

# Northmead

# News



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Dear Parents,

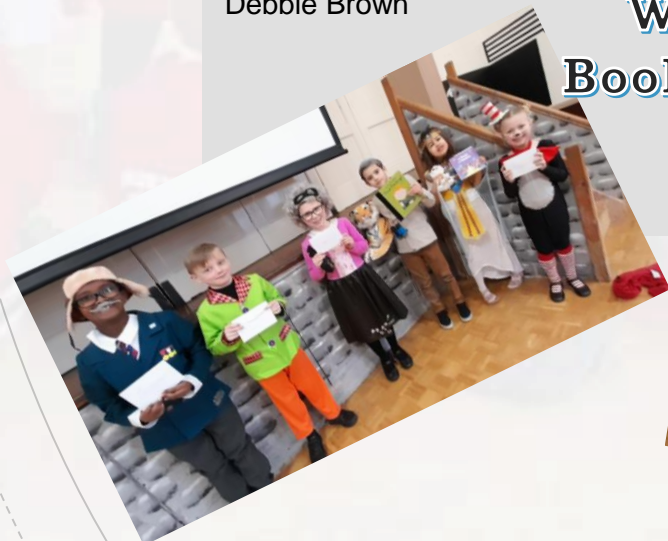
We have enjoyed an exciting time in school over the past two weeks where we have celebrated the breadth of the curriculum at Northmead. Our subject leaders have organised exciting learning opportunities for the children. We have put pictures of these events on our Facebook page to keep you all updated and have included a snapshot of the events on this newsletter.

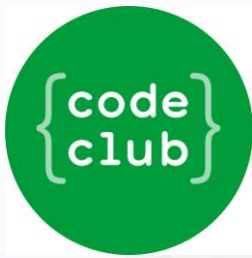
Thank you for your support with the dressing up day during Book Week, there were some superb costumes.

Thank you for joining the virtual parents evening to take the opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher. We hope you found this valuable and interesting. We would like your feedback about a variety of aspects of school life and we will soon be sending out a short parent questionnaire. We will use your feedback for planning to make our support provision for your child even more effective. We look forward to sharing the results with you.

Best Wishes  
Debbie Brown

## World Book Week





Year 6 Code Club attempted to code with Python last week and everyone walked away with new skills and knowledge. Well done Year 6!

## Term Dates – September 2022 – July 2023

The Learning Partners Academy Trust have published School term and holiday dates for the next academic year. The Dates are as follows:

TERM	Inset Days	START	END
AUTUMN	Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> & Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2022	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> October
Half Term		Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> October
	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December
SPRING TERM	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2023	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February
Half Term		Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February
	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March
SUMMER TERM	BH 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term		Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2023

# Science



## What if?

What if we had no teeth?

Speak to your grown-ups about this question!

There is no right or wrong answer.

**Science Day** was fantastic, thanks to The NST who funded the amazing Genie Lab to run a workshop for every year group and to Miss Busby for organising a brilliant day. Children smashed stereotypes about the job of a scientist and learnt about Mars and how creatures need to adapt. The day finished by creating our very own creatures adapted to live on Mars. [Genie Lab](#)



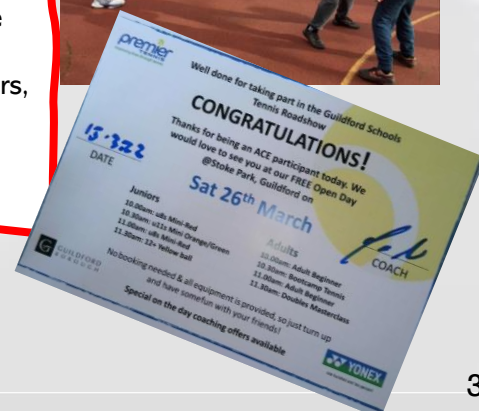
On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March the Rock and Pop Foundation visited the children to deliver a fun music assembly at Northmead. Weekly lessons are available in guitar, drums and keyboard. To find out more about the lessons or to enrol, please either complete the paper enrolment form which was sent home or alternatively visit [www.rockandpopfoundation.com/enrol](http://www.rockandpopfoundation.com/enrol). The Rock and Pop Foundation is fully responsible for the start-up and ongoing maintenance and administration of the lessons. All music lessons through Surrey Arts will continue to run and be enjoyed by current and future pupils. They can be booked directly through Surrey Arts website, for the more classical instrumentalists.

## Premier Tennis Surrey

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, James Oakland (former grand slam British tennis player) visited NMJ offering tennis taster sessions to the whole school.

They are launching a School Initiative by having an Open Day at Stoke Park on Saturday March 26<sup>th</sup> offering all attendees FREE Tennis. ALL children have received invites for the Open Day & certificates to show their attendance at the Roadshow event at school. The children were taught the to be warriors, to hold the racket at the end and to make a rainbow! Super tips for our Northmead children- future Wimbledon players, we are sure!

Paola Polden  
PE Subject Leader







## 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 were effective from **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 are no longer be required to undertake twice weekly lateral flow tests.

## Covid In School

The number of Positive Cases in School is currently **21**

### **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)

Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day		Mufti Day ~ Donations for Comic Relief
Friday 1st April	1.45 pm		Break up for Easter Holidays

# Community News



Our holiday club will be operating again at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School during the Easter Holidays (4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April).

## Two Weeks of Unlimited Fun Ahead at KOOSA Kids Easter Holiday Clubs (4<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> April).

KOOSA Kids Easter Holiday Club programme is set to excite and delight your children with our Mini Beast Madness and Easter Eggstravaganza themed weeks. Your children will be taking part in up to 9 activities each day, always a mixture of sporty and team games, arts & crafts, drama and imagination. All from just £24 per child for a standard day (10.00am to 4.00pm)!

Whether you need essential childcare or are looking for a fun day out for your children, we will ensure your children have so much fun, they will be itching to come back again and again! Bookings for May Half Term and Summer are also open.

Call 01276 21884 or visit [www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club](http://www.koosakids.co.uk/holiday-club) for more information.



## Easter Soccer Camp

**Week 1 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**Boxgrove Primary School** Boxgrove Lane, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TD

**Tillingbourne Junior School** New Rd, Chilworth, Guildford, Surrey GU4 8NB

**Park Mead Primary School** Park Drive, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7HB

**£25 per day or £105 for ALL 5 days!!**

**Week 2 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April**

**Boxgrove Primary School** Boxgrove Lane, Guildford, Surrey GU1 2TD

**Park Mead Primary School** Park Drive, Cranleigh, Surrey GU6 7HB

**£25 per day or £90 for ALL 4 days!!**

for more information or to book

<https://bookwhen.com/planetsoccercamps>

[www.planet-soccer.info](http://www.planet-soccer.info) Planet Soccer PlanetSoccerSP7 planetsoccerSP7

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## Surrey Arts– Easter Holiday Activities - Surrey County Council

The link above contains details of the Easter holiday activities being run by Surrey Arts

These include Dance, **Art and Music workshops** might be of interest to some of your families during the Easter break. There is so much to offer, with a wide variety of Arts activities.

**Orchestra in a Day.** Register for Orchestra in a Day. Orchestra in a Day - Grades 1 to 4. Come and experience playing in a full orchestra! This will be a day of playing together, learning new repertoire, and experiencing and hearing the full orchestral sound within a large ensemble.

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