

Northmead News



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Dear Parents,

The summer term is always exciting, but this year after coming out of lock down it seems even more special than usual.

Last Thursday 19th May was National Outdoor classroom day and I had great pleasure walking around the school with the Chair of Governors , Konstanze Hild visiting classes enjoying their learning outside in the sunshine.

Year 3 were doing Science, investigating shadows as well as trying to photograph their own shadows and creating imaginative shadow finger puppets.

Year 4 were in the forest school area searching for mini beasts and recording their habitat on life charts.

Year 5 were orienteering using the course that we have mapped out in the school grounds. Their challenge was to find different locations where there were letters that spelt out a secret word. As well as this there were small groups of children pond dipping and spotting newts. We joined 5R to watch one of their ducklings actually hatching and loved the infectious excitement from the children.

Year 6 were practising their singing for this weeks jubilee celebrations before heading up to the school field for their afternoon of P.E.

Please check the diary dates at the end of this newsletter as there are a huge number of events and visits in the weeks before the end of the summer term.

Best Wishes

Debbie Brown

Transition

Over the next half term, we will be making plans for September and preparing for children to move into new year groups.

As in previous years we plan to reorganise our classes to provide the best mix of children for the start of a new academic year. We recognise this is a situation where it is not always possible to please everyone and children and parents are required to trust the school has the best interests and understanding of the needs of all children at heart when these decisions are being made.

It always works best when parents are involved in these discussions with their children. It would be very helpful if you could discuss with your child the names of three children, they would like to be in a class with in their new class next year. Please e-mail their names to your child's current class teacher using their class e-mail address. We will endeavour to keep them with at least one of these children next year.

Please e-mail names by Friday 17th June.

If you have any other concerns regarding classes for next year, please contact your child's current year leader as soon as possible. Once class lists have been made it is very difficult to move children around.

Netball Success

Congratulations to the netball players in Year 5 and 6 from Northmead and Boxgrove, who played excellent games recently. Well done Northmead for making us so proud by winning both games!



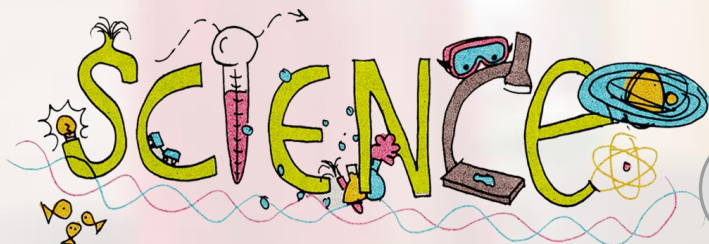
Platinum Jubilee Day!

Yesterday the children had a wonderful day of activities to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Please see the youtube video to get a taste of our lovely day:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m3Y_RX6mCWE





Question

What would happen if bones were bendy?

Year 5 ~ Campus Invasion

Over the past few weeks, Year 5 have been writing their own stories based on an invasion of the University of Surrey. Through a series of fun workshops and a visit to the University, all led by University staff and students, they have found out what universities are, who studies there and what university life might be like. They incorporated some of these ideas into their stories. The children used their imaginations to write about some incredible invasions! Stories were judged on plot, characterisation, descriptive setting, and language used.

All children who entered received a £10 book voucher! Our school will receive a selection of books for our school library for taking part. Each class had a silver and gold winner who received £15 and £20 book vouchers.

5C - Harry L and Jessica C

5M- Lexi M and Austin C

- 5R - Sebby M and Reuben S



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Congratulations to everyone who took part!

Year 4 ~ Holmbury

Today the first group of children left for their overnight trip to Holmbury. They are having a brilliant time already – watch out for updates on Facebook and Twitter



Mrs Paola Polden

Hello, I am Mrs Polden and I have been the PE Leader at Northmead for three years. Since taking over this subject I have looked at how to best provide our school with a curriculum that would make PE an even better subject for children to enjoy. Northmead now subscribes to GetSet4PE which provides lessons with progressive activities that contain clear success criteria, teaching points, assessment and differentiation. All schemes of work provide an overview of the unit, clear cross curricular links to the physical, social, emotional wellbeing of the whole child. Currently, each year group has one PE lesson a week, lasting between 1.5 to 2 hours long. This is under revision at present as we are thinking of possibly including two shorter lessons weekly.

	Tag Rugby	Tag Rugby	Basketball	Yoga	Athletics	Cricket
Year 3	Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Football	Fitness	Swimming	Tennis
	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming	Swimming		
	Fundamentals Y3/4	Fundamentals Y3/4	Ball Skills Y3/4	Dance		
	+	+	+	+		+
Year 4	Fitness	Tag Rugby	Dance	Dance	Athletics	Rounders
	Gymnastics	Fitness	Netball	Netball	Cricket	Tennis
	Tag Rugby	Gymnastics	Hockey	Hockey	Cricket	Cricket
	+	+	+	+	+	+
Year 5	Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Dance	Dance	Athletics	Athletics
	Hockey	Hockey	Basketball	Basketball	Tennis	Tennis
	Tag Rugby	Tag Rugby	Badminton Y5/6	Badminton Y5/6	Cricket	Cricket
	Yoga	Yoga	+	+	+	+
	+	+	+	+	+	+
Year 6	Gymnastics	Gymnastics	Fitness	Fitness	Athletics	Athletics
	Hockey	Hockey	Dance	Dance	Cricket	Cricket
	Tag Rugby	Tag Rugby	Football	Football	Rounders	Rounders
	+	+	+	+	+	+

Clubs - Mr Scott – Sports coach

Northmead continues to offer afterschool clubs that are aimed to interest all pupils, these have proven to be very popular and pupils' participation has been higher than ever. Mr Scott has been a great asset to the school in helping developing children's interest in sport and keeping everyone active during lunchtime breaks. This year we been able to slowly return to competitive sport, both upper and lower school have taken part to Indoor Athletics fixtures, both football clubs and netball clubs have taken part to tournaments either in or out of school and friendly matches hosted in NMJ. More opportunities will follow this term for selected pupils: District Sport, Girls Rugby for Yr5 and Yr6, a Lacrosse whole day event for Yr4 and more. Additionally, during extra-curricular week we are planning a more competitive interhouse sports day between year groups that parents will be able to attend (more information will follow in later newsletter).

The national curriculum for physical education aims to ensure that all pupils:

- Develop competence to excel in a broad range of physical activities
- Are physically active for sustained periods of time
- Engage in competitive sports and activities
- Lead healthy, active lives

The picture provides an example of our curriculum map, this is designed and planned at the start of each academic year focusing on different sports and on teachers' knowledge of different sports that will be taught in the year. With our curriculum map we aim to give children a broad range of activities in different sports focusing mainly on skills; activities cover the breadth of the curriculum and include gymnastics, dance and yoga, as well as more traditional games such as tag rugby, cricket and tennis. Lesson plans and schemes of work have been written with careful consideration of the aims of the National Curriculum, to ensure that children are given a wealth of opportunities to develop their physical skills as well as developing the whole child. Each lesson plan has progressive activities that are designed to inspire and engage our pupils, allowing them to explore and develop skills and embed knowledge. The lessons are accompanied by supporting resources that help teachers with their subject knowledge, differentiation tasks provide activities with simple changes to appropriately challenge all of your pupils

Exciting Opportunities in PE

This year we have taken every possible opportunity for whole days sports events that we have been offered to the school. Joe Lavender, a professional cricket player part of Surrey Cricket England has delivered a whole school cricket taster session, followed by 6 consecutive weeks of professional cricket coaching for YR5 and YR4. This has been an exciting opportunity for both pupils and staff CPD. James Oakland (former grand slam British tennis player) has visited NMJ offering tennis taster sessions to the whole school.



Living with Covid-19 – School Attendance

Free Covid tests are no longer available for the vast majority of children so you will need to make decisions as to what action to take, based on symptoms alone.

Symptoms of COVID-19, flu and common respiratory infections include:

- A continuous cough
- Loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell
- Shortness of breath
- Unexplained tiredness, lack of energy
- Muscle aches or pains that are not due to exercise
- Not wanting to eat or not feeling hungry
- Headache that is unusual or longer lasting than usual
- Sore throat, stuffy or runny nose
- Diarrhoea, feeling sick or being sick

Covid In School

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

If your child feels unwell with a combination of these symptoms, **and has a high temperature**, then they should not come to school until they feel better.

Children with mild symptoms such as a runny nose, sore throat, or slight cough can continue to attend school.

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).

Dates	Class/Year	Event
Tuesday 24 th May	4R	Holmbury Trip
Wednesday 25 th May	4P	Holmbury Trip
Thursday 26 th May	4W	Holmbury Trip
Friday 27 th May		Break up for Half Term
Monday 6 th June		INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th June		School re opens
Thursday 9 th June	Year 3	Butser Hill Trip
Thursday 9 th June	Year 4 (10 Children)	Lacrosse festival at Pirbright
Friday 10 th June		Mufti Day
Friday 17 th June		Final date for friendship preferences to be e-mailed to present class teacher.
Saturday 18 th June		NST Colour Run
Tuesday 21 st June - PM		District Sports event at Guildford Spectrum Sports Centre
Monday 27 th June	Year 6	Secondary school transfer day (Year 6 children will be advised which schools)
Tuesday 28 th June	Year 6	Secondary school transfer day (Year 6 children will be advised which schools)
Thursday 30 th June PM	Year 5 & 6 (22 children)	Girls Rugby introduction training day
Monday 4 th July - Friday 8 th July	Year 6	Isle of Wight residential
Monday 11 th July - Friday 15 th July	All years	Whole school enrichment week
Monday 11 th July	All years	End of year reports given to parents
Wednesday 20 th July 6:00 to 8:30 pm		Whole school end of year celebration evening – parents warmly invited
Thursday 1 st September		Inset Day
Friday 2 nd September		Inset Day
Monday 5 th September		School reopens for the Autumn term

Community News



Next Thing
Queen's Jubilee Special

TECH & CRAFTS CAMP

MAY HALF TERM 2022
30TH MAY - 1ST JUNE

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JUBILEE PARTY ON QEP



Join us to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee QEP, Railton Road Green, GU2 9LX
Friday 3 June 2022
12pm till 5pm

Free family day filled with inflatables - live music - food & drink - bar - face painting - cream teas - ice cream - dog event - competitions & more
Fancy dress competition for children based on a 'Royal' theme

See www.facebook.com/QEParkGuildford and www.qepark.co.uk/category/events/ for more details





A Mind of Their Own - Care for the Family

Katharine Hill is the UK director of Care for the Family. She is a well-known speaker, broadcaster and author of a number of books including her latest book *A Mind of Their Own: Building Your Child's Emotional Wellbeing in a Post-Pandemic World*. She is married to Richard and they have four grown-up children and four grandchildren.

www.careforthefamily.org.uk

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