

Welcome back to Northwood, we hope you had a lovely half term break.

This is a really short half term and we want to make sure that it is a really successful one. The staff have worked hard to continue to ensure that the curriculum is exciting, challenging and ultimately rewarding. The children are making really good progress in their learning. Last half term we had a very positive Trust Review where our children's behaviour and attitudes were commented on very positively. The relationships between staff and children are built on mutual respect and kindness and this shone through when our visitors were in school. We are all committed to ensuring that your children get the very best education that they deserve in order to prepare them for their successful futures.

Attendance and Being on Time Matters

Being in school every day and on time makes a huge difference to a child's progress and attainment, as well as their personal and social development. We understand that sometimes children are ill and cannot attend school and on those days it is vital that you contact school to let us know, preferably before 9am. We have a duty of care to know where your child is, so if they are not in and we don't hear from you then we have to start ringing home and on occasions we may visit the home to check in with children and families. Recently we have had quite a few children arriving to school after the gates close at 8.55am and it is vital that children are in school on time. This is an important life skill which will serve them well now and in the future, especially when they are adults. Learning starts from the minute your child enters their classroom so please ensure they arrive on time so they are able to have a settled and enjoyable start to the day.

NSPCC Number Day-Thank you!

Our NSPCC Number Day was another Northwood success. The children had a fantastic day carrying out a range of number related activities and our 'Coin Challenge' raised a fabulous £186.15 for this important charity. We even got a 'thank you' from the NSPCC on our Facebook post. Thank you all for your generosity and supporting this fabulous cause.



Personal Development at Northwood

Feedback from our last parent questionnaire was that some of you were interested in finding out more about the school's Personal Development Curriculum. If you visit our website you will find details of our 'Six Pillars of Personal Development' which underpin our whole curriculum in school. Along with this rich offer, our school complements this curriculum through a range of themes that permeate lessons, assemblies and wider activities. Our themes for this half term are shared with you below:

Celebrating Languages at Northwood

Week beginning 26th February Northwood will be celebrating the various languages that we speak here at Northwood. We have children from all over the world in our school and we will be capturing these languages through a range of activities. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for the outcomes of our activities in school.

World Wildlife Week

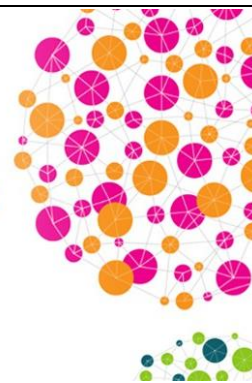
Week beginning 4th March Northwood will explore which animals are endangered in the world. It is important that our children understand that we have to care for our planet in order to ensure that animals that are at risk of extinction are protected and looked after.



British Science Week-Smashing Stereotypes

Week beginning 11th March Northwood will celebrate the diverse people and careers in science and engineering. What do you imagine when you are asked what a scientist looks like? Are you picturing lab coats, goggles and bunsen burners? If that's who you pictured-you're not alone, but it's something that we want to change.

British Science Week 2024



Smashing stereotypes is an opportunity to encourage our children to see themselves as scientists. School has organised for our older children to engage in a workshop with an external visitor who will discuss all things science and will encourage our children to consider employment opportunities from the world of science.

Celebrating Diversity

For the last two weeks of this half term Northwood children will engage in a special project to find out more about some significant people from the past and present. Year groups will complete sessions and capture key information about these people and the contribution they have made to society. Across different year groups children will find out about Frida Kahlo, Mohammad Ali, Mindy Kaling, Stevie Wonder, Zaha Hadid, Michael Jordan, Rosa Parks, Martin Luther King Junior and Katherine Johnson. Look out for posts on Facebook during these weeks as the children showcase their learning.



The Big Walk

An active lifestyle is promoted at Northwood. The school will engage in 'The Big Walk' to promote physical health and wellbeing in the last week of this half term. Mr Tapner and Mr West will create a special walk around the whole school grounds that children will all participate in. Along the way children will have special tasks to complete to promote a sense of team work and togetherness.

Dates for your Diary

- Our next parent/carer consultations will be held after the Easter holidays on the 30th April and 1st May. This will be another great opportunity for you to come and see the amazing teaching and learning opportunities that your children have been involved in. More details will follow closer to the time.
- **Friday 15th March:** Comic Relief-Red Nose Day-non uniform day-Wear something Red - We will have a special Red Nose Day 'Coin Challenge' on this day.
- **Thursday 28th March:** Non uniform day including 'Wear a Hat to School Day'
- **Half term ends at the end of the school day on Thursday 28th March.**
- **School reopens on Monday 15th April.**



Thank you for your continued support as always,



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