

# Northmead News



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Dear Parents,

## World Book week

This week is World Book week and we are taking the opportunity to turn the spotlight once more on reading.

We are always looking for ways to support children to become engaged with reading and become lifelong readers. It was a pleasure visiting classrooms on Monday morning and sharing the children's delight in their stories to start book week.

Year 3 – "The Misadventures of Frederick" by Ben Manley

Year 4 – "Bog Baby" by Jeanne Millward

Year 5 – "The True Story of the three little pigs" by Jon Scieszka

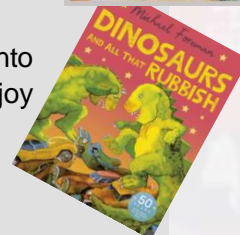
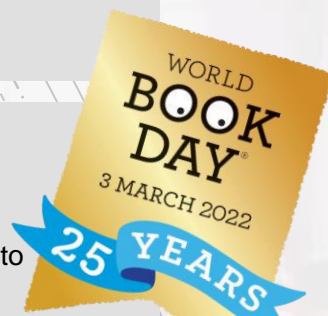
Year 6 – "Dinosaurs and all that rubbish" by Michael Foreman

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March all children and staff are invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book. Have you decided who you will be ?

We have plans to develop an unloved border in the walking zone into an outdoor reading garden to enable children to continue to enjoy sharing books outside once the weather gets warmer.

Best Wishes

Debbie Brown



## Safeguarding - On line safety

We continue to support children with managing their safety on line and ask parents to keep conversations going with their children in order to be aware and monitor what they are assessing, who they are communicating with and what they are watching on line.

Attached to this newsletter is an information sheet from our school website reminding children of positive ways to share kindness on line. This was shared in assembly with the children on Monday.

## PANCAKE DAY



### Pancake Day - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March

We celebrated this special event with the return of our exciting whole school inter house pancake relay race on the school playground.

Great fun was had by all.  
Congratulations to the winning house ~ **Saturn!**



**Uniform** — The Department for Education has issued guidelines to schools to ensure uniform costs are reasonable, and parents get the best value for their money. We have reviewed our Uniform policy, reduced the compulsory branded items so many items can now be purchased at various retailers, including supermarkets. Our uniform supplier will provide good quality branded items; however, the only compulsory branded item is the Northmead Logo Sweatshirt or Cardigan. We have recently tendered for a new uniform supplier and are excited to announce that our new uniform supplier is Stevensons. Ordering online and purchasing uniform in store will be up and running shortly. Please look out for an email with more details.

### Mindworks Surrey

<https://www.mindworks-surrey.org/>

This website includes helpful information for children and young people in areas of emotional well-being and mental health. It contains information for parents and carers, advice and signposts services for support in Surrey.

### Open Classrooms

The first opportunity to visit your child's classroom will take place after school on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March for Years 3, Year 5, Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March for 4R and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March for 4W, 4P and Year 6. Classrooms will be open for an hour from 3.15. During this time, you are very welcome to take a look at your child's work. I'm sure they will be very proud to show you what they have been learning. This is a good chance to become more familiar with your child's achievements ahead of the parent consultation evenings the following week.

Teachers will be in their classrooms during this open afternoon but this is not an appropriate time for them to engage in lengthy conversations about academic or social progress. We ask that these discussions are saved until the parent consultation meetings.

### Virtual Parent Consultations

We have decided to continue with virtual parent consultation evenings. These will run on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> March and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March. Please book via the School Cloud system.

<https://northmeadjs.schoolcloud.co.uk/> The system will open for bookings on **1<sup>st</sup> March**. Do contact us if you have any difficulties accessing the site or booking.  
We look forward to seeing you.

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## Year 3 – Maya Visit

On Thursday, Year 3 had a very exciting visitor to do a workshop all about the Ancient Maya. They learnt about the differences in life in those times and enjoyed learning about the rituals, maya number system and how important chocolate was!



## Year 3 - flight to Belize.

An exciting trip to Belize! First, we visited Dr Backhurst who gave us our yellow fever medication, Banker Ramsay who exchanged currency for us and then on to Travel Agent Busby who made sure we had an in date passport and a boarding pass. Once we were ready for our flight, we headed towards the airport where Security Guard Lewis checked we were not taking any animals on the flight. Cabin Crew Beagley sat us down with Cabin Crew Adlam, Royle, Wakefield, Blatchford and Eveleigh. When we were all prepared to fly Captain Cooper took over. We learnt so much about his job and how to fly a plane. Whilst we were in Belize, we learnt about you would wear in the Rainforest, what homes are like and what fruits they have- including making a delicious fruit salad with Guava, Starfruit and Papaya. We then flew back to Northmead, all in a day! A huge thank-you to Captain Cooper for coming in to school and taking us on our adventure- it certainly was a very busy day.





## Update

As you will be aware the government announced their plans for Living with COVID-19. The DfE have outlined the changes for schools and we wanted to communicate these to you. The changes will be effective from today, **Thursday 24th February 2022**.

Obviously, the changes are significant adjustments to the way that we have been operating in school but please be advised that we are following government guidance and the local schools in our trust are also updating information for parents and carers. We are sure that many of you will welcome these changes and we hope that it will feel closer to normality for children and adults in our community.

The key messages from the information that has been shared with us are outlined below;

- Children and staff should stay home if they are unwell and displaying symptoms, e.g. high temperature or persistent cough. Lateral flow tests will no longer be available free of charge from 1st April 2022.
- Have a PCR test if you have COVID-19 symptoms, stay home and avoid contact with other people. If you test positive isolate for at least 5 full days, then continue to follow the guidance until you receive 2 negative lateral flow tests on consecutive days.
- Continue to ventilate classrooms.
- Wash hands regularly and follow the advice to "Catch it, Bin it, Kill it".
- Staff will no longer be required to undertake twice weekly lateral flow tests.

## Covid In School

The number of Positive Cases in School is currently **0**

### ***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)

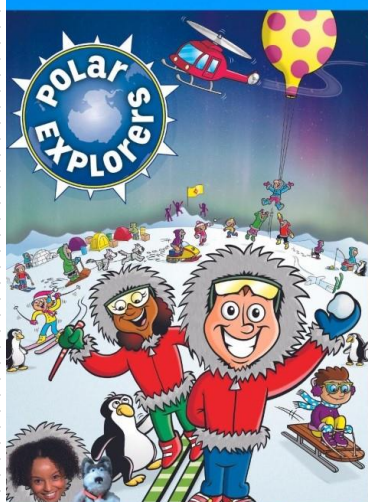
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>3.15 pm</b>	Pancake Races Open Classrooms Year 3 & Year 5
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	3.15 pm	Open Classroom 4R
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	3.15 pm	Open Classrooms for 4P, 4W & Year 6
Friday 4th March		NST Supported Science Workshops - Whole School
Wednesday 9th March & Thursday 10th March		Parents Consultation Evenings
Friday 1st April	3.15 pm	Break up for Easter Holidays

# Community News

## Kids Alive is Back!

COME ALONG TO EMMANUEL CHURCH  
FOR SONGS, ACTIVITIES, STORY AND  
FUN AS WE WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS  
OF SOME GIANTS OF FAITH!

Our Theme this term is Polar Explorers



Our first week back is

Tues 22nd Feb

Special treat - Tues 1st  
March there will be a  
pancake party!  
Please contact Melissa with any  
dietary requirements

Come along from 3 pm for  
drinks and biscuits

Every Tuesday in term time  
for children and their carers  
Find us on Facebook at Kids  
Alive 325

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# 10 Ways You Can SHARE KINDNESS ONLINE

Last year, around one in five young people aged 10–15 in England and Wales admitted experiencing online bullying: most commonly being insulted or sworn at, or having hurtful messages sent about them. To someone who's being bullied, the world can seem like a bleak, negative place – but just one kind word can be a ray of hope: a turning point that brightens their day and refreshes their perspective. That's why 'One Kind Word' is the theme of Anti-Bullying Week 2021. We're supporting this year's event by bringing you ten top tips for beating online bullying by replacing it with kindness.

## 1 PRAISE WHERE IT'S DUE

Sometimes a friend or relative might post online about something they're proud to have achieved: maybe an exam they've passed, a new skill they've learned or a task they've completed. Celebrate their hard work and determination by being kind enough to praise them for it publicly.

## 2 REACH OUT

It's not always easy to tell what kind of mood someone is in just from what they post online. Simply dropping somebody a message to say 'hi', to ask if they're OK or to tell them that you're thinking of them could totally make their day.

## 3 RECOMMEND FUN THINGS

If there's something you enjoy doing online – perhaps you play a particular game, or you've found a really cool site – share it with someone you think will enjoy it. Even recommending a film or TV show you think they'll like can bring a little happiness to someone who really needs it.

## 4 OFFER TO HELP

Sometimes you might see a friend or family member posting a question online or asking for help with something they can't do themselves. Don't just ignore it – if you can help, get in touch. Something that's difficult for them might be no trouble for you!

## 5 POST POSITIVELY

Lots of people seem to go online purely to complain about things or be negative. Just because you're communicating online (and not face to face) doesn't mean you can't be positive, though! Post about things that make you happy and that you're thankful for. It could brighten someone else's day.

## 6 SHOW YOUR APPRECIATION

If somebody that you know has done something positive or shown kindness themselves, go online and thank them with a message or a post. Expressing your gratitude costs nothing and showing someone that you appreciate them will really make them feel good.

## 7 BE UNDERSTANDING

Showing empathy towards others is an act of online kindness which often gets overlooked. If you notice that someone you know is upset, drop them a message. Sometimes people just need someone else to listen to them and understand their situation.

## 8 SHARE INSPIRATIONAL POSTS

When you see something online that inspires you or makes you feel happy, share it with people you know. A spot-on quotation, a beautiful photo or an uplifting video can lift someone's spirits and help them to feel better about life.

## 9 THINK BEFORE COMMENTING

Thinking before we act can be just as important as acting in the first place. Taking a second to consider what you're saying in advance could stop you from posting something negative, hurtful or offensive – even if you don't mean to. It's better to post positively or not post at all.

## 10 LIKE, LOVE AND ENGAGE

If somebody posts something that you like on social media, don't just scroll past – take the time to like it, love it or leave an appreciative comment! Reacting positively to other people's posts might seem like a small gesture but could mean a lot to them.

## Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with more than 10 years of experience in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid The Inquirer, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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