animals around the world? The children will be using maps and atlases to explore the world's continents and oceans to locate different animals from around the world. I'm sure they are looking forward to their visit from Mo (our animal expert) on Tuesday 28th January.</p> <p>Year Two: How can we celebrate how people have changed the world? The children will be looking back in history to explore the lives of Isambard Kingdom Brunel and Mary Seacole to identify their achievements and the impact they have had on our lives today.</p> <p>Year Three: How can we teach children from the MAT about the Egyptians? The children began their challenge by learning from an Egyptologist that visited our school. So far, they have studied the geography of Egypt, looking at its location on a world map and climate. They have compared the Egyptians to other civilisations and studied the use of hieroglyphs.</p> <p>Year Four: How can we make a difference to our planet? Year 4 have been learning about the Roman Empire. They have discovered what it took to be a Roman soldier, the places that they conquered, and have studied key figures, such as, Julius Ceasar.</p> <p>Year Five: Anglo Saxons and Vikings Year 5 began their challenge with a workshop introducing them to the Saxons and Vikings. They are currently studying Sutton Hoo, looking at the discoveries made there. They have been challenged to find out the type of man that was buried there by looking at historical evidence and artefacts.</p> <p>Year Six: How can we teach other children from the MAT about evolution? Year 6 have been studying evolution. They have looked at the characteristics of living things, investigating what inherited and environmental characteristics are. They enjoyed their visit to the Lapworth Museum where they learnt about fossils, rocks and dinosaurs.</p>	<p>06.01.2020-10.01.2020 Whole school 96.3% Class winner 1HK- 100%</p> <p>13.01.2020-17.01.2020 Whole school 96.8% Class winner 2CF-100%</p> <p>20.01.2020-24.01.2020 Whole school 96.9% Class winner 4RY-99.4%</p> <p>27.01.2020-30.01.2020 Whole school 96.0% Class winner 6LR-100%</p>
<p>Miss Holden and Mrs McCarty</p>	

Keeping Children Safe in Education

Children's Mental health Week 3-9th February 2020

The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week is **Find your Brave**. Life often throws challenges our way. Bravery isn't about coping alone or holding things in. It's about finding positive ways to deal with things that might be difficult, overcoming physical and mental challenges and looking after yourself. We will be having 2 class assemblies during this week to help children to explore what it means to **Find your Brave**.



As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. Check out our free resources below. <https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>

Mrs Sheldon



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CERTIFICATE WINNERS	OTHER INFORMATION REMINDERS - DATES
Willow- Jaxon, Emma, Caelan, Brandon.	3 rd - 9 th February – Children's Mental Health week 10 th February- Year 3 British Museum visit
Oak- Shamiso, Felix, Sydney, Laith.	13th February- END OF TERM
1CH- Sophie-Mae, Georgia, Macey, Georgia-Mae.	14th February – TEACHER TRAINING 24 th February – Children return to school
1HK- Sophia, Armela, Erin, Oliver.	24 th February – 10am- Paramedics visit Reception
2SB- Jonah, Lucy, Riley, Bacon	5 th March- World Book Day
2CF- Beth, Moneeb, N'Khil, Alfie	6 th March- Class photographs
3NS- Jahviah, Rosie, Harrison, Vaughan.	17 th March- KS1 Parents evening 19 th March-KS2 Parents evening
3MB- George, Cameron, Fraser, Zhané.	1 st April- Yr 4 Residential (2 nights) 2 nd April- Yr 2 Residential (1 night) 3rd April – END OF TERM
4RY- Ava, Edith, Poppy,Bella.	20 th April – Return to school
4LG- William, Jack, Oliver, Waleed.	21 st April- Reception visit Green Fairy Trail
5EH- Mazie, Donnan, Lucie,Tommie.	22 nd April- Yr 3 Rainforest Workshop
5EF- Nathan, Aleeah, Thomas, Nathan.	7th May – School Closed for Elections
6LR- Emilee, Thomas, Seungchan, Isaiah.	8th May - Bank holiday
6AJ- Joshua, Cohen, Lola, Paige.	20 th May-Year 1 Weston visit
	21 st May – Parent Forum 9-10am
	22nd May- BREAK UP FOR HALF TERM
	1 st June- Return to school
	2 nd June- MATHS DAY
	24 th June- Year 6 residential (2 nights)
	17th July – END OF TERM
	Tuesday 1 st & 2 nd September – TEACHER TRAINING
	Thursday 3rd September- CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL