



Dear Parents and Carers,

As always we have had lots of brilliant things happening in school that we are excited to celebrate and share with you.

It was great to have parents in school again for face-to-face parent's evenings – it's always enjoyable to be able to share the success and progress that our pupils are making and we had lots of great feedback.

Please read on below to see some of the other things that we have had going on.

## Parent Feedback



In our last newsletter we shared the below link for families to provide feedback about their experience of children attending Northfield Manor Academy. We have received some responses which have been much appreciated, but would really welcome more so that we can get a clearer perspective on what is/ has been going well and how we can look to develop things further.

Please help us with the evaluation by taking a couple of minutes to complete the below survey.

<https://forms.office.com/r/JXQzr5JPv>

## Boom Reader



Last week we were delighted to announce that Northfield Manor will now be using Boom Reader – a digital reading record – to help track children's reading in and outside of school. The staff and children are incredibly excited about this new app and already we are seeing children and families using this expertly both in school and at home.

As you are aware, during parents evening and on Thursday morning we had drop-in sessions for parents to get extra support with the setup and use of the app. If you were unable to drop into any of these sessions but do still require some help with setup, please use the information and links provided here: <https://help.goapps.app/>

Should you then need any further assistance, please inform your class teacher so that we can arrange support from a member of staff at a convenient time.

Thank you for embracing this new approach to logging home reading – we have no doubt that Boom Reader will help engage our pupils and develop a love for reading.

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## Training Day

Please be aware that there has been a change to our published training days.

Previously a training day was planned on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February. This will now be moved to the **30<sup>th</sup> June 2023** due to Trust wide training.

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## Clubs and competitions

We have been seizing success in our clubs and competitions.

The Girls football team got through to the semi-finals in a competition last week.

We also took a team to a Netball competition and yesterday, Year 2 & 3 children attended a dodgeball competition at Bourneville.

A huge well done to everybody involved. You have made us all very proud!

As you know, we offer a multitude of free extra-curricular clubs and activities across the year for children to support their personal development and build their interests and aspirations. This is a big additional commitment from our teaching staff and one that they are happy to make for the sake of our children.

It is essential however, that children are collected from these clubs on time so that both staff and children are not left waiting or have other commitments impacted.

If you are late collecting your child from one of these clubs, you may be given a letter (or sent one subsequently) detailing the process for persistent late collection. The intention of this letter is to provide a supportive reminder, so that we can avoid escalating through the process.

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## Assemblies

Over the past couple of weeks, we have hosted some exciting assemblies.

We held our first ever whole trust assembly to commemorate the Queen. Over 3000 children from our ten schools came together virtually to share artwork that had been created by each school. All year groups contributed to our display which incorporated aspects from a decade of her life – ours was the war period.

Our Year 6's also delivered an outstanding Remembrance assembly; sharing information, performing poems, and even singing a beautiful version of 'We'll meet again' by Dame Vera Lynn.

We also enjoyed an anti-bullying assembly, showing off our odd socks to celebrate being different. This year's theme was reaching out; to support others that may be experiencing bullying and to talk to a trusted adult if you are worried yourself. The children have then been adding messages of kindness on our Anti-bullying display.

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## Charity support – Children in Need/ Migrant help

Children really enjoyed engaging with the 'Moodbooster' activities throughout the day. There were certainly some Spotacular faces and hair styles! We raised £243.00, thank you if you were able to donate.

We have also shared via class dojo the 'Winter box appeal' from Migrant Help to share some kindness and bring a smile for people seeking asylum.

This is a great cause, especially with the ongoing sadness in Ukraine. Please help in any way you can and if you are not able to fill a box but would still like to contribute, we will take individual items and create boxes on your behalf.

The school had another visit from Birmingham City Mission. The assembly was about asking and receiving help. The children enjoyed some stories and asked some excellent questions and, as always, represented our school well.

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## Winter craft sessions

As we get close to the end of the calendar year, we are starting to look ahead to plans to enjoy the festive period and we would love to have parents in, for nothing more than to enjoy some craft activities with their children.

Similar to the inspire sessions, we will have different time slots for different year groups for parents to come into school. There will be various winter craft activities to choose from for you to complete with your child and take home to finish off or enjoy!

The specific slots can be seen under the 'Dates for Diary' section below.

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## Safeguarding and Attendance

We are advised to share with parent/carers the outcomes around attendance from Birmingham City Council Education Legal Intervention Team. That they have issued 12 fixed penalty notices this term for leave in term time and 1 case heard in court where a fine was issued for poor attendance and unauthorised absences.

Any child absent from school with no reason given can be seen as 'missing in education' and school will need to follow reasonable enquires. School send a text every day to any child that is absent and telephone contact is made to those where there has been no response. Please make sure you let the school know every time your child is going to absent. The attendance and punctuality policy has been updated and is available on the school website.

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## Dates for Diary

25<sup>th</sup> November- Year 5 out at Tatton Park

30<sup>th</sup> November -Year 4 out at Birmingham Progressive Synagogue

8th December 9.00am - Reception 2023 Open day

7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> December - Reception Nativity Performances

## Winter craft days

Year 1 - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am - 10.00am

Year 2 - Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am - 10.00am

Year 3 – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am - 10.00am

Year 4 – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am - 10.00am

Year 5 – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am - 10.00am

Year 6 - Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 9.00am - 10.00am

Thank you for your continued support and please come and speak to us any time you have any queries or need any help and support.

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Kind regards,

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