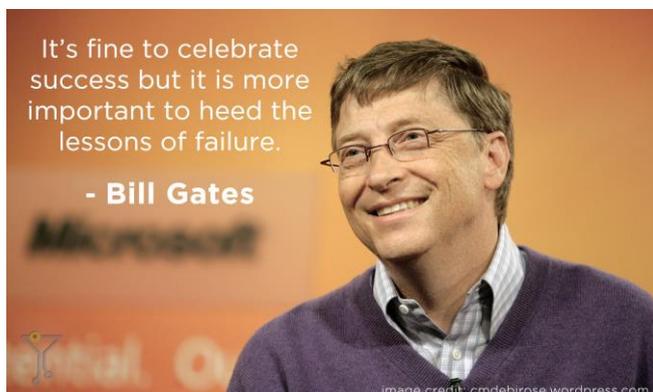


News and events from Northwold Primary School



Welcome Back

Welcome back to what we know will be a glorious summer term. We've got off to a flying start this week with inspiration coming from the worlds of technology and English literature, and a feat of amazing endurance and willpower – some of our students heard a speech by Bill Gates (Founder of Microsoft), we've started our Shakespeare project (Happy Birthday – 23rd) and we've had another visit from Nick Carter (who has successfully climbed up Mount Everest).

Golden Achievement Pupils

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

| Class | Pupils |
|--------------|------------------------|
| N Mexico | Taharima Uddin |
| N Pakistan | Zahra Mulla |
| R Ireland | Shakayla Brown-Furtado |
| R Somalia | Ranaa Sharif |
| 1 Bangladesh | Anabel Lewandowska |
| 1 Ghana | Yusuf Altun |
| 2 Barbados | Hannah Ewiah |
| 2 Poland | Ayaan Chariwala |
| 3 Nigeria | Eren Gokce |
| 3 Spain | Amadu Bah |
| 4 Brazil | Imtiaz Hussain |
| 4 Jamaica | Oduro Asenso |
| 5 Russia | Xeniye Buddah O'Selle |
| 5 Turkey | Olasubomi Akande |
| 6 China | Farouk Braimoh |

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| 6 India | Victoria Omitogun |
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**Next Week at Northwold –
w.c. 24.4.17**

Here are the key events for the upcoming week:

| Day | Event/Trip (Class/Year) | |
|------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| Monday | Shakespeare Project | |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | | |
| Thursday | | Operation Ouch - |
| Friday | | Filming |

Ms Kriel Podcast

Last term, Ms Kriel met John Bishop, who is the founder, co-owner and director of an organisation called Evolve. Evolve focuses on health and education, running a multitude of projects in over 1,000 primary schools in England and Wales. The fruits of their meeting have been turned into a podcast. It is part of a project called A Head of Our Time, where headteachers discuss their journeys

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and the secrets of their success. We are delighted that the first podcast of the series features Ms Kriel and will be broadcast on Sunday 23rd April at 6.00pm. It is available to listen to or download from the following website – <https://aheadofourtime.co.uk>. It offers a fascinating insight into the world and work of Northwold and its community.

Debate Mate – Special Speaker

A small group of students from the school's Debate Mate club were very fortunate to hear Bill Gates talk at The Royal Institute last week. Bill Gates founded Microsoft over 40 years ago and, although he still works for Microsoft, his current day-to-day work is all about finding ways to eradicate diseases across the globe. Now Ms Kriel takes up the story:

“Today we took a small group of pupils for an audience with Bill Gates. It was a very small gathering and we were very lucky to be invited. I have to say he really was inspirational. On the way back we went to the park for a run around and some children were frightened of a dog we met. Her owner was lovely and explained she was a therapy dog. In no time at all the pupils were running around with her, fears vanished. Somehow I think meeting Bill Gates was completely overshadowed by a gorgeous dog and her owner!”



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Nick Carter – Everest Mountaineer

What is the tallest mountain in the world? We all know the answer to that one. Read on: this is not a geography lesson! Have you met anyone who has successfully climbed to the top and made it all the way back down again (the journey down is also highly treacherous)? Well, our Year 4, 5 and 6's did last week. You may remember Nick Carter, who visited Northwold back in March. He told us then about his whole life and how he came to do a large number of incredibly challenging adventures. One particular adventure really caught our imaginations – a terrifying ascent and descent of Mount Everest, during which they had to save the life of one of their fellow mountaineers. On Tuesday last week, Nick came and told the full story of this adventure. Here's what some of the students thought:

"I found the assembly very interesting, because so many people have climbed Mount Everest. The shocking thing is that many people have died on these dangerous expeditions." – Karandeep

"I learnt that it takes two and a half months to climb Mount Everest. It gets really cold and you can get really unwell, so you have to take lots of medicines with you. It was a really fun and interesting assembly." – Salman

"A friendly man called Mr Carter kindly came to our school to talk to us about his dangerous experience of climbing Mount Everest. He talked to us about how hard it was to breathe and climb at the same time. It made me want to climb Mount Everest, but at the same time maybe not. It was very interesting and I enjoyed it." – Oliver

"On Tuesday 18th April, Year 4, 5 and 6 had the chance to meet Nick Carter, adventurer and explorer. This was his second visit to Northwold and he came to explain in more detail about his trip to Mount Everest. He talked about how the higher up you go, the harder it was to breathe and we did our very own demonstration of just how hard it was to breathe with straws. Additionally he talked about the different camps that were on the mountain along the way. Nick Carter is an inspirational, educational and adventurous man,

who inspires young children to follow their dreams, no matter how big or small they are. He also inspires them to overcome their fears, by doing what they fear the most, which is what Nick did to become a braver person." – Richard and Zahra (China)

Now, ask yourselves, what is the most difficult challenge you have ever faced? How did it feel to complete it? What did you learn about yourself? What will your next challenge be? As we love to say: Feel the fear. Do it anyway.



Morning Drop Off

We've noticed a number of parents coming with their children into the playground well before the start of the school day. Please stay with your child until it's time for them to go in.

School Trips – REMINDER

Trips are really exciting for the children; they really enjoy the experience of learning outside school. To help the support your children please could you bring them to school on time. Some classes have missed their workshops because they have been waiting for children that have come to school late and delayed the start of the journey

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Forest School – READY FOR ALL WEATHERS

Forest School is an important part of our school curriculum. It will only be taught indoors if we are experiencing severe weather conditions, like blizzards or high winds (yellow on the BBC weather charts). We ask you to ensure you send your children to be prepared for all weathers – the cold, rain, sun, and high temperatures. We are not able to accommodate requests to remain in school because of the weather. We thank you for your cooperation in this.

P.E. – Correct Kit and P.E. Day

Please see the list below for the correct kit. On your child's P.E. day, your child will **come to school in their P.E. kit*** (NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM) and wear it for the whole day. Your child needs to wear the school's P.E. kit:

- Black school hoodie (with your child's name in house colour)
- House colour T-Shirt with your child's name
- Plain black jogging bottoms (Leggings, jogging bottoms in other colours or with logos are not acceptable)
- Plimsolls or trainers

The P.E. day for each year group is as follows:

Monday: Year 2

Tuesday: Nursery & Year 5

Wednesday: Reception, Years 1 & 4

Thursday: Year 3

Friday: Year 6

* Nursery to Year 4 children **MUST** also come to school in their P.E. kit on Forest School days.

Class Coffee Mornings – Summer Term

Class Coffee Mornings are back. The first hosts will be Year 5 next week – beginning 24th April – on Monday and Friday at 9.00am in the Canteen. It's a great chance for parents to meet the class teacher and one another. We look forward to seeing you there.

| Week Beginning | Monday | Friday |
|----------------|----------------------|--------|
| 24.4.17 | Turkey | Russia |
| 1.5.17 | Bank Holiday Monday- | |

| | No Coffee Morning | |
|-----------|-------------------|------------|
| 8.5.17 | Nigeria | Spain |
| 15.5.17 | Ghana | Bangladesh |
| 22.5.17 | Jamaica | Brazil |
| Half Term | | |
| 5.6.17 | | |
| 12.6.17 | China | India |
| 19.6.17 | Poland | Barbados |
| 26.6.17 | Somalia | Ireland |
| 3.7.17 | Mexico | Pakistan |
| 10.7.17 | No Coffee Morning | |
| 17.7.17 | | |

Class Assemblies

The next class assembly will be performed by **Somalia**, next week on Friday 28th April. The assembly will start at 9.30am and last up to half an hour. Below is the timetable for the rest of the school year, so you can put the dates and time in your diaries. It really makes a big difference for children to see their family in the audience; we hope you can make the time for them.

Summer 2017

| Week Beginning | Class |
|----------------|--------------------------------------|
| 24.4.17 | Somalia |
| 8.5.17 | Ireland |
| 22.5.17 | Mexico – Thursday 25 th * |
| 12.6.17 | Pakistan |
| 26.6.17 | China |
| 3.7.17 | India |

* This is has been brought forward by one day to accommodate our Shakespeare project.

e-Safety – Play, Like, Share

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Once more, we return again to the Play, Like, Share resource from ThinkUKnow. Here's a really good resource all about how to report problems to

websites. If you want to **remove** information about your child from an app or website, read here about how to do it -

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/Reporting-to-social-media-sites/>

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 3

Please note that there are also different salad options on different days.

| | | | |
|-----------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| Monday | Nachos | Fajitas | Green Salad Tomato Slices Coleslaw |
| Tuesday | Vegetable Curry and Rice | Gnocchi | Green Salad Tomato Slices Carrot Sticks |
| Wednesday | Tuna Nuggets | Cornish Pasty | Green Salad Tomato Slices Cucumber Slices |
| | Chips Baked Beans | | |
| Thursday | Chinese Fried Rice | Quesadilla and Corn on the Cob | Green Salad Tomato Slices Beetroot |
| Friday | Tuna with Pasta Twists | Turkish Potato Stew with Rice | Green Salad Greek Salad |

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 2016-17

Below are dates for our 195 teaching days, including 5 days for the purpose of teachers' staff development (INSET). These days can be taken as INSET days or equivalent twilight sessions.

Academies, free schools and voluntary-aided schools are able to set their own dates but have been asked to set the same or similar dates in the interest of parents who may have children at different schools.

| Autumn Term 2016 | | | |
|---|---|--|---|
| First Day | Half Term | Finish | Number of Days |
| Tuesday 6 th September 2016 | Monday 24 th October to Friday 28 th October 2016 | Wednesday 21 st December 2016 | 72 days (34 first half-term, 38 second half-term) |
| (Staff INSET – Monday 5 th September 2016) | | | |

| Spring Term 2017 | | | |
|---|---|------------------------------------|--|
| First Day | Half Term | Finish | Number of Days |
| Monday 9 th January 2017 | Monday 13 th February to Friday 17 th February 2017 | Friday 31 st March 2017 | 59 (29 first half term, 30 second half term) |
| (Staff INSET – Tuesday 3 rd January – Friday 6 th January 2017) | | | |

| Summer Term 2017 | | | |
|-------------------------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| First Day | Half Term | Finish | Number of Days |
| Tuesday 18 th April 2017 | Monday 29 th May to Friday 2 nd June 2017 | Friday 21 st July 2017 | 63 (28 first half term, 35 second half term) |

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