

News and events from Northwold Primary School



Golden Achievement Pupils

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

Class	Pupils
N Mexico	Maariyah Mayat
N Pakistan	John Ogunewu
R Ireland	Amarjeet Singh
R Somalia	Ali Erdogan
1 Bangladesh	Renique Salter
1 Ghana	Shakyra Quartey
2 Barbados	Michaela Olajide-Aluko
2 Poland	Falak Dungaria
3 Spain	Oliver Chan
3 Nigeria	Michael Balogun
4 Brazil	Jeremiah Berhane
4 Jamaica	Ngozi Osuji
5 Turkey	Amy Bui
5 Russia	
6 China	Charlie Tucker
6 India	Maryam Patel

Sweet treats – Ice cream

As you know, once a month we have cake sales held by year groups, which is an opportunity for our pupils to raise money for charities of their choice. For the rest of the month we have a no eating policy in our playground and you have all been wonderful at following the school rule.

Recently we hit a new problem - the dreaded ice-cream van! Initially we ignored the ice cream

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van but it led to a range of problems, which a large number of parents raised with us: children started to bring money into school, children were running out onto the road to the van and the prices were ridiculous. When parents first started to complain we told them to say 'no' to their children, but as one mum put it - she didn't want to start her time with her child on a negative. Serious concerns were also raised about the safeguarding of our pupils as many ice cream vendors are known to deal drugs from their vans. The problem is so serious that it leads to ice cream van turf wars.

We asked the ice cream van owner to park elsewhere, but he was making an easy £500 so he was not willing to go away. Free ice-cream seemed like a good way forward. We gave out ice creams for free three times last week and once this week and I'm pleased to say that, on Tuesday, the ice-cream van man agreed that it is not worth his while coming to our school any more. Hopefully it's a peaceful end to the problem.

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To ensure that this problem does not recur we ask all parents **not to support** the ice cream vans when they park by our school. If we work together we can keep our children safe. It will also save parents a fortune. The cheapest van was charging £3.50 for a '99' cone. In contrast, it cost the school £68.00 for an ice cream for every child when bought from Iceland. Many thanks to the parents who were so supportive of our action and we're glad that you and your children were appreciative of the free treat. Can we please ask you to support us further by returning to the no eating in the playground rule? In return we'll make sure we offer ice creams as an occasional treat.

KS2 SATs

Next week it's the Key Stage 2 SATs for our Year 6 students. We wish them all the best of luck and we're sure they will do fantastically well, as they have worked so hard in preparation. Also a massive thank you to all the staff and parents, who have got them ready for their tests.

SSAT National Award Standard for Children's Progress

SSAT, the schools, students and teachers network, has announced in 2015 that Northwold has achieved its National Award standard for 'Children's Progress – Top 10% -' and 'Closing the Gap'. It means that we have enabled children to make significantly higher than average progress in Key Stage 2 in Reading, Writing and Maths and we are among the top 10% across all schools nationally. In particular, we have been very successful at ensuring that children from disadvantaged backgrounds achieve as well or better than children from non-disadvantaged backgrounds across the country. We feel especially proud, as this is the second time we have received this accolade. Well done and thank you to all of you, who have made this amazing achievement happen.

Next Week at Northwold – w.c. 9.5.16

Here are the key events happening at Northwold next week.

Day	Event (Class/Year)	
Monday	SATs	Neal Zetter – Poetry The Castle – Year 4 trip
Tuesday		Architect Project – Brazil
Wednesday		Theatre of Law – Year 5
Thursday		Natural History Museum – Year 4

Espresso – Learning resource

We have a large number of online resources that children can access from home. We are pleased to announce that you have another fantastic resource to use to support your child's learning. Espresso has resources across the whole curriculum. As part of our subscription we have paid for the school's children to have access to the resources. We love them. We hope you like them too. Visit espresso at <http://www.discoveryeducation.co.uk> User name - student946. Password - northwold16.

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Predator! – Nigeria Trip

On Wednesday 4th May, Nigeria went to the Natural History Museum to support their understanding of fossils. They were able to look at different fossils and pretend they were palaeontologists! Ahmed said, *"This is amazing and I loved how we used brushes to find evidence on fossils!"*

Bethany added, *"This was an amazing experience. I know more about which animals are prey and which are predators!"*

Overall, Nigeria had a splendid time. A massive thank you to the parents who helped on the trip.



Debate Mate

On Wednesday 27th April, Debate Mate went to the London Debating Cup competition at the University of Westminster, where they competed against over 40 schools. The group competed in three competitions and did very well in all three. Although not going through to the final, they all enjoyed the experience and represented the school admirably. A member of the Debate Mate said, "This was an amazing experience and I would love to do it again next year!"



Measles Outbreak in London

All children were handed a letter from Public Health England this week about a high incidence of measles in London at the moment. Measles is a highly infectious disease and one in ten infections result in hospital care. The best way to prevent the spread of the disease is have up-to-date MMR immunisations. Please tap on the link to read more about the disease, its symptoms and treatment - <http://tinyurl.com/j47svoc> . Also if your child has measles, you should inform the school immediately and your child should not come to school until at least four days after the measles rash appeared (because they can still pass on the infection to others).

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Finding Work – Free help from Hackney and Reed in Partnership

If you need help finding work, Hackney are offering the following free support for people who are out of work. See the flyer below for more details.

Opportunity Hackney

Every 15 minutes we help someone into work

- CV writing
- Exclusive vacancies
- Confidence building
- Interview practice
- Help with childcare
- Personal development

Can we help you?
hackneyopps.org.uk
Or call: 020 7616 2344



Rio Cinema – Michel Ocelot Season

Famous French animator, Michel Ocelot, is the subject of a short season of his films on Saturday's in the coming month at The Rio in Dalston. His most famous feature is Kirikou and the Sorceress. Other films in the season include 'Azur et Asmar', 'Les Contes de la Nuit' and 'Kirikou et les hommes et les femmes'. See The Rio website for more details - <http://riocinema.org.uk/>. Tickets are only £5 for children and £7 for adults, with a discount for Hackney Library card holders too. And there will be free popcorn too!

Hackney Museum – May Newsletter

There are all sorts of fantastic things to do in Hackney. Here's the latest on offer from our very own Hackney Museum – <http://eepurl.com/b0ELuf>

After School Clubs

Nearly all the clubs are full but there are a few places still available for Dance (Wednesday) and African Drumming (Wednesday). If your child has not got a place in their first choice of club and they are interested in the above clubs, please collect and complete the 'club' form in the Office.

Wednesday Coffee Mornings

Every Wednesday from 9.00-9.30am there will be a coffee morning held in the Canteen. Each week, one of the school's leaders will be talking about their area of responsibility. The next meeting this term will be on 11th May. It will be facilitated by the Safer Schools Partnership Team from Stoke Newington Community Police. They will be talking to parents about how to keep children safe in the community – including stranger danger and safety on public transport. Why not join other parents afterwards for a coffee? We look forward to seeing you there.

Class Coffee Mornings

Class coffee mornings next week are on both Monday and Friday. The full timetable is published below. It's a great chance for parents to meet the class teacher and one another. We look forward to seeing you there.

Date- Week Beginning	Monday	Friday
9.5.16	Brazil	Jamaica
16.5.16	Turkey	Barbados
23.5.16	Spain	Poland
Half Term		
6.6.16		China
13.6.16	Ireland	India
20.6.16	Bangladesh	Mexico
27.6.16	Pakistan	Somalia

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Class Assemblies

Below is the schedule for the Summer Term. Please come and support your child and watch their fantastic assemblies. Class Assemblies are every Friday at 10.45am. We also film the assemblies and upload them to the school's YouTube account.

Week beginning	Class
9.5.16	Poland
16.5.16	Ghana
23.5.16	India
Half Term	
6.6.16	China
13.6.16	Somalia
20.6.16	Ireland
27.6.16	Mexico
4.7.16	Pakistan

e-Safety – Dilemma



In Upper Key Stage 2, we have been discussing a number of dilemmas that occur in our online lives. Talk to your child about the following one - Your older brother/sister says that his/her e-mail (Hotmail/Yahoo/Gmail) is playing up and s/he needs to send an urgent message to a friend. Can s/he log on as you and use your account? What should your child do?

If there are any areas of e-Safety you want to know more about, please feel free to discuss it with Mr Braune, your child's teacher or one of the school's leaders.

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Next Week's Menu

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

There are still 2 ½ INSET days to be allocated.

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)