



Northview Primary School – Christmas Newsletter December 20, 2018



Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of another term at Northview, I would like to thank you for all the support you have given to the school.

Curriculum Evening

The number of parents who attended the Curriculum evening in September was really impressive and this shows how strong our home/ school partnership is. If you do have any concerns regarding your child's progress during the term, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Open Evening

Our Open Evening in December was very well attended.

Visits and Visitors

The Nursery & Reception classes went to see the Christmas tree and light maze at the London Designer Outlet Centre in Wembley.

Reception & Y1 received Irish Dancing lessons this term.

Y2 visited the Natural History Museum.

Y3 attended a poetry workshop at Wembley Library.

Y5 attended a workshop at Wembley Library to celebrate Black History Month.

Y5 visit to the London Museum linked with an exciting archaeological dig on the Thames.

Y6 took part in a Junior Citizenship workshop run by the Metropolitan Police.

As a Christmas treat the children watched a performance of 'Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves' by the Wizard Theatre Company.

Assemblies

Our festival Assemblies for this term were very impressive and I would like to thank all our parents who attended to support their children and to all the children and staff who worked so hard to entertain and inform us.

Progress Meetings

Following end of term tests, meetings have been held with every teacher to discuss each child's progress this term and targets have been set for each child by their class teachers.

One to One Booster

Lessons took place this term for some children in Y2, Y4 and Y5.

Booster Lessons

Numeracy and Literacy booster lessons have started for some children in Y6. Writing booster lessons will begin for Y2, Y3, Y4 & Y5 in the Spring term.

SATS Results

These were outstanding last year. In Year 2, 86%, 79% and 79% for each in Reading, Writing and Mathematics attained age related expectation or higher. Many of our children also attained at greater depth.

In Year 6, 77% of our children attained age related expectation in Reading, 83% in Grammar, Spelling & Punctuation, 83% in Writing and 80% in Mathematics. Again, many children attained at a higher level. Our end of Year 6 results were so strong that we have been put in 6th place out of 81 schools in Brent in the Times School's List. I would like to thank Mrs Barouma, Ms Farid and Mrs Hill for working so hard to attain such good results.

Music

The school continues to provide expert music teaching for all classes. This term the children have really enjoyed receiving lessons in recorder, drums, ukulele and singing/rapping.

Bedtime Story Night

Earlier this month, we ran our first Bedtime Story Night event. The children returned to school in the evening in their pyjamas and brought along their favourite book to read. Staff set the scene in the hall, with dimmed lights, hot chocolate and biscuits. The children had a wonderful time and really enjoyed reading stories with their parents and friends.

Nursery Reading Workshops

All our Nursery parents were invited to attend reading workshops with Miss Radjabi this term. Ideas were shared on how to ensure both parents and children get the most out of taking reading books home.

Volunteers

A big thank you to our Volunteers, who assist in our classrooms and help to develop other areas of the school.

PSA

A really big thank you to the parents who have helped with coffee mornings, cake sales and cinema nights. The Winter Wonderland party last week was a great success and raised £557.34! The PSA have also provided every child with a selection box as a Christmas treat.



Book Fair

Our Book Fair was a great success and raised £562.00 worth of reading books for our school library. Thank you to all the staff and children who helped to run this event.

Bookshop

Thank you to Miss Lloyd who continues to run our weekly school bookshop.

Poetry Competition

Thank you to all those children who took part in the recent poetry competition.

Fund Raising & Charitable Giving

Our chosen charity this term was the 'Save the Children Christmas Jumper' Appeal. The children were allowed to wear a jumper on Tuesday for a £1 donation to the appeal and £133.40.00 was raised.

Rather than sending Christmas cards to each other, the staff will donate £52.00 to the Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.

Uniform

Can I please remind parents that all children should come to school in black or brown school shoes — not trainers. Please also ensure that school trousers are worn and not jogging bottoms.

Packed Lunches

I would like to remind parents of the importance of a healthy packed lunch. We have leaflets in the foyer with great ideas for lunches.

Swimming

Swimming lessons will commence for Year 4 on Tuesday 15th January 2019.

Reception Transfer 2019

If your child was born between 01.09.14 and 31.08.2015 you must apply for a place in the Reception class by 15th January 2019. Apply now at www.eadmissions.org.uk and please remember to press the 'Submit' button when your application is complete. Please contact the school office if you require assistance with your application.

Parking

Thank you once again to all those parents who do not drive up to the school gates. My greatest concern is that no consideration is taken for our children's safety by those parents who are still driving up to the gates and turning or reversing in a confined space (there are now very few who do this). This is still of great concern as children are crossing in these places.

Punctuality/Attendance

Although the majority of the children arrive for school by 8.55am there are still some children who are perpetually late. This has an effect on your child's education and also disrupts lessons in the school. Would you please ensure that your child arrives at school on time. Regular attendance at school is also extremely important.

Our Education Welfare Officer checks the registers regularly and will be contacting parents with whom she has concerns over punctuality and/or attendance.

Governors

A big thank you to all our Governors who give up their time on a regular basis to support our school.



Welcome

We would also like to welcome our new teachers, Mrs Emiri and Miss Radjabi who joined us this term.

Goodbyes

This term we say goodbye to Miss Dos Santos. We wish her every success in her future career.

And finally, on behalf of all my hard working and dedicated staff, I would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

School re-opens on Monday 7th January 2019.

Mr David Syed
Headteacher

