

Northmead News



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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am pleased to say our number of Covid cases in school continues to fall again. We currently have 11 cases, and we are continuing to carefully monitor the numbers daily. Therefore, after half term we will return to upper school and lower school assemblies and enable children to eat with their friends in the school dining hall. It is important to return to normal school routines and shared experiences as soon as it seems sensible to do so. I would like to thank all our families and staff members for following the guidance we have been sending out and for supporting the decisions we make to try to limit the spread of this virus. The children are remarkably resilient and adapt in a positive manner to any changes to school routines we need to make.

We have enjoyed a positive time in school over the last couple of weeks with many opportunities for learning outside of the classroom on school visits alongside activities held in school to develop and enhance the Children's learning. There are reports and photographs of these events on the following pages of this newsletter. It has also been very positive and exciting to take part once more in local sporting fixtures with other schools. The children are also looking forward to taking part in the Primary Schools music festival at G-Live nearer to Easter.

Over half term we are continuing to improve the appearance of the school corridors by applying a much-needed fresh coat of paint to the year 3 and 4 corridor. This will match the year 5 and 6 corridor which was painted, light grey with slightly darker grey for the woodwork, over the Christmas holidays. We are currently getting quotes for carpet tiles for both corridors, so hopefully all will be new and sparkly by Easter when we hope we will be able to welcome parents back into school.

We wish you all a safe and relaxing break over Half term with your families. Just to remind you there is an **INSET day on Monday 21st February** for Safeguarding training, including a full day First aid course for key members of staff who lead residential trips and take sports clubs.

We look forward to seeing all children back on **Tuesday 22nd February**.

Best Wishes,
Debbie Brown

Year 4 Football – Northmead vs Holy Trinity

On Thursday 20th January Holy Trinity brought their entire Year 4 football club to compete against Northmead. Each school had three teams and so there were nine matches in total. The teams were mixed ability and it was a brilliant opportunity to play some competitive football in a friendly environment. Some fantastic football was played by both sets of teams: great goals were scored, brilliant saves were made and the general enthusiasm of all the children involved was a pleasure to see. In the final reckoning, Northmead won four games, drew four and lost only one, which was an incredible return from nine games. Congratulations to all those who took part and thank you to all those who came to support!



Chance2Be Project

On 12th January nine very lucky Year 5 and 6 children set out for Mane Chance Horse Sanctuary in Compton to start the twelve-week Chance2Be Project, which this charity runs for local schools.

The Chance2Be Project is a mindfulness-based programme which brings together horses and young people, with mutual benefit.

Our pupils head for the sanctuary every Wednesday afternoon for the duration of the Spring Term. Everything they learn with the horses will be reinforced through follow-up sessions at school.

Sports Hall Athletics

Wednesday 2nd of February, 41 children took part to an indoor Athletic sports event with other 8 teams from local schools. Northmead competed with two teams, YR3 and YR4 and achieved 3rd and 7th place. This was an amazing event, children really enjoyed going back to competitive sport and behaved impeccably.



Year 3 – Wisley Visit

Two weeks ago Year 3 enjoyed a superb day at Wisley learning all about the rainforest climate zone and plants. The weather was glorious which was helpful in our comparison of the rainforest and a British woodland. Thank you so much to the adult helpers who joined us, the Wisley staff who led us and the children for such super behaviour. The Wisley adults were very impressed with our enthusiasm and knowledge of the rainforest- well done!

Year 3 have been busy learning about how pneumatics work and have created moving monsters for our DT project.

Year 4 – Roman Day

Year 4 have had an excellent day immersing ourselves in the Romans! We learnt about the invasion of Britanica and the resistance of the Celtics, led by Boudicca. We ran some drills, learning how to March and follow instructions in Latin! Then, we became the great gladiators! We learnt so much and had such fun whilst doing it.

A fantastic day, well done year 4!



Our theme this half term is **Unity**.
Talk to your children about the following questions. In assemblies and classes, we discuss one a week.

What is unity?

What does unity look like?

Who shows unity?

Have you seen any unity shown in school?

Why is it important to show unity?

What would happen if there was no unity in the world?



The 22nd February, is World Thinking Day when Girl Guides and Girl Scouts everywhere remember each other and reaffirm their commitment to international friendship and understanding.

On **Tuesday 22nd February**, all Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts may wear their uniforms to school to celebrate World Thinking Day.

Lost Property

In our First Aid room we have accumulated a considerable amount of Lost Property including a number of school sweatshirts and other items of uniform. All these items are unnamed. Below are pictures of the ad-hoc items (including coats) – do you recognise them? If so please claim them before half term when we will dispose of unclaimed items.



Covid In School

The number of Positive Cases in School is currently **11**

Year 3 - 1

Year 4 - 3

Year 5 - 5

Year 6 - 2

Animal update

Boppy is the proud mum of 8 healthy baby bunnies.

Unfortunately, we can't keep anymore in the space we have so if any families are interested in these cute friends, please email Socialmedia@northmead.surrey.sch.uk to discuss. We have 4 ready and waiting for their new forever homes. First come first served.



Update

From **Monday 17th January**, people who are self-isolating with COVID 19 will have the option to reduce their isolation period **after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6** and they do not have a temperature.

For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.

The day of the positive test is day 0 and the first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period and the second must be taken the following day, 24 hours afterwards. All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace. This includes the initial positive result which resulted in the isolation.

https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result?utm_source=14%20January%202022%20C19&utm_medium=Daily%20Email%20C19&utm_campaign=DfE%20C19

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest. Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation.

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)

Thursday 10th February		NST Comedy Night
Friday 11th February	3.15 pm	Break up for half term
Mon 14th - Fri 18th February	HALF TERM	
Monday 21st February	INSET DAY	
Tuesday 22nd February	8.30 am	School re-opens after half term World Thinking Day
Thursday 24th February		Yr 3 - Maya Day
Friday 25th February		Yr 3 "Fly" to Berlice
Friday 4th March		NST Supported Science Workshops - Whole School
Wednesday 9th March & Thursday 10th March		Parents Consultation Evenings
Friday 1st April	3.15 pm	Break up for Easter Holidays

Community News



New players welcome

Worplesdon Memorial Ground,
Worplesdon Road, Guildford, GU3 3RF

info@wbcc.org.uk | 07597 979454

www.wbcc.play-cricket.com | Pavilion for hire

2 Saturday teams, 1 Sunday team, T20 Cricket, Junior Cricket, All Stars Cricket



Guildford in Bloom have teamed up with Tesco Guildford to bring you a colouring competition to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee - details sent out via Parentmail



The Cycle Training Team at Surrey County Council are recruiting for Bikeability Cycling Instructors. For more information go to the following website:

[Surrey County Council - Job details \(surreycc.gov.uk\)](http://surreycc.gov.uk)

Monday morning pick me up

Drop the kids at school and grab yourself a coffee at The Hideaway Café.

Bring a friend with you and treat them to free coffee!

8.30-10am every Monday

Something for YOU and something for the kids

Offer available: 28th January to 25th February 2022 inclusive

Friday afternoon fun

Free cookie for every kids drink purchased

Seasonal crafts
Garden games

3-4pm every Friday



FEBRUARY HALF TERM

14 - 18 February 2022



We are open all week: Monday to Sunday, 10am - 4pm

Early Birds

Monday 14 February | 9.00 am - 10.00 am

Special opening for families with children who have an Autism Spectrum Condition to come along and enjoy the Museum free from the hustle and bustle of the general public. The galleries will be open and there will be an opportunity to handle special objects. By donation | Booking Essential

Family Drop-in Event

Tuesday 15 February | 10.30 am - 1.00 pm

Troy - Beauty & Heroism

Join us for a morning of looking at Greek pottery and making our own designs that show beauty or heroism.

Part of our Troy - Beauty & Heroism events
Members £2 | Non members £4
Accompanying adult £1

Children's Event - Opera Superheroes

Tuesday 15 February
2.00 pm - 3.30 pm

Join Opera South professionals to learn all about opera - what is it, how it is performed, how can the voice make such a loud sound? A participatory workshop with the chance to have a go! (8 - 12 year olds)
Part of our Troy - Beauty & Heroism events
Members £4 | Non members £6

Evening Event

Tuesday 15 February | 7.30 for 7.45
Troy at the Opera

To coincide with our British Museum Troy exhibition, join Opera South for an evening of Troy inspired opera excerpts.
Part of our Troy - Beauty & Heroism events
Members £25
Non-members £30 includes interval drink

Museum Explorers

Thursday 17 February | 10.30 am - 12.00 noon
Pangolins

With World Pangolin Day approaching learn about these amazing creatures and make some pangolin crafts.
Members £5 | Non members £7



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