



**Northlew Primary School – Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16**

**13/10/2023**

**Notes from Lead Teacher**

What a busy couple of weeks we have had! The children have been involved in lots of events, both within school and with other schools across the Trust. It has been fantastic to see how the children have conducted themselves and have become passionately involved. They have truly 'Let Their Lights Shine' and we have had some wonderful feedback from members of the community. Next week will be our final week of the half term! Please see the dates for your diary at the end of the newsletter as there are some important events happening shortly after the half term; we will be adding to these throughout the coming weeks.

**Super Learner**

**Theo** – Theo has worked incredibly hard with his letter formation recently. He has been listening attentively to all the new knowledge he needs to form his letters correctly and has been enthusiastic to carry on practising at home. Well done, Theo!

**Freddie** – Freddie has been more focused with his maths learning this week. He has taken the time to express his understanding using manipulatives and has then clearly explained this to his peers. Well done, Freddie!



**School Value- Endurance**

**Jasmine** – Jasmine has shown brilliant endurance this week. She has worked hard to complete work independently and has used lots of tools around the classroom to help her with this. Well done, Jasmine!

**Laila** – Laila has begun to show some endurance during after school clubs when she felt overwhelmed by the activity. She stopped to reflect on her behaviours and was able to participate confidently. This is something which Laila has been working on for a while and is showing endurance to continue it. Well done, Laila!

**Attendance**

A huge well done to the pupils at Northlew, we have the highest attendance, not just within the Moorland Hub but within the whole of the DMAT. Well done! We will be focusing on this in one of our flourish sessions next week.

**Whole School Attendance**

**98.40%**

**Reading Basket**

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

**Reading Raffle**

The PTFA has 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 **Thea**. **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.**

## **Football**

A group of Year 5 and 6 children chose to participate in a football competition with other schools. By teaming up with our sister school, Boasley Cross, we were able to make a team. This is a fantastic way that the children are able to mix with other local schools



and develop their friendships. Thank you to Simon Page who made this possible by kindly transporting the children to and from the match. As you can see from the pictures, the children had a brilliant time.

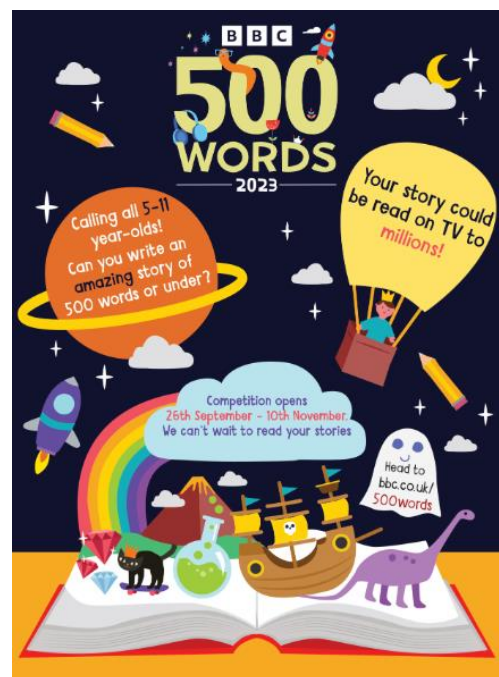
## **Class 2 Art**

Class 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their art topic this half term, they have carefully thought of an imaginative animal which they have sketched and then used oils and pastels to bring them to life. The results have been stunning. They are looking forward to sharing these with you next week at our 'Book and Biscuit' morning.

## **500 Words Competition**

Please remember that the BBC 500 word competition is open and waiting for your story! The idea of this competition is that you enjoy the process of writing and using your imagination. Spelling, punctuation and grammar are not taken into account. Having read your stories at school we know there are some amazing imaginations at Northlew, so please do enter. 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.

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## **Toddler Praise at Fairplace Church Okehampton**

Calling all parents and carers with babies and toddlers!!!

Toddler Praise is launching on Sunday 22nd October in Fairplace Church. Join us at 9am for pastries, fruit and coffee followed by story, singing and activities to celebrate harvest! Older siblings are welcome to join in the fun. Please book



via the event on Facebook.



## School Admissions

If your child is in current Year 6 and born between 01/09/2012 + 31/08/2013 then please remember that applications for secondary school transfer must be submitted by midnight on the 31st of October 2023. Information on open evenings and the application process can be found below  
<http://soc.devon.cc/6NNjn>

## Harvest Festival



Okehampton Foodbank to be distributed to local people in need.



Thank you to everyone who joined us at the Church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October for a Harvest celebration. It was a lovely experience to have so many parents and carers support this and take their time to admire the children's artwork. Thank you for your generosity, the donations have now been delivered to



Optimistic October 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Write down three things you can look forward to this month	2 Find something to be optimistic about (even if it's a difficult time)	3 Take a small step towards a goal that really matters to you	4 Start your day with the most important thing on your to-do list	5 Be a realistic optimist. See life as it is, but focus on what's good	6 Remind yourself that things can change for the better	7 Look for the good in people around you today
8 Make some progress on a project or task you have been avoiding	9 Share an important goal with someone you trust	10 Take time to reflect on what you have accomplished recently	11 Avoid blaming yourself or others. Find a helpful way forward	12 Look out for positive news and reasons to be cheerful today	13 Ask for help to overcome an obstacle you are facing	14 Do something constructive to improve a difficult situation
15 Thank yourself for achieving the things you often take for granted	16 Put down your to-do list and do something fun or uplifting	17 Take a small step towards a positive change you want to see in society	18 Set hopeful but realistic goals for the days ahead	19 Identify one of your positive qualities that will be helpful in the future	20 Find joy in tackling a task you've put off for some time	21 Let go of the expectations of others and focus on what matters to you
22 Share a hopeful quote, picture or video with a friend or colleague	23 Recognise that you have a choice about what to prioritise	24 Write down three specific things that have gone well recently	25 You can't do everything! What are your three priorities right now?	26 Find a new perspective on a problem you face	27 Be kind to yourself today. Remember, progress takes time	28 Ask yourself, will this still matter a year from now?
29 Plan a fun or exciting activity to look forward to	30 Identify three things that give you hope for the future	31 Set a goal that brings a sense of purpose for the coming month				

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## World Mental Health Day

We celebrated World Mental Health Day on Tuesday by taking part in a range of activities. We discussed how we can have good



mental health and bad mental health and what we can do to ensure we have good mental health. The children created a cloud with their name and representations of themselves and their peers wrote words to describe them that were then attached to their cloud. This can be used as a reminder for the children to think positively about themselves and see how others see them.



We will have these wellbeing calendars up around school to help us be mindful of our mental health. You could also use them at home. How many have you ticked off today?

## Wellbeing Action Calendar

<input type="checkbox"/> Take time to ask someone how they are	<input type="checkbox"/> Do something that makes you happy	<input type="checkbox"/> Say one nice/positive thing to someone today	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a plan to meet someone dear to you	<input type="checkbox"/> Do a random act of kindness for someone today	<input type="checkbox"/> Tell someone important how much they mean to you	<input type="checkbox"/> Go for a walk
<input type="checkbox"/> Be nice to someone today	<input type="checkbox"/> Set a good example today	<input type="checkbox"/> Give a compliment	<input type="checkbox"/> Thank people	<input type="checkbox"/> Offer hugs to your loved ones and friends	<input type="checkbox"/> Smile at someone today	<input type="checkbox"/> Write down 3 things you are grateful for
<input type="checkbox"/> Go for a 30 minute walk	<input type="checkbox"/> Meditate: Sit, relax, focus on breathing	<input type="checkbox"/> Take time to check in on someone today	<input type="checkbox"/> Spend time in nature	<input type="checkbox"/> Try a new activity today	<input type="checkbox"/> Laugh	<input type="checkbox"/> Draw or paint a picture
<input type="checkbox"/> Sit in the sun for five minutes	<input type="checkbox"/> List 3 things you like about yourself	<input type="checkbox"/> Enjoy a sunset or sunrise	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduce yourself to someone new	<input type="checkbox"/> Drink a glass of water before each meal	<input type="checkbox"/> Write a poem	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean out a cluttered drawer
<input type="checkbox"/> Do something you love	<input type="checkbox"/> Send a nice text message to someone	<input type="checkbox"/> Take a photo of something nice				



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## Parents Evening

Thank you to all parents who have booked an appointment for Parents Evening on Tuesday. As there have been some technical difficulties with booking the appointments, we will send a reminder of the times next week.

## Whole School Zoo Trip with Boasley Cross

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of October we had an amazing day at Paignton Zoo! We joined Boasley Cross on our trip to celebrate 100 years of the zoo being open. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and had lots of questions for the zookeepers to answer. Thank you to the PTFA for funding the coach travel to the zoo.



"It was amazing to see the tarantula, he was furry like a bear!" – Amelia

"I loved the baboons because they had funny bottoms!" - Theo

"The gorillas were so funny, one of them came right up to the window to say hello." - Isabel



## School Roles

We have had some fantastic applications for the school roles this year, the children put a lot of thought and effort into writing their applications. The roles have now been awarded and the children will be informing you of any upcoming events which they will be organising. Well done to everyone who applied we are extremely lucky to have such a strong group of children to develop our school and community.

## Volunteers

Thank you very much to the people who have inquired about volunteering at the school. We are very much looking forward to having your support within school once paperwork has been processed. Please do contact us if you have any questions.

## Week Beginning 16.10.23

Monday	Lunchtime Gardening Club *Immersion Coding Club 3:30-4:30pm
Tuesday	Parents Evening- Please book your appointment via school gateway. *OCRA Club 3:30-4:30pm
Wednesday	KS1 PE lesson- Please come to school in your PE kit. Lunchtime Yoga Club
Thursday	Lunchtime Reading Club *Martial Arts 3:30-4:30pm
Friday	Book & Biscuit and Flourish 8:45am Final KS2 Swimming

**23.10.23- 27.10.23 Half Term**

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

## Diary Dates

October	
<b>Monday 16th</b>	French Trip Meeting for Year 6 Children at Bridestowe Primary School
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>	Parents Evening- please book an appointment
<b>Friday 20th</b>	KS2 Final Swimming Session
November	
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>,</b>	KS1 Swimming Every Friday
<b>Wednesday 1st</b>	Parents Forum from 3:30
<b>Friday 3rd</b>	Northlew Bonfire
<b>Wednesday 8th</b>	Baby and Toddler Stay and Play
<b>Monday 13th</b>	Odd Socks Day
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Northlew Christmas Fete at Northlew Primary School from 4pm
<b>Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	Flu Vaccination
December	
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup>, 8th</b>	KS1 Swimming
<b>Saturday 2nd</b>	Carols in the Barn
<b>Wednesday 6th</b>	Christingle Service at Church followed by mince pies at school. From 2pm
<b>Tuesday 12th</b>	Nativity Performance
<b>Wednesday 13th</b>	Please drop off and collect your child/ren from Boasley Cross Primary School. KS1 Pantomime Dear Santa 3:30pm finish please order or bring packed lunch. KS2 Pantomime Dick Whittington- 5:30pm finish school lunches can still be ordered

Please note that after half term KS1 children will be swimming.

### SCHOOL OFFICE STRUCTURE

Just to re-confirm that the office will be staffed on Tuesday and Thursday mornings, so please feel free to come in or call [01409 221420](tel:01409221420) for any help needed. Alternatively, emails to [admin@northlewprimary.org.uk](mailto:admin@northlewprimary.org.uk) are monitored during the mornings, Monday to Friday, and will be responded to at regular intervals. If you ring the school number at any other time or the line is busy, calls will be routed to another Moorland Hub admin or the Central Team who will be happy to assist with enquiries. Many thanks.

Mrs Lee – Lead Teacher [slee@northlewprimary.org.uk](mailto:slee@northlewprimary.org.uk) 01409 221420



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## Call My Bluff Evening - 23<sup>rd</sup> November in Lydford Village Hall 19.00 for 19.30

- An evening of laughter, bluffing and double bluff in aid of Friends of Lydford School – FoLS. Call My Bluff evening kindly hosted by Bearn's Hampton & Littlewood Auctioneers and Valuers of Exeter. Come along and see how good you are at valuing antiques or fakes.
- Tickets £7 in advance or £8 on the night – children are free. Entry includes a plate of cheese and biscuits. Alcoholic and soft beverages available to purchase during the evening.
- Tickets from the Toy Shop in the Red Lion Yard Okehampton or call Jade on 07854 206 400.
- Everyone welcome. We look forward to seeing you for a fun evening of bluffing!

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