

The end of the Spring term has been a positive and productive one and the children have worked incredibly hard. The KS1 children continue to make us feel proud with their efforts and enthusiasm for learning. We would like to share some successes from this time and celebrate our children's achievements.

This Half Term's Attendance

Attendance remains a high priority for all of our Northwood children. We would like to take the opportunity to thank all of the parents and carers who have fully supported the school by ensuring their children have attended school daily. Please can you ensure that your child arrives punctually at the start of the school day. All children should be in school at 8.45am. We aim for a child's attendance to be 96% or above by the end of the year.



Class 3 – Year 1 – Mr West	94.5%	Class 5 – Year 2 – Mrs Taylor	95.8%
Class 4 – Year 1 – Miss Curtis	94%	Class 6 – Year 2 – Ms Bradley	95.1%

Year 1: Pickleball Day

The children thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills on our Pickleball day. Pickleball is a new sport which the children thoroughly enjoyed. They had a go at using their hand-eye coordination to use the Pickleball paddle to move the Pickleball around. Then they had a go at passing the Pickleball between themselves and a partner, making sure it bounced in the hoop.



Year 1: Science - Plants

The children have really engaged with the Science topic this half term. We have explored all things plants by looking at the parts of plants and trees, how they grow and the jobs each part of the plant has. We learnt that not all trees lose their leaves, experimented with tree rubbings and took part in an experiment to see whether a bean plant would grow with no light or water.



Year 2: D and T – Making wraps

The children in Year 2 loved designing, making and evaluating their own wrap sandwich. First they evaluated existing produce, tasted different ingredients and looked at existing packaging. Next they designed and made their own package before making their delicious wrap!



Year 2: Cricket

Alex from Durham Cricket Club came into school to lead some cricket taster sessions with Year 2. The children practised throwing and catching and then moved onto batting skills. They took turns to be the bowler, batter and fielders. They listened well and their skills improved greatly over the five weeks.



This half term's certificates:

	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Week 1 Courageous Pupil	Amelina Nega Kaasinath Rahul	Ava Wetton Lucas Thompson	Lottie Williams-Inness Chase Evans-Appleby	Harrison Outhwaite Daisie Bowerbank
Week 2 Great Historian	Brianna Mckee Alfie-Benjamin Pearson	Lilly Okpere Bentley Britton	Israel Raji Jack Yarrow	Moyosore Oloko Thomas Hartley
Week 3 Dedicated Designer	Sreeyan Sreejith Brooklyn Pascoe	Nivin Nishad Hanna Mullen	Fabian Pelechowicz Desiree Akinade	Dominion Okechukwu Emilia Henderson
Week 4 Confident Communicator	Riley Redhead Betty Boswell	Hunter-James Connolly Maaria Qureshi	Alfie Carolan Ruby-Rose O'Sullivan	Theo Kennedy Viola-Grace Wardell
Week 5 Excellent Effort	Elijah Chapman Lilly Neasham	Tara Middleton- Mohamad Nevadah Welch	Ikveer Singh-Calra Eliza Boswell	Aria Hunter Edward Mather

From the Key Stage 1 team, we wish you a happy and safe Easter holiday. We look forward to starting the summer term on **Monday 15th April 2024**.