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A Message from The Headteacher

Thank you to the staff, governors, pupils and parents for working so well together to make the past academic year an incredible success for Northwold.

We have a lot to celebrate as we have been on a huge journey. Despite many challenges we are the first primary school in Hackney to convert to an academy, and we are on track to open two new schools in 2017. Amaya Trust won't be much bigger than that.

Over the past year the reputation of the school has grown significantly and we have gained the Mayor of London Gold Mark Award, recognition from national and international colleagues, as well as organisations like Enabling Enterprise and PopUp who value our partnership work with them. We were recently given the Arsenal Award for Outstanding Achievement for the delivery of Spanish through sport, our Debating Team were the best new school in the London Schools Debating Competition, our art work has been exhibited at St Pancras, our films were shown at the Rio and Barbican. We are in the London top 10 for the second year running for our pupil attainment and we are also National Pupil Premium Award Winners. We've been invited to speak at the leadership conferences in the UK because of the recognition for our high pupil

achievement and our innovative approach to holistic education.

93% of our Y6 pupils got a combined level 4 this year which is an incredible achievement given the journey of the cohort. We are extremely proud of their achievement. It has taken a lot of hard work and commitment from all the staff, parents and pupils and I want to thank everyone involved, especially the Year 6 team, as well as the Saturday School and Easter School Teams. Our younger pupils have been equally successful. Many thanks to parents for being so supportive of our school.

Thank you to the children for making every day worthwhile. You've worked very hard and I hope that you all feel very proud of your achievements.

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We have to say sad farewells to Alice Chapman who returns to New Zealand, Daniel Clancy who has moved to a school closer to his home, Elise Hall who is moving back to Australia, Hannah Coles who takes up a leadership role at The New School, Tanveer Ali who completed his teacher training, Natalie Andrew who is moving to Dubai, Nela Vega who is going back to Spain and Edwin Few who is moving out of London. We will miss you all but wish you continued success in your new roles. We welcome Christina Rodrogriez, Livvy Smith, Firyal Shahid, Catherine Hanley, Sam Zekeria, Michael Richard, Tim Scott, and Bedrie Bokciu to our team.

We have an extraordinary and committed staff who have a love of the school and always go the extra mile. I am very proud to lead such a talented, warm and committed school community and I wish you all a happy and peaceful summer break.

Back to school – IMPORTANT DATES

Please note the start dates for the Autumn Term. Early Years classes start a week and two weeks after the other classes.

Years 1-6 – Monday 7th September 2015

Reception – Monday 14th September 2015

Nursery – week beginning 21st September 2015

See the end of the newsletter for a detailed calendar of the Academic Year 2015-16.

Year 6 Performance – Oliver



On Tuesday, 14th July, Year 6 put on a truly spectacular and memorable performance of the musical Oliver. A massive thank you to Mr Sexton,

Janine Wood, Malcom Bruce, Mrs Kaur, Jo Beldham and Mr Howie. A film of the performance will be available on the school's YouTube channel soon.

Celebration Day – Thursday 16th July



On Thursday 16th July, members of the whole school community gathered at The Round Chapel to see prizes given out to children for their wonderful achievements throughout the year. We were also treated to fantastic dance, music and singing performances. Brilliant artwork created by all year groups was also on display. We also said a fond farewell to the Year 6's, who sang us out with 'See You Again'. Not a dry eye in the house! We will see you again.

Rainforest Café



All children who had 100% attendance and 100% punctuality at school during the year were rewarded with a meal at the Rainforest Café.

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Before they left school they encountered some 'Rainforest' weather, as a torrential downpour sent them scurrying for the cover of their limousines. A superb lunch was enjoyed by them all. And there was a special draw for all of them to win a brand new iPad. The winner was – Percy in Mexico class.

Class Teachers – 2015-16

These are the teachers for each class next year:

Year	Teacher	2015-16	Last year
Nursery	Ms Rodrogriez	Mexico	
	Ms Smith	Pakistan	
Reception	Ms Burley	Somalia	Pakistan
	Ms Ghanima	Ireland	Mexico
Year 1	Ms Wilkinson	Bangladesh	Ireland
	Ms Shahid	Ghana	Somalia
Year 2	Ms Hanley	Poland	Ghana
	Ms Hussein	Barbados	Bangladesh
Year 3	Mr Zekeria	Spain	Poland
	Mr Zvimba	Nigeria	Barbados
Year 4	Mr Richard	Jamaica	Spain
	Ms Sams	Brazil	Nigeria
Year 5	Mr Scott	Turkey	Brazil
	Ms Bokciu	Russia	Jamaica
Year 6	Ms Rawat	China	Turkey
	Mr Williams	India	Russia

New Curriculum – Cornerstones

We have just invested in a brand new curriculum, called Cornerstones. It covers most school subjects within one topic. Below is a list of the Autumn Term topics. Expect your children to come home with some interesting new questions on their minds.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Nursery	Why do you love me so much?	Why do leaves go crispy?
Reception	Why are police cars noisy?	Will you read me a story?
Year 1	Superheroes	Dinosaurs Planet
Year 2	Muck, Mess and Mixtures	Street Detectives
Year 3	Scrumdidlyumptious	Tremors
Year 4	Traders and Raiders	Blue Abyss
Year 5	Off with her head!	Stargazers
Year 6	Darwin's Delights	Blood Heart

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A Poem

Our very own poet-in-residence – Mr Louw – has composed these delicious verses, in celebration (if somehow you didn't already know) of Yellow House triumphing in this year's house competition.



Once upon a time in a land to the east
was a school called Northwold, where learning was a feast.

But not all was fun and games, this I'm telling you true
for a war was a-raging between red, yellow, purple,
green, and blue.

And on a fateful day at Springfield Park
the battle was kicking up dust till the sky went dark.

The athletes ran, they jumped, they shouted and cheered
and the victors emerged as the dust settled and cleared.

The team who won had sunny disposition
They were yellow and their hard work came to fruition.
For they were rewarded by the powers that be
to a day of fun and recreation at Frinton-on-Sea.

They gathered at the school quite early in the day
and waited for the coach to spirit them away.
With their towels, and bats, and buckets and spades
they were packed and ready - yellow beach brigades.

On the coach two hours they had to while away
and when they saw the sea they shouted "hip, hip,
hurray!"

The sun was out and shining from high in the sky
there was a light breeze blowing and not a sorrow
nearby.

On the beach they dug, they ran, they played
and swam, and lazed, and in the water they waded.
There was football, cricket, Frisbee and catch
and volleyball, and even a tennis match.

They collected some shells and soaked up the sun
and all had such fun, every single one!
Also, all the teachers had a very good time,
for the yellows' behaviour was quite sublime.

And when the time had come for everyone to go
the yellows packed their things and got their ducks in a row

They all departed for home on a very high note,
and left the beach spotless, for good behaviour floats
their boat.

They got back on the bus, everyone in tow
they had such a good time and were quite sad to go.
But they weren't too phased and were hanging ten,
for they knew that next year, they'll be winning again!

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School Uniform

You can purchase school uniform from school from 1st September 2015. The school uniform is as follows –

Years 1 - 6

White school shirt with top button
Red school jumper
Grey trousers or school pinafore
School tie
Grey socks
Black school shoes

Early Years

School red sweatshirt
White polo top
Black tracksuit bottoms
Black trainers – no logos

PE

Named t-shirt in team colour
Black tracksuit bottoms
Black hoodie with embroidered name in house colour
Trainers

Hackney Young People University – Summer 2015 Programme

See below a flyer for HYPU's fantastic summer programme of events. If your child is in Year 6, this is a great place to try some new creative projects.

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SUMMER PROGRAMME

27 July - 7 Aug. 2015

MUSIC CAN INSPIRE A GENERATION

ARE YOU AGED BETWEEN 11-18?
Want to do something different this summer?
Why not start your career here while having fun.

Workshops Include:
Breakfast Club (£1),
Baking, Cooking,
Sports, Music,
Jewellery Making,
Photoshop,
Art clubs
and much more !!!!

For more info and to book places log onto www.htea1.com or ring 0207 249 4542 email: htea@live.co.uk

DATE: 27 July - 7 Aug 2015
TIME: 9am - 4pm
COST: £10 (for which program!)

VENUE: BSIX, SIXTH FORM College,
Keninghall Road, Hackney
London, E5 8BP

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First Week Back Menu – 7th September

Week 1

Monday	Fish Fingers	Bean Stew
	Peas, Chips and Salads	
Tuesday	Cheese Whirls	Baked Pepper & Spicy Rice
	Baked Beans and Salads	
Wednesday	Tuna & Pasta Twist	Spinach Pie
	Salads	
Thursday	Black Bean Chilli	Vegetable Pastry
	Doritos, Guacamole, Soured Cream & Tomato Salsa	
Friday	Vegetable Biryani	Crusty Pasta Bake
	Salads	

Remember! If you don't like the food that's on offer we also do jacket potatoes with fillings every day.

Every day, for dessert, there is fruit and yoghurt.

Term Dates for 2015-16

Autumn Term 2015			
First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 7 th September 2015	Monday 26 th October to Friday 30 th October 2015	Friday 18 th December 2015	70 days (35 first half-term, 35 second half-term)

Spring Term 2016			
First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 4 th January 2016	Monday 15 th February to Friday 19 th February 2016	Thursday 24 th March 2016	54 (30 first half term, 24 second half term)

Summer Term 2016			
First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 11 th April 2016	Monday 30 th May to Friday 3 rd June 2016	Friday 22 nd July 2016	69 (34 first half term, 35 second half term)