

As the first half of this Summer term is almost over, the KS2 team would like to share some highlights from the children's amazing achievements and exciting learning opportunities.

This Half Term's Attendance

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| Class 7 – Year 3– Mr Beadle | 96.1% |
| Class 8 – Year 3 – Mrs Jones | 90.4% |
| Class 9 – Year 4 – Miss Bowen | 94.4% |
| Class 10 – Year 4 – Mrs Shepherdson | 92.6% |
| Class 11 – Year 5 – Miss Robinson | 94.4% |
| Class 12 – Year 5 – Miss Hodgson | 94% |
| Class 13 – Year 6 – Mr Harker | 96.2% |
| Class 14 – Year 6 – Mrs Osborne | 93.3% |



Well done to **Class 13**, who are this half term's attendance champions.

Year 3 – National Gardening Week

National Gardening Week 2022 is held every year between 2nd and 8th of May. It is run by the Royal Horticultural Society (RHS) to raise awareness of gardening and horticulture and is aimed at encouraging more people to take part in the healthy and productive outdoor activity of gardening. Here at Northwood, Mrs. Coates challenged pupils across the school to create their own cress head character—from either a book, a film, or their very own idea. The children had lots of fun creating their entries for the competition both at home and at school. Here are some of Year 3's amazing cress head entries and an inside look at the creative process in the making!



Year 4 – International Dance Day

International Dance Day was held on Friday 29th of April this year and to celebrate it, Class 9 and Class 10 joined together to learn about the Haka and how to recreate it. We learned all about the morals and values of the Haka and what it truly represents. We found out that the Haka is a ceremonial dance which is usually performed in a group to show pride, strength and unity. We watched videos and learned the moves with the goal of performing our Haka to the opposing class. Our main focus was to present ourselves in a strong manner with the hope of showing how resilient we were as a team, just like the New Zealand All Blacks.



Year 5 – Inspired by impressionism

In Art this half term, Year 5 have been inspired by Monet to design their own impressionist art work. We started by identifying the key features of impressionism and deciding which ones we wanted to focus on. From practicing our technique with a paintbrush to refreshing our knowledge of colour theory, we worked to produce a final piece.

The children enjoyed producing their own paintings from real life influences.



Year 6 – Yoga



As part of our PE this half term, Year 6 have been fortunate enough to take part in Yoga. We started practising breathing techniques that we could use in situations where we are anxious or stressed – this was especially helpful during SATs. We were also introduced to sun poses, which helped us warm up for the rest of the session. Next, we focused on core strength and exercises to improve our flexibility, as well as strengthening our muscles. After every session, one of the children who stood out for their effort and enthusiasm, was nominated as ‘Warrior of the Week’.



This term’s certificates:

Well done to all of the certificate winners – the KS 2 teachers had some difficult decisions to make as they could have awarded the certificates to so many children each week!

| Class | Successful Start | Being A Great Friend | Wonderful Writer | Consistent Effort | Bringing A Smile To Our Classroom |
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| 7 | Damian White Sav Edwards | Holly Barningham Jake Fowler | Rio Hepper Faith Dixon | Florence-Anne Storey Cameron Maguire | Megan Norman Myah-Leigh Rowland |
| 8 | Renee Alulu Vanessa Finney | Natalie Irvine Daniel Hunter | Ernest Chapman Cade O’Neill | Polly Durham Chloe Bruce | Mohammed Rashid Jude Harcourt |
| 9 | Teigan Oxley-Park Junior Newbery | Lilly- May Glasper Alex Stabler | Leighton Baker Lillie Scanlon | Sophia Robson Caitlin Charlton | Zahraa Al-Timimi Luca-James Kennedy |
| 10 | Shelby Harrison Elsie Longstaff | Ben Millard Layla Davison-Price | Julieanna Burnside Raul Bradianu | Isabelle Kennedy Gabriel Whiteside | Sheldon Lowther Leon Xu |
| 11 | Harry Stephens Keeley Doxford | Keeley Doxford Ava Adams | Maisie Taylor Praise Egharevba | Bobby-James Thompson Jacob Brown | Jade Johnson Alexs Bardhi |
| 12 | Gracie Swainston Jayden Henry | Riley Waters Natalie Finney | Joy Eme Bayley Longstaff | Natalie Finney Jake Moore | Ellis Evans-Appleby Ollie Jones |
| 13 | Scarlet Price Georgia Boswell | Darcey Maguire Maisie Kirby | Mason Corrie Charlie Ions | Elizabeth Burnside Maria Monteiro | Erin McCaw Jessica Davison-Price |
| 14 | Dylan O’Neill Shania Littlefair | Joseph Kindon Ella Williams | Rachel Hutton Bailey Russel | Phoebe Morris Sofia-Alexis Wade | Millie Peat Kianna Newbery |