

## News and events from Northwold Primary School



No one is perfect,  
That's why pencils  
have erasers.

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### Week Beginning 25.03.2019

Day	Event
Monday	PSP Review week beginning 25.03.19 Nursery Pakistan Coffee Morning 9:00am
Tuesday	
Wednesday	
Thursday	
Friday	Reception Somalia Class Assembly 9:30 am Year 5 Cake Sale 3:30 pm Nursery Mexico Coffee Morning 9:00am

### Parents' Evening

Dear Parents

Thank you for your support RE: Parents' Evening. The feedback from parents was positive. We have an ethos of co-constructive partnership work with parents. Thank you for your continued support. We will take on board the suggestions you made on your feedback form

Kind Regards

Serrantha Bhagwandas  
Interim Headteacher

### MAT(Multi-Academy Trust) Core Group

If any parent wishes to be part of the CORE GROUP that will be visiting other schools, please contact Mrs Bhagwandas.



### Shakespeare Week

It was Shakespeare Week at Northwold this week. The children engaged in many interesting Shakespeare themed activities and lessons.

Year 1 Ghana acted out a scene from the Shakespeare story, Macbeth. They made up actions for the ingredients to the Witches' potions.



In Year 1 Bangladesh we have been looking at Shakespeare's poem called The Witches Spell. We worked in groups and made pictures for us to remember the poem and then performed it in groups.



Year 5 Turkey were doing a re-enactment of Romeo and Juliet.



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### Clean Up Clapton Award Presentation

Northwold Primary School was presented with their Clean Up Clapton group artwork award by Councillors Michael Desmond and Clare Potter, the Speaker of Hackney Council at B6 College in Clapton.

A group of children from Years 3 and 4 created a collaborative piece of artwork on the theme of 'How to make Hackney a better place to live'.



### Update from the Amaya Trustees

Dear parents and carers,

It was good to meet so many of you at the open meetings during the last two weeks. Thank you for your interest and your ongoing support for Northwold School.

Your input, and that of the staff and governors, has been crucial in helping us prioritise criteria for the next chapter of Northwold's journey. I know that you, and we, very much want stability and a smooth transition with a great deal of the current ethos and practice continuing.

I want to update you about the transfer process and finding a new Multi Academy Trust (MAT) for Northwold. We have now sent out letters to trusts with a local presence who may be interested in working with Northwold. There are visits to Northwold arranged with Ms Bhagwandas for interested MAT leads over the coming week.

At the trust board meeting of 1<sup>st</sup> April we will review expressions of interest and aim to shortlist. Once we have done that we will write to shortlisted trusts to take forward next steps of finding out which is most suitable. We will also let you know the trusts being considered and affirm the programme of visits for a small group of parents and staff. We are aiming that trusts can present to parents in some format. We are aiming to finalise the preferred MAT on 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019.

Meanwhile we have been pleased to support the leadership team in their management of the school. I want to express my personal thanks to Ms Bhagwandas for her leadership over the past few months, and I want to welcome Ms Malabver-Goulbourne back to the school.

With best wishes,

Annie Gammon, Chair of Amaya Trust  
*Current trustees are: Annie Gammon, Alison Kriel, Stuart Dixon, Bernard McDonnell, Ehsan Razavizadeh, Andrew Cartwright.*

## Governors' Day 2019



Governors had a productive and enjoyable day at Northwold on Wednesday for our annual governors' day. We welcomed two new community governors, Sarah Gaughan and Helen Doran. Sarah lives in Hoxton and works at the Home Office, leading on unaccompanied asylum-seeking children policy. She previously led Public Health England's Early Years programme. Helen lives in Stoke Newington and works in educational publishing, creating English language teaching materials for primary school children worldwide.

The day started with a session on pupil attainment and progress data from our school improvement partner Opal Brown. Outcomes remain very positive, with attainment above the national average at every Key Stage and for the phonics check. All progress measures at the end of Key Stage 2 are above national expectations. The maths progress measure at the end of Key Stage 2 puts us in the highest 10% of schools nationally.

Following that we looked at the school development plan and discussed current priorities. Developing reading throughout the school is a priority for this year, and Ms Lewis described the initiatives around reading in the school including pupil book swaps, word of the week and events such as World Book Day and Shakespeare Week to enhance the children's love for reading. We discussed the budget for the coming year and planned the schedule of repair works around the school. Governors also took part in Safeguarding Level 1 training led by Ms Bhagwandas.

We enjoyed having lunch with the school council, followed by a meeting that opened with a rousing chorus of 'Will's Wonderful Words', a song (and rap!) about Shakespeare that the children have been learning during Shakespeare Week. They told us about the improvements they have been making around the school. In the playground, they have successfully set up a board games area and a book bank for children to read in breaks (we were told that the most popular books are 'Where's Wally?' and 'Diary Of A Wimpy Kid'). They explained that that they wear yellow sashes in the playground so children who have a problem can come and find them and ask for help, and that they have also set up a bench for children to sit on if they feel lonely so council members can involve them in games. It was great to hear about all the initiatives the school council have started, and governors would like to thank them for all their hard work.

Thank you also to the prefects who gave governors a very informative and enjoyable tour of the school. We enjoyed dropping in on all the classes, seeing the chicks that had hatched from eggs in nursery, hearing your excellent xylophone playing in music and seeing all your vibrant artwork and the spectacular designs for all the classroom doors for World Book Day. We were really impressed by the knowledge the prefects showed about the school.

Thank you to all the pupils and staff who met with us and showed us round. Governors' day is a highlight of the year for us and we really enjoyed spending the day with you.



### Results of Parent Survey: 'What Matters Most To Northwold Parents?'

Thank you to parent Catherine Afolabi who set up an online survey of parents asking them 'What Matters Most To Northwold Parents?', and organised a parent meeting to discuss the findings. The purpose of the survey was to find out which things about Northwold School parents think are most important and should be taken into consideration when looking at other trusts.

The survey had sixty-nine respondents, and the headlines from the survey are as follows:

#### Top Statements Overall

The school is well-led and managed, and has a stable leadership team and staff  
The school deals effectively with bullying  
The school head is a qualified teacher and runs the school day-to-day

#### School Values

**Most important statements** (80%-90% rated very important)

The school deals effectively with bullying  
The school is inclusive, and teaches respect and tolerance for different cultures and faiths  
The school encourages learning outside of the classroom for example through school trips or Forest School  
The school offers healthy food, cooked daily at school  
The school offers wraparound care (breakfast club and after school activities)  
The school has high expectations of all children.

**Important statements** (70%-80% very important or 20%+ fairly important)

The school uses a clear and fair behaviour and discipline policy e.g. red, gold, green, silver system or behaviour charts  
The school environment is attractive and the building is well maintained  
The school supports children to transition for example from one year to next, or moving from primary to secondary school  
The school has a clear and fair admissions policy

#### Communication With Parents

**Most important statements** (80%-90% rated very important)

The school offers parents' evenings and reports give enough information about children's progress  
The school communicates with parents in various ways for example by text, newsletter, letters and through sufficient information on the website  
The school listens to parents and takes their views into account

**Important statements** (70%-80% very important or 20%+ fairly important)

The school gives parents enough information about the curriculum in a variety of ways for example face to face, through coffee mornings  
The school supports children to transition for example from one year to next, or moving from primary to secondary school

#### Leadership and Staff

**Most important statements** (80%-90% rated very important)

The school is well-led and managed, and has a stable leadership team and staff  
The school head is a qualified teacher and runs the school day-to-day  
The staff are approachable in the playground if children need help  
The staff are approachable and accessible to parents/carers

#### Teaching

**Important statements** (60%-80% very important or 20%+ fairly important)

The school offers music as part of the curriculum  
The school follows the National Curriculum (academies do not have to)  
The school has a rich programme of partnerships and enterprise opportunities

You can see more detail from the survey here <https://www.surveymonkey.com/results/SM-667TKNTMV/>. All the survey data and comments have been passed over to the Amaya Trustees. Thank you again to Catherine and to all the parents who took part.

## Transfer of Northwold School 2019 – Provisional timeline

Event	Stakeholders	Date	Comments
Meetings with stakeholders	Governors/Trustees	27 <sup>th</sup> February 6pm	
	Parents/Trustees	6 <sup>th</sup> March 6pm tbc and 13 <sup>th</sup> March 9am tbc	
	Staff/Trustees	27 <sup>th</sup> February 4.15pm	
Affirming principles and brokerage documents	Trustees	w/b 11 <sup>th</sup> March	
Longlisting/interests	Trustees	w/b 11 <sup>th</sup> March to 18 <sup>th</sup> March	
Shortlisting	Trustees	1 <sup>st</sup> April	
Visits to shortlisted MAT primary school/Shortlisted MATS visits to Northwold	Trustees, Governors and Parents/Staff delegates	w/b 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Parents and staff will be selected to be representative of the whole school community. There will be a core group who visit each MAT; it is possible others may join the group for one or more visits. The core group will have a form for feedback which will be sent to the trustees.
MAT interviews	Trustees	2 <sup>nd</sup> May 2019 11.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. – MAT interviews.	
Decision	Trustees/RSC group	w/b 6 <sup>th</sup> May	This will be a decision to have a preferred MAT. There then follows a period of doing due diligence – it is possible, though unlikely, that a hitch may occur which would mean the process would need to restart.
Communications/further information	Trustees/new MAT	w/b 20 <sup>th</sup> May	We would expect to communicate with parents and staff re the preferred MAT. It is likely that the preferred MAT would then take a lead in communications.

## Forest School

All children from **Nursery to Year 2** will participate in Forest School. Forest School is an inspirational process that offers learners regular opportunities to achieve and develop confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning experiences in a woodland or natural environment. On your child's Forest School day, your child will come to school in their school P.E kit (NOT SCHOOL UNIFORM) and wear it for the whole day.

Pupils will be provided with a light rain jacket to be worn over their coats; however, you will need to purchase wellington boots. Also, please ensure that your child is warmly wrapped up, wearing warm coats, hats, gloves and thermal socks.

**The Forest School day for each year is as follows:**

Day	Year Group
Monday	Reception
Tuesday	Pakistan Year 1
Wednesday	Mexico Year 2

## Next Week's Menu:

### Week 3:

Monday	Veggie Sausage with Onion Gravy	Vegetable Pot Pie	Green Salad Tomato Slices Cucumber Slices
	Creamy Mash		
Tuesday	Battered Fish	Homemade Indian Omelette	Green Salad Tomato Slices Coleslaw
	Chips and Peas		
Wednesday	Cheese & Bean Stack	Mexican Penne Pasta	Green Salad Tomato Slices Salsa Guacamole
Thursday	Chickpea Curry with Rice	Spinach & Feta Filo Square	Green Salad Tomato Slices
Friday	Macaroni Cheese	Mixed Bean Burrito	Green Salad Tomato Slices Beetroot

**Remember if you do not like the food that is on offer we also do jacket potatoes with fillings every day!**

## School Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform:

### Years 1 - 6

- ✚ White school shirt with top button
- ✚ Red school jumper or cardigan\*
- ✚ Grey trousers or school pinafore
- ✚ School tie\*
- ✚ Grey socks
- ✚ Black school shoes (no boots)

### Early Years

- ✚ School red sweatshirt\*
- ✚ White polo top
- ✚ Black tracksuit bottoms – no logos
- ✚ Black trainers – no logos

\*These items can be bought from the school office.

## P.E. Kit

On P.E. days, 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)
- ✚ Black plimsolls or trainers (no logos)

\*These can be bought in the school office.

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

Day	Year Group
Wednesday	Reception
	Year 2
	Year 4
Thursday	Nursery
	Year 1
	Year 5
Friday	Year 3
	Year 6

## Term Dates for 2018-19

The Education (School Day and School Year) Regulations (1999) require all maintained schools to open for teaching for 190 days a year, offering 380 sessions. The tables below set out dates for 195 days. Pupils are to be released for a further 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.

**We have 2 INSET Days left for the academic year.**

## Term Dates 2018/2019

Spring Term 2019			
First Day	Half-Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday, 7 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Monday, 18 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2019	Friday, 5 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	60 days (30 days first half-term, 30 days second half-term)

Summer 2019			
First Day	Half-Term	Finish	Number of Days
Tuesday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019	Monday, 27 <sup>th</sup> – Friday, 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2019	Friday, 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	60 days (23 days first half-term, 37 days second half-term)

## Class Assemblies

Each class will do ONE assembly per year. It will be on a Friday. The assembly will start at 9:30 am and last up to half an hour. Below is the timetable for the whole 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.

### Spring Term 2019

Week Beginning	Class
Half Term	
25.03.19	Somalia

### Summer Term 2019

Week Beginning	Class
29.04.19	Ireland
13.05.19	Pakistan
Half Term	
10.06.19	India
17.06.19	China

## Cake Sales!

A cake sale is a fun and delicious way of raising money for the school, so throughout the year we will be kindly asking for baked donations! It is a great opportunity to show off your baking skills, as well as having fun and engaging with the children.

**Please find below dates for the cake sale days:**

### Spring Term 2019

Year Group	Date
Year 5	Friday, 29 <sup>th</sup> March 2019

### Summer Term 2019

Year Group	Date
Year 6	Friday, 17 <sup>th</sup> May 2019
Nursery	Friday, 14 <sup>th</sup> June 2019

## School Uniform Price List

Item	Size	Price
<b>School Uniform</b>		
Performer V-Neck school logo LB	26 – 30	£14.50
Performer V-Neck school logo LB	32 – 34	£15.50
Girl's Cardigan school logo LB	26 – 30	£15.50
Girl's Cardigan school logo LB	32 – 34	£16.50
Innovation Sweatshirt school logo LB	24 – 30	£7.50
<b>P.E Kit</b>		
Child P.E T-Shirt School logo & Monogram LB	5/6 years – 14/15 years	£5.00
Child Hoodie Monogram LB	Small Youth – Extra Large Youth	£10.50
Adult Hoodie Monogram LB	Small Adult – Large Adult	£13.50
Child Zip Front Hoodie Monogram LB	Small Youth – Extra Large Youth	£12.50
Child Forest School Fleece School logo & Monogram LB	5/6 years – 13 years	£11.00
<b>School Bags</b>		
Book Bag	One Size	TBC
Backpack	Small	£8.50
Backpack	Large	£10.50
<b>Monogram</b>		
Various colours	1 cm H Under School logo	£1.75

## Golden Child of the Week!

Class	Child's Name
Mexico	Yusuf Hikmatulla
Pakistan	Twaun Yardimci
Ireland	Aleksandra Szpakowska
Somalia	Yedidiah Samson
Bangladesh	Phoebe Smith
Ghana	Umut Komurcu
Barbados	Kymorah Chung
Poland	John Ogunewu
Nigeria	Albert Watson
Spain	Ali Erdogan
Brazil	Syeed Zengin
Jamaica	Hashim Pathan
Turkey	Karmelle Guthrie
Russia	Aisha Sadiq
China	Oduro Asenso
India	Ledley Amankwah

## Class Coffee Mornings

There is a class coffee morning every Monday and Friday at 9:00 am in the canteen. A full timetable is published below. It is a great chance for parents to meet the class teacher and one another. We look forward to seeing you there.

### Spring Term 2019

Week Beginning	Class	
	Monday	Friday
<b>Half Term</b>		
25.03.19	Pakistan	Mexico

### Summer Term 2019

Week Beginning	Class	
	Monday	Friday
29.04.19	Turkey	Russia
06.05.19	Nigeria	Spain
20.05.19	Ghana	Bangladesh
27.05.19	Jamaica	Brazil
<b>Half Term</b>		
10.06.19	Poland	Barbados
17.06.19	Somalia	Ireland
24.06.19	Mexico	Pakistan