

News and events from Northwold Primary School



IN THIS ISSUE

Invitation for Official Opening

Year 5 to Greenwich Observatory

Northwold Football Match

End of Term Dates

Statement from Governors in Response to Consultation over Academy Status

Many thanks to all those parents who took part in the consultation over academy status. We have summarised some of the points you raised during the meetings we held and responded below. In addition to the face to face meetings we held we also received two written submissions from parents.

1. Some parents expressed concern that conversion to an academy would increase the pressure on children and teaching staff to achieve ever higher results. Some of you also expressed concern that as an academy Northwold would become too strict.

Northwold is a very high achieving school which currently exceeds national expectations in terms of its results. As governors, we would like the school to continue on this path irrespective of whether it becomes an academy or not. However, we will always remain mindful of the pressures facing both children and staff, bearing in mind that national expectations are set by Department for Education and are likely to increase rather than decrease. In terms of discipline and strictness, as a governing body we believe that good behaviour is an important element in the running of the school, and we expect children to behave accordingly. We would not expect this to change were Northwold to become an academy.

2. Where would accountability lie for parents/carers with a complaint or grievance if Northwold converted to an academy? Would it mean the head teacher has too much power and control?

Currently accountability lies with the governing body, through the Learning Trust. Under an academy the governing body would continue to hear and arbitrate in the case of parents/carers with a grievance. The head teacher would continue to be accountable to the governing body as an academy.

3. Would conversion to an academy mean that Northwold changes its name or uniform?

There are currently no plans to change the school's name or its uniform. Both of these powers currently rest with the governing body and would continue to do so under an academy.

4. What impact would conversion to an academy have on provision of free school meals and special educational needs?

If Northwold converts to an academy there would be no change to current provision of SEN or free school meals.

5. Why is there no Parents Teacher Association at Northwold?

As governors we'd welcome a PTA. However, it is not something which should be administered or run by the governing body. Any parent or group of parents willing to set one up would be welcome to establish one.

Get in touch

Northwold Primary School - No sky too high

6. What would happen to the make-up of the governing body if Northwold decided to become an academy?

The governing body would remain well balanced with a mixture of teaching staff, parents and community governors.

The governing body will meet on December 04th to make a final decision about whether or not to proceed with Northwold becoming an academy.

There will be an election for a new parent governor in the New Year, we would like to take this opportunity to encourage as many parents as possible to put their names forward for election.

Opening Ceremony

It is with great pleasure that I write to invite you to the official opening of Northwold school's fantastic new playgrounds, library and lobby. The opening will take place on **13th December 2013 at 10am -11am**. Our steelpan orchestra, school dance group and The Band will perform during the opening ceremony. It will also be a "Taster day" and you are all invited to visit classrooms, see learning in action and taste our school dinners!

The playgrounds are extremely popular with children and adults alike including those who visit our school.

In a much nicer space and with brand new books, the library offers a continued focus on reading for many reasons including pleasure, information, wisdom and to build vocabulary.

Our newly refurbished lobby is now a more welcoming place for all who come to our school.

I hope you are able to accept this invitation to join us on such a momentous occasion.

Golden Achievement Pupils

Congratulations to the following pupils for being the golden pupil of the week:

Class	Pupil
N Mexico	Zenas Decardi-Nelson
N Pakistan	Phoebe Mwizerwa
R Somalia	Falak Dungaria
R Ireland	Ahmed Lasania
1 Bangladesh	Felicity Kyenkuno
1 Ghana	Sarajeet Singh

2 Barbados	Tola Gawrylewska
2 Poland	Ella-May Tomlinson
3 Spain	Anosha Kazemi
3 Nigeria	Joao Baptista
4 Brazil	Mohammed Alibhai
4 Jamaica	Aminata Bah
5 Turkey	Gorgun Erdogan
5 Russia	Samira Begum
6 China	Ogina Miller
6 India	Zarah Patel

Northwold Fundraiser for Philippines

The total amount raised for the victims of Typhoon Haiyan was £1028.22. Thank you to all the parents who contributed food and for all those parents who bought the goodies too.

Year 5 to the Greenwich Observatory

Did you know that within the next five billion years we might have to move planet in order to survive the sun exploding? Well I do, and I learnt that at the Greenwich observatory during our trip on Wednesday the 27th of November.

At the observatory they had a planetarium in which we watched a projection of space on the domed ceiling. It also had lots of galleries about space in the observatory and they also did workshops with you! I enjoyed the workshop about the Earth, Sun and Moon and I learnt quite a lot from it.

Altogether I liked the trip and enjoyed it very much.

By Luqmaan Sahar

Year 5-Turkey Class

On Monday 25th November, Russia class went to Greenwich National Observatory. When we walked into the observatory there was a huge meteorite with a sign on it that said 'Gibseon Meteorite'. We went on this trip as part of our Science topic: Earth, Sun and Moon.

It was a fantastic day out and we were lucky enough to see a show in the planetarium. We learned many new facts for example; did you know that Saturn has 75 moons?

Ameerah Seedat - Russia

Get in touch

Tel: 020 8806 6352 | Fax: 020 8806 6315 | email: office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk

Northwold Primary School - No sky too high



Northwold Football Match Report

From: Conor Dardis Yr 6 & Ms Conway

Team: Mahfuz, Abdul, Destin, Huzaifah, George, Conor, Jamal, Terrance & Eddie

Yesterday was the first time playing for the school team, we played so well, good passing, dribbling and shooting, not one goal got pass us. Our first game against Grasmere we played very safe with lots of passing but not enough shooting, it ended 0-0.

The second game against Holmleigh was scored as the final whistle was blowing but the referee didn't allow it, results 0-0. Finally our last game against Millfields we

were attacking all the way, and were victorious with a 2-0 win, and 2 great shots from Eddie. What a good start! Well done team.

Dates for the end of term

Just 3 more weeks of term! We've a number of special events so please put the following dates in your diaries!

2nd December Small choir singing at The Waldorf Hotel

9th December Music performance – all our pupils who learn a musical instrument will show the school and their parents how well they're doing

17th December Nativity

18th December Christmas lunch

19th December Special event and Class parties

20th December Last day of term – 1.00pm finish

Next Week's Menu

Mon	lentil cottage pie	courgette, potato and cheese layer
	baked beans	
Tues	quiche	cheesy potato bake
Wed	Jamaican black bean pot	dhal
	chapatti, rice	
Thur	veggie burger	spicy lamb burger
	bun	
Fri	Caribbean fish	spinach and feta pie

Baked potatoes, seasonal salads, fruit and yoghurts are also available.

Get in touch

Tel: 020 8806 6352 | Fax: 020 8806 6315 | email: office@northwold.hackney.sch.uk

Northwold Primary School - No sky too high

Class Assembly Rota-Autumn 2013

A slot is assigned to each class. Phase 1 class assembly will be on Fridays and Phase 2 on Thursday at 10:45. Please come and support your child.

Date Week Beginning	Phase 1	Phase 2
02.12.13	Mexico	Russia
09.12.13	In Class	Jamaica – Tuesday 10 th December

Northwold Primary School

2013-2014 School Calendar

September 2013						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

October 2013						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

November 2013						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

December 2013						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January 2014						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

February 2014						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	

March 2014						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
						1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29

April 2014						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

May 2014						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

Northwold Primary School - No sky too high

June 2014						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

July 2014						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

August 2014						
Su	M	Tu	W	Th	F	S
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



School Closed/ Holidays



Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)



Half Day



First and Last Day of School



Public Holiday