

Northmead News

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Dear Parents and carers,

We are heading into the busiest and in many ways most exciting climax of the school year. In this newsletter you can read reports and see photographs from the Year 4 residential to Holmbury St Mary and Shere and the Year 3 visit to Butser Hill. Year 5 have also visited Guildford to support their local history work.

Next week we have a team from each year group taking part in the District Sports at the Spectrum – Good Luck to everyone participating!

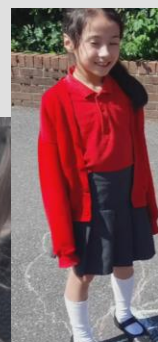
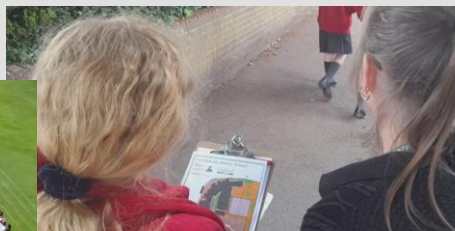
The 'Subjects in the Spotlight' are French and our COIN Centre.

We hope to see many families enjoying the NST Colour Run on the school field on Saturday. This is a fun event being held for the children and will raise funds for all.

Best Wishes

Debbie Brown

*Photographs from our fantastic
Jubilee Celebrations!*



Are you following us on all our social media accounts? Please make sure to like and share our pages, to keep up to date with the latest news and events at Northmead. As the year comes to an end, we would appreciate a positive **review on Google and Facebook**, so that other parents can see what a great school we are! Any questions or comments, please contact SocialMedia@northmead.surrey.sch.uk



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Our Values Theme

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

What would happen if humans were not at the top of the food chain?

What does 'actions and consequences' mean?

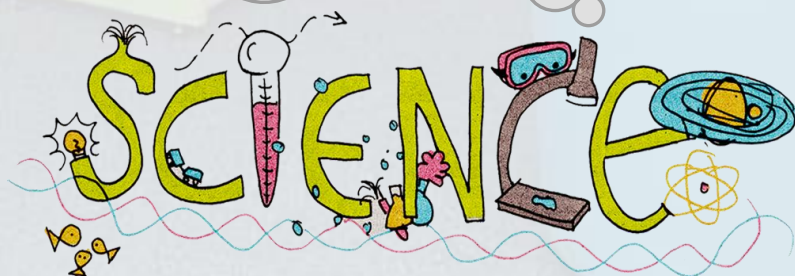
Who should decide appropriate actions and consequences?

Is it necessary to have consequences?

Who is responsible for their actions?

Is it ever appropriate not to have a consequence?

What is the smallest and biggest consequence you can think of?



Question

Holmbury St Mary & Shere - Year 4 Residential



On the last week of half term, year 4 went on their first ever residential! The children had a fantastic time exploring the woods, building dens and filtering water in their tribes. Chief Golden Eagle talked us through how to make the best shelters to survive out in the wild, creating a community of new and amazing tribesmen and women. Following this, we all explored the lovely village of Shere. We paddled in the river, explored the area and enjoyed the sunshine! We had a great time and made fantastic memories. Well done Year 4!



Lacrosse Tournament

A small group of YR4 children spent a whole school day learning to play lacrosse in Pirbright Primary School. Children had an amazing day, incredibly well behaved and showing excellent sportsmanship. They have definitely represented Northmead with great pride and enthusiasm.



Butser Ancient Farm -Year 3



Last Thursday we loved a sunny day of discovering what life was like in the Stone Age and Iron Age. We explored the different types of homes, built fences, created cordage, made jewellery and carved chalk. Our teachers said they were very proud of our behaviour and we have learnt so much or history brains could burst. By FC and IK Year 3

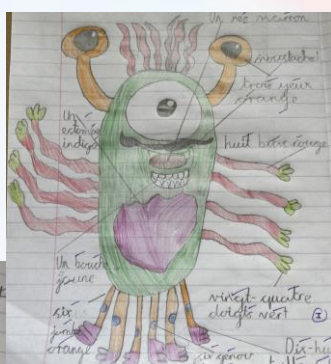




Welcome to the Modern Foreign languages page of the newsletter. I am Lisa Mansfield and I have been leading this area of the curriculum for several years. At Northmead, we have chosen French as our language to be taught throughout the school. Children typically spend some time each week learning French through games, songs and activities. We believe that all children should have the opportunity to learn a language and to be introduced to cultural similarities and differences.

Last September we all enjoyed taking part in the European Day of Languages. We learned facts about European countries and also how to speak a few words in different languages.

In Year 3 the children learn greetings before moving on to colours, pets and the body. In the summer term they read *La Chenille qui fait des trous*



Challenge:

In year 6 this week we are using French dictionaries and our weather knowledge to try to work out some signs. Can you translate these:



Year 4 enjoy learning about likes and dislikes, sports and finally what is inside a pencil case.

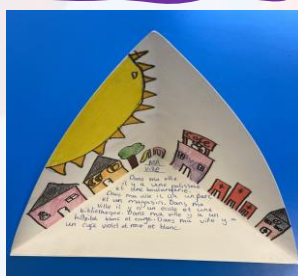


many motorway



Frequent ice

During **Year 5** children continue their topic of Space into French. They look at wild animals and their habitats and in the summer, head off on holiday.



Year 6 begins with our town and giving directions. We also learn about the seasons and the weather before finishing the year with the Year 6 café.



The Centre

HELLO



Hello. Welcome to the Centre page of the school newsletter. We are Mrs Stocking (Head of Centre/SENCO) and Mrs Jeffrey-Hofman (Specialist Teacher) and we teach the children in Northmead's Communication and Interaction (COIN) Centre. Also part of the Centre Team are Mrs Eveleigh, Mrs Clifton and Mrs Collingwood (Teaching Assistants).



What is the COIN Centre? Northmead's COIN Centre offers specialised provision for 15 children with Developmental Language Disorder (DLD) or high functioning autism. All our pupils have an Education, Health and Care Plan and are placed with us from across the whole of Southwest Surrey.



The Centre children have worked very hard this year. In Maths they have used the Shanghai Maths Project, a maths mastery programme which develops mathematical thinking. In English they have read a wide range of fiction and nonfiction texts and written stories about Heidi from the Swiss Alps and Eric the Viking, nonfiction texts about bird migration and Queen Elizabeth and some very imaginative seasonal poetry.

How does it work? Centre pupils attend the Centre each morning for specialist tuition in English and Maths. Based on their individual needs, they may also attend intervention groups to boost their social skills, language development, listening skills, phonological awareness and motor skills. Currently we have four Year 6, three Year 5, two Year 4 and six Year 3 pupils. The children are taught in mixed year and mixed ability groups, thus allowing everyone to work through the curriculum at their own pace. In the afternoon all our pupils return to their designated mainstream classrooms with additional support. **Each Centre child receives weekly 1:1 Speech and Language Therapy from our visiting therapy team.**

Centre Parties As many of our pupils come to school by taxi and their parents do not have the opportunity to meet Centre staff or other parents at the school gate, we organise an annual Christmas and Summer Party. These occasions provide wonderful opportunities for staff, Centre children and their families to mix and get to know each other. Due to the pandemic, we have not been able to hold parties for a couple of years, but they are about to recommence!

Transition ~ Reminder

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.

Reminders now that Summer has arrived!

- Ensure that sunscreen has been applied before coming to school
- Remember to bring and wear a sunhat
- Bring a water bottle to keep hydrated



To Celebrate the Jubilee all primary school children across the country are to receive a free commemorative book that celebrates the achievements of the United Kingdom and Commonwealth over the last 70 years. We have now received these books and will be sending them home by the end of next week.

Polite Notice:

Please wait in a safe place for your children at the end of the day and be respectful to our neighbours by allowing them to access their driveways. It would also be very much appreciated if younger children could be reminded to stay close to their parents rather than sit on neighbours doorsteps or flower beds.

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	Year/Class/Time	Event
Friday 17th June		Final date for friendship preferences to be e-mailed to present class teacher.
Saturday 18th June		NST Colour Run
Tuesday 21st June - PM		District Sports event at Guildford Spectrum Sports Centre
Monday 27th June	Year 6	Secondary school transfer day (Year 6 children will be advised which schools)
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Thursday 30 th June pm	Year 5 & 6 (22 children)	Girls Rugby introduction training day
Thursday 30th June	4 x Year 3 Children	Science Spectacular at Loseley Feilds
Monday 4th July - Friday 8th July	Year 6	Isle of Wight residential
Monday 11th July - Friday 15th July	All years	Whole school enrichment week
Monday 11th July	All years	End of year reports given to parents
Wednesday 20th July 6:00 to 8:30 pm		Whole school end of year celebration evening – parents warmly invited
Thursday 21 st July 2022		Year 6 Leavers Assembly
	1.45 pm	Break up for The Summer Holidays
Thursday 1st September		Inset Day
Friday 2nd September		Inset Day
Monday 5th September		School reopens for the Autumn term