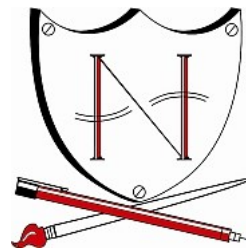


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12th October 2021 : Issue 3

Dear Parents and carers,

Year 6 Roles and Responsibilities

We have been very impressed by the enthusiasm of the children in year 6 for taking on additional responsibilities and looking after the welfare of other children in school.

This week saw the announcement of the Playground Buddies/ Well being Ambassadors. They will be working in daily teams of four to support and guide younger children on the playground during morning play and lunch times. It is so good to have such a large group of volunteers.

The playground buddies are Barbara, Poppy, George, Lucy x 2, Darcie, Leo, Henry, Isuri, Xanthia, Coco, Abi, Layla, Ella, Hector, Ameera, Jayden, Millie, Lottie, Scarlet and Megan.



Lunch time eating arrangements

We are very pleased to let you know that on Monday 1st November straight after Half term we will be returning to eating in the School dining hall. This is very exciting news for us all as we haven't been able to eat in our dining hall for over a year. We will need to be patient as there maybe some initial teething points to sort out. The catering team have a new menu planned ,which will soon be on our web site. The children will continue to be able to choose their meal at morning registration from a daily hot option, vegetarian option, a jacket potato or two choices of baguette. These meals will all be accompanied by a choice from the freshly prepared salad bar. Lunchtimes will continue to be a relaxing sociable occasion where children can eat with their class mates.

Nasal Flu Immunisation Friday 5th November 2021

A reminder that the consent for the above immunizations will close at 4pm on Thursday 28th October 2021.



REMINDER!

Already we are accumulating a number of sweatshirts and cardigans in our lost property - ALL unnamed.

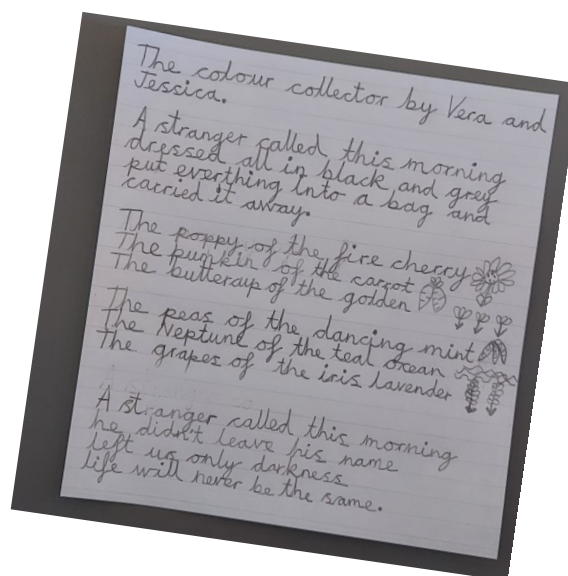
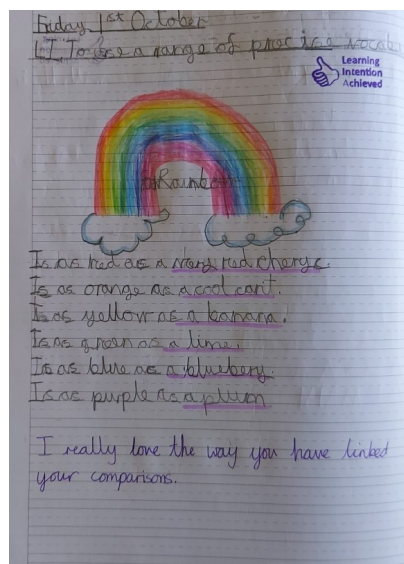


PLEASE ensure that you clearly label your child's clothing so that items can be returned if handed in to the office.

Writing across the school

We have been focusing on writing across the school this half term and we were very pleased with the high levels of writing we saw in each class and the high standards of presentation we saw in the books.

Year 3



An extract from a story inspired by the Greek myth Theseus and the Minotaur about a hero called Theron:

That night, there was a storm; a dark, dismal storm. The waves crashed over the bows of the ship. You could have heard the crew praying to Zeus! Many people died that day, the cruel waves crashed onto the ship's deck, dragging the men to their sad, sad fates. Finally, all but one sailor remained. The lone, hooded figure watched the waves and sky anxiously, hoping he would make it through this terrible, treacherous storm. Suddenly, he saw something. A colossal wave hurtled towards him! After that he remembered no more...

He woke to the sound of jackals howling. "Where...w...where am I?" he said faintly. A hand gently pushed his head down again. The sailor saw somebody scrutinising him. Suddenly a voice replied, as gently as the hand who had touched him moments ago, "You're on Andros, Theron." Weak, frail yet determined, Theron sat up. He gasped in pain. "Your arm is injured," said the voice, "you can still stand, I think." Theseus got to his feet shakily. He stumbled a few steps then regained balance.

Abraham B **Year 6**

Year 4

Worried and confused, Rhodopis climbed out of the beautiful, glistening boat, onto the unstable river bank. She carefully stepped on the glistening marble steps. Right in front of her, stood two giant, monstrous doors with guards holding them. They were looking everywhere, even at her! She was frightened of them, she didn't know why.

After she passed the door, she looked up and gasped at the site of the most beautiful ceiling ever! The prince gripped her hand a little tighter and she felt a little comfort.

Jessica J - 4W

School Council

We are pleased to announce the names of the children who have been chosen as Class Representatives on the School Council:

"Little voices make big ideas"

We look forward to working with you all!

3B	Eva L	5C	Willow W
3N	Judah E	5M	Caleb E
3R	Jessica C	5R	Evie C
4P	Ben A	6LP	Lily P
4R	Dexter F	6K	Elma S
4W	Amalie L	6MD	Henry T
Centre	Samuel R		



Harvest Creature Competition!

It is time again for our traditional Harvest creature competition. We ask children to design and make a creature- real or imagined using only natural materials. We are mindful that we do not want to be creating food waste so encourage children to use found objects such as conkers, leaves or acorns. If you do choose to use fruit or vegetables, we urge you to still make use of these in your cooking after the competition. Examples of previous entries can be found on the [School Website](#).

To avoid unnecessary waste we ask that the creatures are not brought in to school, but instead please take a photograph of your child's creation and send it to:

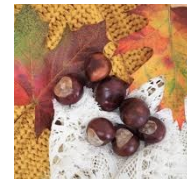
socialmedia@northmead.surrey.sch.uk

clearly marked with your child's name and class.

The deadline for competition entries is **3.30pm on Wednesday 20th October**.

We shall share the photographs with the school during their assembly on **Friday 22nd October and announce the winners**.

Once again we would value food donations from you for the local foodbanks. Please send in suitable items on Friday 22nd October.



Bonfire Night – Advance notice

We are planning a return of our wonderful bonfire and fireworks celebrations on Thursday 4th November.

Tickets are now available to purchase at a special Northmead only presale price.

Please go to Parentmail/ Payments/ Shop. Closing date is Thu 21 Oct @ 2300.

£4 per person
3's and under are free



Secondary School Applications - Year 6 Pupils

All children in Year 6 took home a leaflet at the beginning of term from Surrey County Council. These gave information on the Secondary School Admission process. Please read the leaflet carefully. The deadline for secondary applications is **31st October 2021**, however

Surrey advises that parents submit their applications before the half term holiday. For more information please go to

<https://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions>

If you are struggling to complete the form Wendy Cook— Home School Link Worker would be happy to assist.



Prospective Parents Visits:

Dates for tours of the school for prospective year 3 parents are planned on the following dates for small groups:

Wed 3/11/21: 9.15 - 10.15 am

Thur 4/11/21: 11 - 12 noon

Wed 10/11/21: 11 - 12 noon

Thur 11/11/21: 5.30 - 6.30 pm

Fri 12/11/21: 9.15 - 10.15 am

Please call the school office to book your place.

Coronavirus Update

We are aware Covid is still very much around and wanted to say thank you for your support in relation to getting PCR tests and isolating when necessary. Everyone has been very kind and understanding.

Please continue to follow the following Government advice.

Children who have symptoms of Covid 19 must not come into school until they have a negative PCR test result. Parents of Children who show symptoms while they are at school will be asked to collect them to get a PCR test.

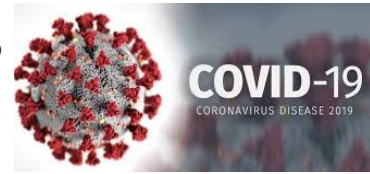
Children are no longer required to isolate if a member of their family has COVID.

However it is recommended they take a PCR test to make sure they have not caught covid.

We appreciate your ongoing support to protect our school community

Athena/Guildford Education Partnership have asked that we inform parents of the number of Covid Cases in school.

Week Commencing 4th October 2021: **5**



Parking & Road Safety

A polite reminder to all to please park considerately at drop off and pick up times. We have received e-mails from distressed local residents who have been unable to get out of their drives and others who have observed vehicles driving down Grange Road with two wheels on the pavement. To ensure the safety of our children if you see this type of driving please inform the community police team who have informed us they will be making spot checks in our area.



Yellow zig-sag lines outside schools indicate the length of road where stopping or waiting is **strictly prohibited**. You may also find an upright sign, indicating a mandatory prohibition of stopping during the times shown

Parents should drop children where it is safe to stop - NOT on the Yellow zig-zag lines at the top of the drive.

Crossing Patrol

The School Crossing Patrol Officer does a marvellous job of ensuring that children can cross Grange Road safely. However she does need the cooperation of all road users and parents. If she asks you to move on you must do so. Please be reminded of the following:

- When crossing at the crossing patrol pedestrians **MUST** walk **IN FRONT** of the Crossing Patrol Officer.
- Parents and children should only cross the road once the School Crossing Patrol Officer is standing in the road with her lollipop indicating that it is safe to cross.
- Those with bicycles **MUST get off** and walk them across the road.
- Parents **MUST** not congregate at the top of the drive blocking access to the footpath which in turn means the children walk around the group into the road to get passed.

DIARY DATES - check out what is happening and how you can be involved!

Please be aware that these events are planned a term in advance and sometimes, due to unforeseen circumstances, some dates have to be changed. If there are any changes, or additional dates we will endeavour to inform you at the earliest opportunity (usually text message, school newsletter or school website)

Wednesday 20th October	3.30 pm	Deadline for Harvest Creature Competition
Friday 22nd October	am 3.15 pm	Harvest Assembly Break up for Half Term
HALF TERM		
Monday 1st November	8.30 am	School Reopens after Half Term
Thursday 4th November		NST Bonfire
Friday 5th November		Nasal Flu Vaccine in school
Week Commencing 15th November		Virtual Parents Evenings
Monday 6th - Thursday 9th December		Production Week
Friday 10th December	INSET DAY	School Closed
Friday 17th December		Break up for Christmas Holidays

Inset days and Jubilee Bank Holiday

Friday 10th December 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Monday 21st February 2022

Monday 6th June 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022 (Day in lieu of Jubilee Bank Holiday 2nd June 2022)



If you shop at **Morrisons** please nominate us to receive any Grow tokens you collect.

For every £10 you spend in store or on line , you'll get a grow token to help your school to get everything they need to get growing. Your chosen school will be able to exchange their Grow Tokens for free gardening equipment. Many thanks in advance if you able to do this.





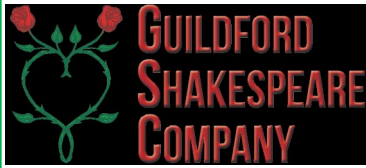
WE'VE LAUNCHED A LOTTERY

Buy your tickets now to help our fundraising

- Tickets cost just £1
- All profits go to our school
- Local cash prize every week
- Chance to win the £25,000 jackpot!

Buy A Ticket

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older.



Special Limited Offer for Northmead!

EXCLUSIVE £50 FAMILY TICKET OFFER!

After a difficult year, Guildford Shakespeare Company are extremely grateful to our community, and so want to give a little something back. As a school that we have worked with for many years, we are making a limited number of Family tickets available for Northmead families at the discounted price of just £50 - a

saving £28! – for our latest magical show!

7 tales, 4 actors, 1 life-affirming journey...

GSC invite you to join them on a brand-new musical adventure of some of the best-loved stories of all time, including *Thumbelina*, *Princess & The Pea*, *The Ugly Duckling* and *The Emperor's New Clothes*.

Featuring seven tales, puppets, a little magic and original music and songs, it's the perfect family half-term treat!

These special £50 family tickets are available for any performance across the run (excluding Saturday evenings). They must be booked before 16 October and are subject to availability. There are a limited number of tickets under this offer and strictly on a first come basis.

To book Box Office 01483 304384, quoting 'Northmead'.

Venue St Nicolas' Church, Bury Street, Guildford, GU1 4AW

Running time 2 hours approx.

Suitable Ages 5/6+

Show details <https://www.guildford-shakespeare-company.co.uk/hans-andersen/>

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