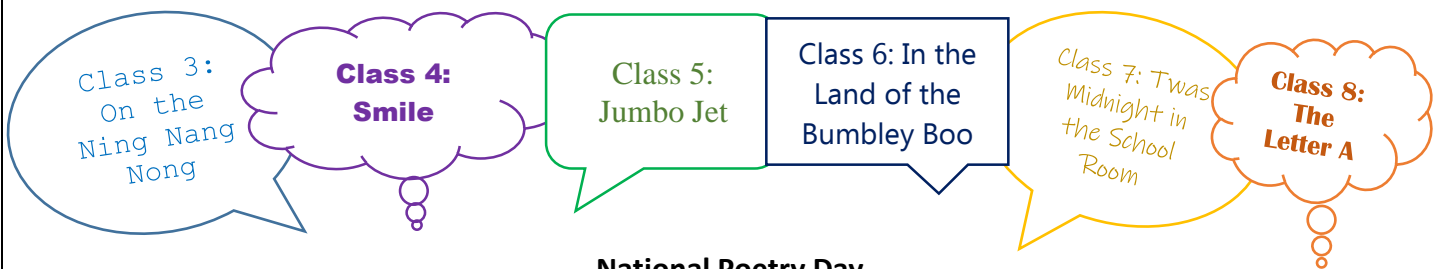


Dear Parents/Carers,

Doesn't time fly when you're having fun! Can you believe that it is October already next week? September has been a super month of teaching and learning here at Northwood, I have been so proud on my visits to classrooms where children have demonstrated really positive attitudes to learning. In Nursery and Reception, children have already made excellent progress and are settled the school routines and expectations. Year 1 have been doing some fantastic work linked to the story of the Three Little Pigs. Year 2's Art skills have been developing through the use of paint. Year 3 have acquired lots of new knowledge about Volcanos. The visit to the Oriental Museum for Year 4 has brought the Ancient Egyptians to life for them in their classrooms. Year 5's work on space and the planets has been out of this world and Year 6 have already developed marvellous knowledge about the Mayans.

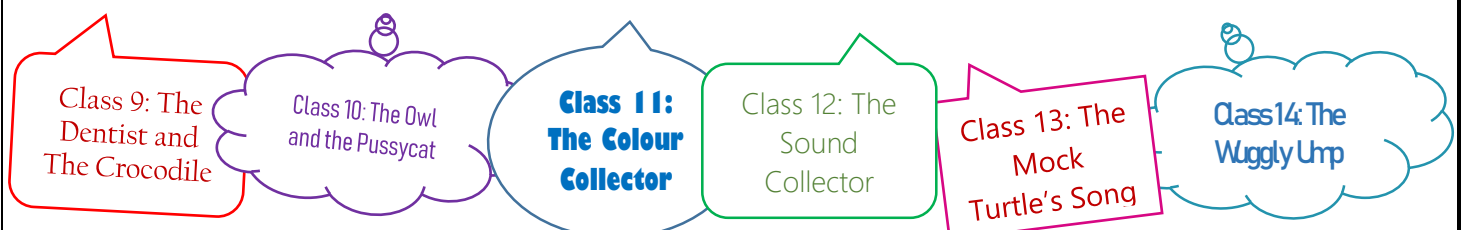
Wilderness Schooling

As a school we are passionate about "Growing Success" both in and out of the classroom. This year we are working in collaboration with Wilderness Schooling to provide children with opportunities to develop and apply their Maths, Science and English skills and knowledge making best use of our amazing school grounds. Last academic year, our Year 5 children (now Year 6) engaged in a range of exciting days learning outside of the classroom. This term it is the Year 3 Children (Class 7 and 8) who will participate. If your child is in Ms Bradley's class please make sure they have a warm coat on their wilderness school days (see diary below) as the children and staff will be outside for most of the day whatever the weather. For more information on Wilderness Schooling please visit their website at www.wilderness-schooling.co.uk



National Poetry Day

On 3rd October it is National Poetry Day and Northwood are celebrating this day in style. Since September each class from Year 1 to Year 6 has been given a poem to learn off by heart. On Friday 4th October, during our whole school morning assembly, the classes will recite their poems to the rest of the school. This is a great opportunity for children to develop their confidence and self-assurance in front of an audience of children and staff.



Reading Matters

It has been great to see children so motivated to read both in the classroom and at home. Thank you to parents and carers who have given us some valuable feedback about our new style Home Reading Records. It is important to note that the teaching of Reading is a key part of your child's curriculum and education here at Northwood. Teachers use a range of strategies to develop children's reading skills and hear them read regularly and often. The Home Reading Record has been designed to capture how often children read at home. I'm asking parents and carers to make sure their children are regularly bringing their reading book home from school. If you have any comments or concerns please do not hesitate to let a member of staff know. The Reading Rewards for this half term will take place after the half term holidays.



Facebook

Many parents have commented on how useful they find our Facebook page to keep up to date with what's happening at Northwood. It is also a great place for us to showcase the school and celebrate our children's achievements. Please take a minute to like our Facebook page via the following link: www.facebook.com/northwoodprimary

Attendance Matters

Attendance continues to be an area of the school which requires improvement. Our school's attendance figures remain lower than the national average, which does not reflect all of the amazing things that happen here at Northwood Primary School. Let's see if we can ensure that our overall yearly attendance rate improves this term. I would like to remind parents and carers to make sure that their children come to school every day and on time. I would also like to remind you of all the fantastic attendance rewards and incentives we have including Hot Chocolate Club, Weekly Attendance Raffles, Popcorn and Movie Afternoons and attendance certificates.

Dates for your Dairy (more dates may be added)

- Monday 30th September, Monday 7th October, Monday 14th October: Class 8 (Ms Bradley) Wilderness Schooling Days.
- Wednesday 2nd October: Year 2 Multi-skills at Eastbourne Sports Complex (invitation only).
- Thursday 3rd October: National Poetry Day.
- Thursday 3rd October: Cross Country at Eastbourne Sports Complex (invitation only).
- Tuesday 15th October: Whole school photograph day (more information to follow).
- Wednesday 23rd October: Year 3 and Year 4 Harvest Assembly for parents and carers (more information to follow).
- Friday 25th October: Non Uniform day – Wear your own clothes, Halloween outfits, fancy dress or onesies.

**Schools closes for half term at 3.30pm on Friday 25th October
and reopens for pupils on Tuesday 5th November.**

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Beach,
Head Teacher.