



### **Notes from Lead Teacher**

What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had, the atmosphere around the school is showing that the children are all applying their skills to their learning and displaying the endurance value throughout everything they do. All children have been engaged in their 'Fox and the Star' writing this week and have developed some wonderful final pieces of writing which we are going to be sharing between the classes. We are looking forward to sharing the children's learning at our parents evening in October and we will be arranging a book and biscuit session soon.

### **We need YOU!**

We have been extremely grateful for the support we have received from the community recently. We are currently looking to broaden the range of volunteers who help around the school and at school events. Do you know anyone in the community (they do not need to have current links to the school) who would like to support periodically with the following?

- Reading with children,
- Gardening,
- Sports events,
- School trips.

If so, please contact me on [slee@northlewprimary.org.uk](mailto:slee@northlewprimary.org.uk) for further information.

Thank you, Mrs Lee

### **Super Learner**

**Albie** – Albie showed a brilliant understanding in our Science this week. He recalled prior learning about the meaning of transparent and opaque and applied it to our current topic. Well done, Albie!

**Zac U-T** – Zac has show a real enthusiasm to his learning at the start of this half term. He has been confident to contribute to discussion throughout all lessons and has shown an independence towards furthering his understanding by searching up unknown vocabulary in the dictionary. Well done, Zac!

### **School Value- Endurance**

**Amelia** – Amelia has used her endurance this week during Maths. She began to struggle with a particular question.

However, she used her endurance and continued to keep trying where she used manipulatives to help her solve the question. Well done, Amelia!

**Kenzie**– Kenzie has shown a brilliant attitude towards his maths learning. He has been determined to develop his skills and has not given up when it has been tricky. He is showing a really positive attitude towards school. Well done, Kenzie!

### **Attendance**

Attendance data for children will be shared with parents shortly and we would stress that high attendance will give children the best possible chance of success at school.

### **Whole School Attendance**

**98.47%**



### **A Huge Thank-you.**

We would like to say a huge thank-you to everyone involved in promoting the sale of the fruit which has been harvested by the children. Hayley kindly sought out support to sell the fruit through the 50-50 shop at Church. Patsy was determined to raise more money and went around the village to promote it, raising an amazing £49.11! It is brilliant to have the support of the community to further this project. The children are extremely excited to use this to continue the development of the gardening club and are looking at purchasing new equipment to support it and carefully selecting the vegetables they want to grow next. We will continue to place the fruit at the front of the school once it is picked and your donations will be gratefully received.

### **Eco Warriors**

We have been extremely lucky to have built the greenhouse gifted by the year 6 parents, it is looking fantastic. The children are keen to utilize this and grow a range of plants and vegetables throughout the year. This will really help with the development of our garden area.



### **Year 6 Junior Life Skills**



On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September the year 6 children went to Okehampton to participate in the Junior Life Skills event. It was interesting to find out about different people's jobs and what they include. We learnt about what a variety of jobs entailed and practiced some of the skills that are needed for the job. During, we found out how these people help in the community and what we can do to do our bit. We had a great time at the Junior Life Skills and we all look forward to sharing these skills with others.



## Class 1 Maths



Class 1 have been using manipulatives to support their understanding of tens and ones in our Maths lessons.

It has been great to see the children engaged in their learning and furthering their knowledge using base 10.

## Reading Basket

The winner of our reading basket this week is **Ollie**. Well done for reading at home at least 5 times. Enjoy reading the books at home and coming in telling everyone about what you have read and whether you recommend it.

## Reading Raffle

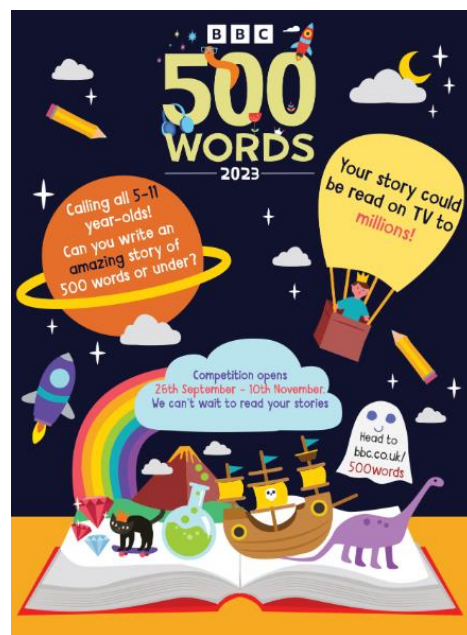
The PTFA have kindly continued to donate a book to each child in order for them to develop their love for reading and the choice of books within the library. The winner of the reading raffle on 29<sup>th</sup> September was **Arabella**.

**If your child has already received one of these books, and has already read it, please can this be returned ASAP to school to be checked in to the school library for other children to read.**

## 500 Words Competition

Is your imagination running wild? Could you be the next David Walliams or Ben Miller? Then use your creativity and imagination to write a story without the pressure of having to worry about spelling, punctuation and grammar. The bronze, silver and gold winners of each age group have their stories read by celebrities and the event will be shown on a special 500 Words programme with the 'The One Show', on World Book Day on 7 March 2024. Please see this link for further information.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/about-500-words/zctk7v4> You have until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November to submit your application.



## Harvest Festival

Please join us at the Church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October for a Harvest celebration. The children are looking forward to sharing some artwork, prayers and songs during the service. Donations of non-perishable items are welcomed and will be gifted to Okehampton foodbank to provide for our local communities. Please can donations be brought into the school by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October.



## Glass Jar Donations

During break and lunch times, we want to start a craft club in order to prepare items to sell at the Christmas Fayre. We would really appreciate donations of glass jars- the larger the better- in order for the children to make some vases from them. Please leave any donations in the lobby at the front of the school. Thank you!

## Who is who

We are delighted to welcome Miss Spooncer to the team at Northlew. Miss Spooncer has worked across many of the schools in the Moorland hub and some children know her from residential trips. She will be working alongside Miss Atkinson in class one on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday. Miss Atkinson will continue to teach Class 1 and will have time out of class on a Wednesday afternoon in order to plan lessons. During this session Miss Spooncer will be teaching in Class 1.

Mrs Lee and Mrs Johnstone will continue to be in Class 2. Mrs Lee will have time out of the class on a Tuesday afternoon for planning, this session will be covered by Mrs Ogborne, who is familiar to the children already.

Mrs Davey is the administrator for Northlew and Boasley Cross. She will be on site at Northlew on a Tuesday and Thursday morning. If you need to contact admin, please email the usual email address: [admin@northlewprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@northlewprimary.org.uk).

Week Beginning 2.10.23	
Monday	Lunchtime Gardening Club *Immersion Coding Club 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday	Whole school Paignton Zoo trip. Packed lunches needed unless booked through school. 3:45 collection. *OCRA Club 3:30-4:30pm *Cancelled due to late return from trip
Wednesday	4-6pm Okehampton Open Evening Wildlife Champions Session. <i>KS1 and Eco Warriors to bring in wellies and outdoor clothes.</i> Lunchtime Yoga Club
Thursday	Football Tournament Year 5 and 6 9:45-12:30pm Okehampton Primary School Lunchtime Reading Club *Martial Arts 3:30-4:30pm
Friday	KS2 Swimming pm

\*Your child must be booked into after-school clubs via School Gateway in order to take part

Week Beginning 9.10.23	
Monday	Lunchtime Gardening Club *Immersion Coding Club 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday	World Mental Health Day *OCRA Club 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday	Harvest Celebration 3pm at the Church Lunchtime Yoga Club
Thursday	Lunchtime Reading Club 1-2:30pm Cross Country *Martial Arts 3:30-4:30pm
Friday	KS2 Swimming pm

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Diary Dates	
October	
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> , 13 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Every Friday Swimming
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whole School Paignton Zoo Trip
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Okehampton College Open Evening 4-6pm
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	World Mental Health Day
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Parents Evening 2-5pm