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"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"

Matthew 5:16

Newsletter
Friday 10th February 2023

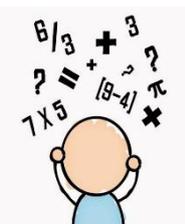
This week's
attendance
95.9%

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our last newsletter of this half term and what an incredibly busy half term in has been! The children have demonstrated our focus school value of respectfulness throughout this half term and staff and I have noticed how the children across the school have supported each other both in and out of the classroom without adults needing to prompt them. As we approach our further preparation for formal assessments in the summer term, next half term we will focus on our school value of forgiveness.

SATs Assessment Dates

Our children in year 6 will be sitting their formal SATs assessments in May. The assessments usually run from Monday to Thursday, but due to the Kings coronation and Monday 8th May now being a bank holiday, the SATs will begin on Tuesday 9th to Friday 12th May. Our children in year 2 will have their SATs teacher assessments carried out in June. Our year 1's will have a reading assessment (phonics screen check) which will take place the week beginning Monday 12th June. More information about these assessments will be shared in our newsletters next half term.



Developing Reasoning and Problem Solving in Maths

Next half term as part of our early morning challenges each day, the children will engage in a problem-solving maths activity. These will enable children to talk about and explain the steps and strategies they use to solve problems. We hope to share a questionnaire with parents which will enable us to run specific workshops to support parents to support their children with maths at home. Staff will be sharing a range of useful websites that parents can use with their children to support them to develop their mental maths.

Devon Wildlife Trust

We are looking forward to welcoming Sarah to Northlew after the half term when she will be working with both classes developing our understanding of our natural environment using our forest school and natural surroundings. The sessions will take place each Tuesday morning, the first session, Tuesday 21st February will just involve our wildlife champions with sessions for the rest of the school beginning Tuesday 28th February. We are asking that the children come to school in their own clothes and bring wellies and waterproofs to change into ready for their session.

The Dartmoor Multi Academy Trust Festival of Hope

The children in Northlew Primary will take part in a range of art, literature and sporting events in our Festival of Hope which begins on Monday 6th March. The festival will then run up until the end of the spring term on Friday 31st March. Lots of information about the festival will be shared with parents after the half term.



World Book Day Vouchers

On Thursday, all children have been sent home with a £1 book voucher (*in a small brown envelope*). You have from 16th Feb until 26th March to use your voucher and can choose from 12 **FREE** World Book Day books. For more information on this year's titles visit: www.worldbookday.com

Vouchers can be redeemed at the following stores	
Your local independent bookseller	Sainsburys
Asda	Tesco
Blackwell's (selected stores only)	The Works
Morrisons	Waterstones
WHSmith	



Gardening Club

This week some of the year six children started painting some tractor tyres that were kindly donated in 2020-2021. Three colours were used and applied by using a sponge. All the year six children agreed that it was therapeutic and calming and are excited to do more! This will be a nice addition to the school's spiritual area as a lot of children enjoy being in this relaxing space.

OCRA Cross Country- Competition 1

On Friday 3rd February, we had a fantastic time at our first cross country event. The children showed amazing determination despite lots of coughs and colds they persevered to complete the course. It was lovely to be able to mix together with the other schools despite the rainy weather!

We are looking forward to the next Competition taking place at Chagford Cricket Club on Wednesday 8th March at 1:15pm.



Space Odyssey Dome Experience

On Monday the children of

Boasley Cross joined us at our school to learn about space. The day was filled with many exciting activities to help the children of our school understand the space topic. The dome was lit up with stars and had a projector to show us videos about different facts. We learned about the eight planets in our solar system and their sizes.

We also explored spaceships and who is currently in space. The whole experience was extraordinary, all the pupils and the staff thoroughly enjoyed it. Next, we did a mathematical space game where we had different planets with different numbers on - we would have to add up a total of 4 numbers to make 1000. This was quite challenging and there were many numbers.

Lastly, the staff decided it would be fun for the children to make space art. The pupils used oil pastels to draw the different planets and then cut them out and stuck them on a black sheet of paper. These are later on going to be put on display. For class one's art they were junk-modelling a rocket out of all the recycling you have kindly donated. With this rocket the class one children will be able to play around in it and hopefully it will benefit their understanding of space. *School Council*





This week the children focused on the technique of pastry rolling. They created

delicious pesto & cheese straws which were covered in an egg glaze and parmesan cheese.

In our final session (*after half term*) we will be making... **Cookies & hot chocolate**



Reminder: all children will need to bring a suitable container to every session in order to take their baking home.

EYFS Life Cycles

After half term the children in EYFS will be focusing on life cycles. To bring this to life, we are hoping to grow some frogspawn into frogs! If anyone has an old tank/container we could use to keep the frogspawn in that would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Miss Atkinson if you think you can help.



Visit from PC Hawke

Class 1 had a very exciting visit from PC Hawke today. He explained all about his role as a police officer and even showed us his van and its very loud sirens! The children had the



opportunity to ask lots of questions and were very interested in everything PC Hawke carried with him on his vest.



Congratulations to Esmé who won the chance to take home the reading basket this week, by reading at least 5 times.

Wishing you all a lovely half term break. Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday 20th February.

Mrs Cook

PROUD TO SUPPORT



The school council have done a wonderful job promoting Children's Mental Health week. Thank you very much for all your kind donations which will be donated to Places2Be.

On Friday, Class 1 and Class 2 came together to support each other to create their own mindfulness stories. The children came up with some lovely stories which they will be sharing together in their reflection corners and in the Library.



Class 2 connected with schools across the country and followed instructions to replicate the wonderful character, Montgomery Bonbon, whilst Class 1 spent their time creating cards to deliver to the community of Northlew.

The children have focussed on creating relaxing music this afternoon and also developed their understanding of spirituality by creating images to represent their inner peace and their outer peace. It has been wonderful to see how engaged the children have been and how they are developing their skills to promote their mental health and others.



Remember to book your child's school dinners for the coming week

School Diary

February

Monday - 20th	Children return to school Yr6 SATs club, lunch break
Tuesday - 21st	Forest School Session- wildlife champions only Gardening club, lunch break *Cooking after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm (5/5)
Wednesday - 22nd	Tuck Shop , 3:15-3:30pm *OCRA Indoor Sports after-school club, 3:30-4:30pm
Thursday - 23rd	PE lessons- AM *Martial Arts club, 3:30-4:30pm
Friday - 24th	Music lesson with music specialist, Mrs Jolliffe- PM Celebration Assembly, 3:10pm

***Your child must be booked onto our after-school clubs through School Gateway, in order to take part.**



Festival of Hope

6th - 31st March 2023



The Festival of Hope will return for its 2nd year of celebrations in March 2023. The month long event will allow for even more festivities and events to be enjoyed! Expect to see:

- Community reading programmes
- Travelling art exhibition
- Sporting events
- Poetry
- Trees of Hope
- and much more!

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Super Learners of the Week!

Class 1

Jess has shown brilliant focus and determination during our Phonics sessions this week. She is now using her Fred Talk to read lots of different words and beginning to understand how to use Fred Fingers to help her spelling when writing. Well done, Jess!



Class 2

It has been amazing to watch how **Laila** has been inspired by the Space Dome experience. She was eager to share her understanding of space and was able to learn lots of new facts. I hope your enthusiasm continues throughout the topic. Well done, Laila!



Christian Ethos - Friendship

Class 1

All of **Class 1** were brilliant at showing good friendships and making new friends when Boasley joined us for our space dome on Monday. The children were welcoming and included them in their games on the playground. Well done, everyone!



Class 2

The past couple of weeks with cross country trips the children have been mixing and developing new relationships. It was lovely to see how all the class welcomed Boasley to Northlew on Monday. The children spent the whole day together sharing and supporting each other and there was such a buzz of chatter in the class. We were so proud of how the children mixed and spent the whole day forming new friendships. Well done **Class 2!**



TUESDAY 21st FEBRUARY

3.30pm in the Church Room

**Come and toss a pancake, then eat it!
50p per pancake. All children (with adults)
welcome on Shrove Tuesday, with funds raised
going to St Thomas of Canterbury Restoration.**



Chick Weeds

Are you tired of weeding? Let me help!

Weeding
Mowing
Strimming
Contact me to discuss your needs...

Gwenan: 07794473704
thechickweeds@gmail.com

Question Of the Week

Do you feel as though the space experience has inspired you ready for your next science topic?

YES- 100% NO- 0%

YES

- I found out more about space which has increased my interest in it.
- I learnt more which will help me in class when I begin the topic.
- It gave me a taster of whats to come when we start our topic in class on Space.
- I didn't know much about space before, so I've learnt so much about the planets, space and the universe.

Easy fundraiser is a simple way to help us **raise FREE money for our children**. By using the easy fundraising app & doing your usual online shopping we can get FREE donations from lots of big companies. It really is simple to do and will benefit our children & school greatly.

Please help Northlew & Ashbury PTFA. It only takes a moment and it's completely free, so please get involved if you haven't already!

Click the link to sign up:
https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/sup-port-a-good-cause/step-1/?invite=dilgss&char=267200&referral_campaign=s2s&utm_campaign=referto_win_sept_22