

Northmead News

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have ended this summer term on a real high this year, including the temperatures in school!

The children have been fantastic all term, working hard and enjoying the many opportunities they have been given. SATs week passed smoothly, and the results were great.

As this is the last newsletter before we finish for the summer holiday we would like to wish all our children and families who are leaving Northmead this summer the very best in all they do. Please keep in touch and let us know the direction your life leads you. We have enjoyed sharing your successes so far.

We are also saying goodbye to some members of staff. Deborah Cole our School Business manager is moving to enjoy life by the sea in Hayling Island. Jayne Woods who works in the office is moving to Derbyshire to live near her family. Gemma Luxton a teaching assistant is going to Greece.

Zahra Chapman is moving to a new role, Linda Joubert will be finishing working with us as a teaching assistant and returning to work in 4P as a student teacher. Sue Mclean and Sarah Hamilton are retiring and plan to enjoy more time with their families.



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We thank them for all they have contributed to Northmead over the years and will miss them all.

Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic week away on the Isle of Wight. Their behaviour was a credit to themselves, their families and the school. They received positive comments from the public everywhere they went including this e-mail that was sent to school.

"While out on our usual walk today along the coastal path towards Fort Victoria we encountered a group of children from your school with their teacher Mr Kemp. I had to write to tell you what a delightful group they are. They were so enthusiastic, friendly, polite and considerate of people passing by - a real credit to your school, and their teachers. I hope they enjoy the rest of their trip.

Best wishes,

Mary"

Miss Lewis and I had a great time with them when we visited on Thursday. As you can see from the photograph it was ice creams all round !

Enrichment week in school last week was tremendous. The children spent their days visiting countries in different continents around the world. The photographs on this newsletter and those on Facebook give you an insight into the opportunities the children were given. Many thanks to Denise Lewis for organising the exciting events for this enrichment week and for juggling very difficult timetabling needs to make the visiting workshops and class rotations fit together.

NST

We would like to say a really big thank you to Fran Miles our Treasurer for the NST who will be stepping down from her role at the end of the school year.

Fran and Rebecca Lock have been a tremendous support to the school once again this academic year and have raised lots of money and provided fun and enjoyable activities for our community.

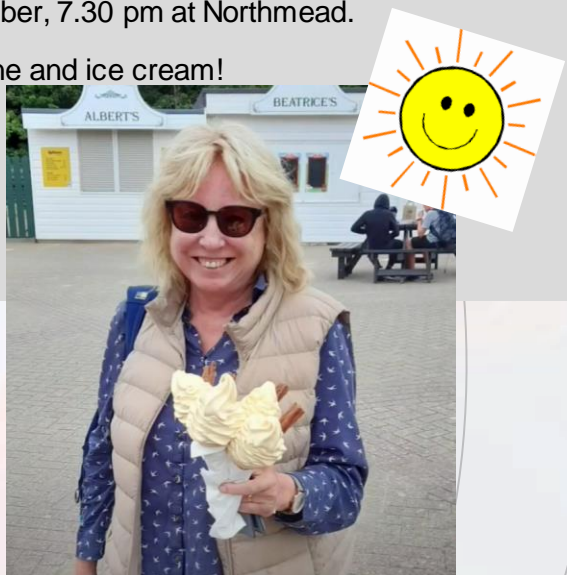
Fran has now handed over the role of Treasurer to Lisa Dixon, Cat Moreton will be secretary and we welcome Claire Knowles as the new Chair of the NST.

The NST AGM is being held on Tuesday 6th September, 7.30 pm at Northmead.

We wish you all a lovely summer with lots of sunshine and ice cream!

Best Wishes

Mrs Brown
Headteacher





Cross generation poetry with Justin Coe

Year 3 children have enjoyed taking part in an intergenerational poetry project in conjunction with The Hive, Guildford. A talented and inspiring poet, Justin Coe, spent time every week at the day centre writing poetry with the elderly clients and then visiting Northmead to teach poetry and write poetic responses with the children. This project ran for a several weeks and ended in a wonderful celebration day, where the children visited the centre. The children were delighted to meet the characters they had grown to know through the poetry, and they loved sharing and reading their poems. It was a very special day where the two generations connected so deeply through poetry.



Northmead's Got Talent ~



- 1st Prize: Year 5 girls dancing
- 2nd Prize: Max Singing
- 3rd Prize: Ollie diablo-ing



School Hours from September 2022

In the Government's White Paper children are expected to be in school for 32.5 hours per week. In order to meet this requirement, from September we will be adjusting our times as follows:

Gates Open ~ **8.30am**

Registration ~ **8.45 am**

Finish Time ~ **3.15 pm (for all children)**

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
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
Tuesday 6 th September	7.30pm	NST AGM



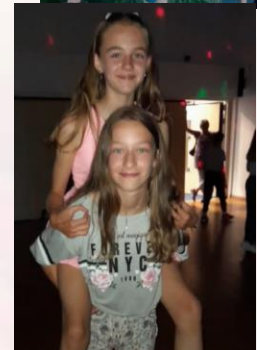
" Each class travelled around the world together, visiting a couple of countries from each continent. It was an amazing week - thank you Miss Lewis" - 6LP

" We loved our last full week of Year 3. We did so much fun art. Did you know that India makes the most milk and that Brazil is named after a tree?" - 3R





Isle Of Wight- Year 6



Recently, Year 6 have visited the Isle of Wight for a much-loved, week-long school trip. Because of lockdown, we had not been on an overnight stay with school yet so this was a great way to start. This is a summary of what Malvern Hotel did (Chester Lodge did the same activities but on different days).

On Monday, after we arrived on the Isle of Wight, Year 6 visited Osborne House, Queen Victoria's home in the summer months and where she spent her last days. Afterwards, we visited our hotel and ate dinner and then we went to Sandown beach in the evening.

Tuesday brought us to Yarmouth where we explored a pier and enjoyed a walk. Afterwards, we went to Fort Victoria, had lunch and then went to a planetarium. That night, we went on a smugglers' walk and dressed up as pirates.

Wednesday was Carisbrooke Castle where King Charles I was imprisoned. We were lucky enough to go to the beach again that evening.

On Thursday, (personally my favourite day) we visited Alum Bay and went on a boat trip to see The Needles. Then we went on a walk across Tennyson Down and ended up at a beach where we went paddling. Afterwards, we went to a nearby school and had a disco.

Friday, we spent half a day at Blackgang Chine Theme Park then, very reluctantly, we boarded the coach for home. That was our week! By Rebecca 6LP





Welcome to the Music page for the newsletter. I am Laura Ramsay and have been leading this area of the curriculum for the past few years. I am passionate that music should be an integral part of the curriculum and available to all children.

At Northmead, we are extremely lucky to have a varied and interesting music curriculum which has adapted recently in readiness for the 'new model curriculum'. We use a wonderful scheme called Charanga which gives all teachers the confidence to teach a range of skills, genres and styles of music through weekly well sequenced lessons. This is supported by music theory knowledge, something we have worked on as a school recently, particularly the vocabulary understanding. Each year group also incorporates music in other areas of the curriculum to support times tables knowledge, history content etc. This alongside the curriculum creates a broad offer to the children.

In Year 3 the children all have the opportunity to learn the recorder, which they have thoroughly enjoyed. They have learnt to sing 'Let your spirit fly', 'Three Little Birds' and 'The Dragon Song' as well as many topic songs.

Year 6 love to sing together and have enjoyed 'Fresh Prince of Bell Air', 'Make you feel my love' and 'Livin on a Prayer'.

Year 4 enjoy learning how to sing 'Mamma Mia' and 'Sing'. 4R even learnt how to sing in Spanish this year! Children have tested out the glockenspiel or keyboard in their instrument lessons.



During **Year 5** children continue their note reading skills making use of a Surrey Arts specialist who teaches each class a term of Clarinet and the children work very hard to develop throughout the term.



We have many extracurricular opportunities, including G Live, Young Voices, Peripatetic Lessons, Music Club, Orchestra and Recorder Club. Check our website for how to sign up and keep an eye on ParentMail in September for the after-school clubs.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



Hello, I am Mrs Reviriego and I have only just started being RE Leader at Northmead. Since September I have spent a lot of time looking at our curriculum and learning a lot of new things myself. I am finding the variety of beliefs really fascinating and I love engaging in class discussions and hearing from the children's different experiences.



The syllabus for R.E. at Northmead is based on "The Agreed Syllabus for Religious Education in Surrey's Schools 2017-2022". The new syllabus is now being prepared and will be implemented September 2023. Our curriculum is inclusive and embraces the diversity of our community. Through our lessons, the children are given the opportunity to discuss big ideas and talk about their own experiences.



Staff Survey and Pupil Voice

I have recently conducted a staff and pupil survey to find out which areas are working well, what needs to be improved and anything that we would like to do more/less of. From the staff survey, I found that staff would love to bring RE lessons to life by relating to real-life experiences. Based on that, I am going to reach out to our parent community with a questionnaire asking for help to bring our curriculum alive.

Similarly, from the pupil survey I found that, although the children like RE and are happy engaging in class discussions, they would like to see more religions other than Christianity, and include more art and drama into their lessons. Luckily, the Guildford Diocesan Board of Education is working on a new syllabus, and that will include 6 Christianity units, 4 units of other religions and 2 thematic units per cycle, so this will be one of our main focuses next year, to make sure the new syllabus brings lessons to life for each of the religions that we learn about!

Year 3 will be learning about what Sikhs value, exploring the key beliefs of Sikhism, in particular introducing the importance of equality.

Year 4 will be exploring the key features of a synagogue and some of the major Jewish festivals, as well as investigating what they reveal about Jewish beliefs.

Year 6 pupils will be introduced to the principal beliefs and practices of Buddhism. This is a key unit to prepare pupils for KS3, where they will further develop their understanding of Buddhism as a non-theistic religion (with no god).

Year 5 will be exploring the key beliefs and practices of Islam through investigating the five 'pillars'.

Subject Development

One of the focus I have had this year in RE, is our assessment. Although the green questions – reasoning questions to deepen knowledge- have always been a part of RE, we would like to introduce a baseline question before we start a new unit, and are testing out two options: purple "prior knowledge" questions and "what do you know?/ what do you want to know?" charts. Next year, we plan to use this for every unit we teach across the school.



You are invited to
NORTHMEAD
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Please join us for an evening of celebration on

WEDNESDAY 20TH JULY 6.00 TO 8.30PM

Friends and family welcome.



SHOWCASE

TIME

Young Voices - Hall	6.10
Year 5 Sports - All weather, Year 6 Showcase - Hall	6.25
Year 3 Sports - All weather, Year 4 Showcase - Hall	6.45
G Live Choir - Hall	7.05
NGT Finalists -Hall	7.15
Year 4 Sports - All weather, Year 3 Showcase - Hall	7.20
Year 5 and Year 6 Netball Team Match	7.25
Year 6 Sports - All weather, Year 5 Showcase - Hall	7.40
Music Club Performance	8.00

Visit the dining hall for every child's spotlight in an art gallery - framing available £5

Visit the classrooms for displays of work from across the year.

Relax and enjoy celebrating such a successful year for all at Northmead

TEA, COFFEE, PIMMS, COCKTAILS, BEER, HOT CHOCOLATE, PROSECCO, SOFT DRINKS AND SWEET TREATS, BURGERS, HOT DOGS AND CHIPS - CARD MACHINE AVAILABLE

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