

UPDATE

Northwick Park Primary Academy

May 2024 (2)

NURSERY

Nursery have had a busy month learning about lots of new things. They were all very excited to watch their beans grow and then they took them home for them to keep growing. We used these to learn about height and also vocabulary for more and less.

We have learnt about forces and all got to try pushing and pulling. With some help from parents, we learnt about occupations and what our parents do for jobs. We then decided what we would like to do when we grow up and it appears we have some budding ballerinas and astronauts!!

We are very excited to show you our picnic dance and have been working hard on it. We are trying to find our loud singing voices and cannot wait to show it to you. I am sure most of you have heard the children singing it at home over the last few weeks!

RECEPTION

Reception have had a really fantastic month and we are so proud of how much progress the children are making. We received around 20 little caterpillars in each class and the children helped to put them in pots with food. We then watched them as they grew bigger and eventually formed into chrysalises. The children eagerly waited for the butterflies to emerge; they were so excited when they came to school and saw 20 butterflies flying around the net. We fed them and nurtured them for a few days before releasing them. The children still look for them on the playground and love telling staff about all of the butterflies they see around the school grounds.

The children have also loved practising for their picnic dance, and we are lucky to have had Adam come in every Friday as part of Deanes Flying Start programme and he has delivered a variety of fun and exciting PE lessons for us.

We are really looking forward to our last half-term and we have lots of amazing experiences planned for the children to finish the year on a high!

RAINBOW

This term in Rainbow room we have completed lots of learning around "The hungry caterpillar". We looked at the life cycle of a butterfly and was lucky enough to have our own caterpillars in class. We watched them grow daily and then set them free when they had turned into butterflies.

We have also planted sunflower seeds and learnt about what we need to help them grow. The children enjoyed watering them and watching them grow.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have been learning about our feelings and different emotions that we feel. We painted self-portraits after looking at ourselves in the mirror and have been playing lots of turn taking games which we are getting really good at.

Thank you to all who attended our family picnic. It was a lovely afternoon, which was enjoyed by all.

YEAR 1

This half term we have thoroughly enjoyed learning about 'Minibeasts,' as a part of our topic. We have learnt about the artists Andy Warhol and Raku Inoue and studied their work. We then produced our own artwork in the style of these artists. We made minibeasts using natural materials to decorate; we also created our own repeated printing pop art of insects.

In science, Year 1 have researched about different insects, hunted for bugs and explored the nature around our school environment. We have built bug hotels in forest school and learnt to use different tools.

Year 1 have also loved participating in our picnic dance; we have all tried incredibly hard and cannot wait to perform our dance to our friends and families.

YEAR 2

What a fantastic and busy half term! The children have been so enthusiastic learning their dance for our outside assembly and we hope you enjoyed our rendition of Voulez-Vous!

Year 2 were surprised to find Miss Kemp's classroom trashed at the start of our topic. The clues led us to believe that animals had escaped from Boydells Farm. At the end of our topic, we had the opportunity to visit Boydells Farm and had a fabulous time! The children fed and stroked sheep, baby lambs, hens, chicks, kittens, guinea pigs, rabbits, llamas, alpacas, a turkey and many more animals. Farmer Kiley gave us a fantastic tour of the farm and the children had a wonderful experience.

In PSHE, we have been exploring the unit Relationships. We have had many discussion opportunities and now recognise and appreciate the importance of different people in our lives.

YEAR 3

This half term in Year 3, we have had some exciting learning opportunities. We have been reading folktales in English and we thoroughly enjoyed performing some and we even wrote our own versions!

We also had a great time at forest school and enjoyed spending some time outside. We made survival bracelets and built sturdy dens. Year 3 had a great time in our parent/carer Forest School sessions toasting marshmallows and playing games.

We have also been enjoying learning our picnic dance and we are looking forward to sharing the performance with our grown-ups!

YEAR 4

Year 4 have begun their swimming lessons at Waterside and are enjoying their new-found water confidence. Those children not swimming have been learning about photography and have been practising using different photography skills to take photos.

They have thoroughly enjoyed experimenting with light and shadows, composition and perspective.

In PE we have been learning dance steps ready for our ABBA themed picnic. We have been practising hard and we're so excited to show our dance to everyone!

During our topic lessons, children have been using atlases and the internet to research information about climate zones and biomes in each of the continents. We have also learnt about the countries in Europe and researched facts relating to them.

After half term, Year 4 are looking forward to our forest school sessions with our grown-ups and hope that they love forest school as much as we do.

YEAR 5

What a fun filled month we've had!

We began by exploring the art of Edward Saidi Tingatinga and celebrated his style by recreating our own versions of his artwork. Our paintings showed African animals in their natural habitats using bold and bright colours. During our Africa topic, we learnt about the city of Benin and the lifestyles of the people who lived there. Further to this, we discovered why they used animals in their art and sculptures and how closely linked they were to the kings (Obas) of Benin. As the craftworkers of Benin did, we produced our own sculptures of these animals.

In science, we have been exploring habitats and why certain animals live in specific environments. To continue our learning, we went on an exploration to Colchester Zoo. We had a fantastic day out learning about different animals, watching their behaviour and gathering information from the enclosures about their natural habitat. All the children were impeccably behaved, and the day was enjoyed by all.

We hope you all have a wonderful break, and we are looking forward to seeing all the children back for our final half term in Year 5!

YEAR 6

May has definitely been a very busy month for Year 6! It was wonderful to see so many children take up the offer of breakfast during SATs week! We are incredibly proud of every child as they tackled the tests with tenacity and applied their learning from throughout the year. To celebrate, the children thoroughly enjoyed special treats from Mrs Lane: a visit from the ice-cream van and a morning of magic with Terry! Every child has shown excellent maturity and impeccable behaviour during the lead up to the picnic this week.

Looking forward, the children have their final half term at Northwick Park where the weeks will be filled with secondary school visits, residential to Mersea, a very special performance, leavers activities and special treats. Have a lovely half-term everyone!

CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY GRADUATION

What a wonderful afternoon we had celebrating the achievements of our Children's University Graduates. Well done to all of them

BRONZE AWARD – 30 HOURS

EDIE S
EMILY S
HAYDEN D
JESSIE C
JOSHUA B
KEN W
POPPY-LEIGH W
SKYLAR B
SONNY S
TILLY W

SILVER AWARD – 65 HOURS

BONNIE P
JUDE L
LEO CL
LILLIE D
MASON W
SCARLETT N
SOPHIE-GRACE S
WYLDER C

GOLD AWARD – 100 HOURS

ARYA HJ
BRIENNE S
CONNIE D
ESME C
ESME HJ
GEORGE V
INDI-ANNA R
ISLA-ROSE P
JAKE C
LACEY M
SOPHIA B

BRONZE CERTIFICATE – 130

HOURS

FLETCHER T
LEXI-MAE R
LOUISE B
MILA M
RENNAN C
SANTANA D

SILVER CERTIFICATE – 165

HOURS

HOLLIE B
JACK W
PAIGE L
SHAY B
SOPHIE P

GOLD CERTIFICATE – 200

HOURS

DARCEY B
JARED P
KACIE-MAE D
NATHAN S
OLIVER M
OTIS S
PEYTON M
RAINE IVY I

BRONZE DIPLOMA – 230

HOURS

HOLLY W
LOLA A
LUKE P
SIENNA P

GOLD DIPLOMA – 300 HOURS

ELEANOR C
ERIN M
JESSICA C
MICAH B

SILVER DEGREE – 365 HOURS

EMILY N

SILVER POSTGRADUATE AWARD – 465 HOURS

JOEY W

GOLD POSTGRADUATE AWARD – 500 HOURS

SETH T
REECE S

GOLD POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE – 600 HOURS

SIENNA D

BRONZE POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA – 630 HOURS

HENDRIX M

SILVER POSTGRADUATE MASTER'S DEGREE – 765 HOURS

MEMPHIS M

GOLD DOCTORATE – 900 HOURS

HANNAH S

CLASS PHOTOS

Thank you for the sending your children to school looking so smart for their class photos. These should be back after half term.

Y6 PARENT/CARERS RSE SESSIONS

Thank you to all the parents/carers that were able to join Mrs Hyde for the parent/carers sessions. The children will be having their RSE sessions during the first week back after half term.

YOUNG CARERS

This week, the young carers at Northwick Park have enjoyed a crafting 'Noisy Tea' morning together. We all enjoyed making and decorating our very own pinatas, having a snack and speaking to each other about all the things we have been up to this half term.

We decided that our summer meeting will be a sports theme! At Northwick Park Academy, we are committed to ensuring that all students who are young carers are identified and supported effectively. If you think your child might be a young carer please contact our Young Carers Operational Lead, Mrs L Cooper by email at LCooper@northwickpark.essex.sch.uk. Any information given to her will be treated sensitively and no information will be shared without your knowledge.

OUTDOOR ASSEMBLY

Well done to all of the children (and staff) who performed magnificently at the outdoor assembly. Once again, the sun shone even if it was a little damp on the grass! Thank you everyone who was able to join us for this wonderful occasion and tribute to ABBA.

ROUNDERS

Unfortunately, the Year 6 rounders competition at Deanes had to be postponed due to the rain!!

DIARY DATES

HALF TERM 27 MAY – 31 MAY

Mon 3 June Y3 Sealife Centre
Mon 3 June Y4 Swimming
Mon 3 June Y4 MTC check week
Mon 3 June Y6 Sports 1:30 – 2:30

Tue 4 June YR Forest School
Tue 4 June Y6 RSE sessions
Wed 5 June Y2 Forest School
Wed 5 June Girls cricket festival
Wed 5 June Photographer in Nursery – Family photos available 3:00 – 4:30
Thur 6 June Y6 Bar n Bus am
Thur 6 June Y4 Sports 9:30 – 10:30
Thur 6 June Y3 Sports 1:30 – 2:30
Fri 7 June Y5 Sports 9:30 – 10:30
Mon 10 June YR Petting Farm at Northwick
Mon 10 June KS1 Cricket festival – selected children
Mon 10 June Y4 Swimming
Mon 10 June Y6 RSE sessions
Mon 10 June Y1/2 Phonics check week
Tue 11 June Cliffs concert
Tue 11 June YR Forest School
Tue 11 June Y6 Height and weight checks
Wed 12 June Y2 Forest School
Wed 12 June Boys cricket festival
Wed 12 June Summer Fair
Fri 14 June Rock Band recording in Southend
Mon 17 June Y4 Swimming
Mon 17 June YR Sports pm
Mon 17 June Rock Band recording in Southend
Tue 18 June Y2 Sports 9:30 – 10:30
Tue 18 June Y1 Sports 1:30 – 2:30
Tue 18 June Y4, 5 + 6 Swimming trials am
Wed 19 June Y1 Colchester Castle Trip
Wed 19 June 2K Summer Games at Deanes
Wed 19 June Youth Board at Deanes
Wed 19 June Y4 Forest School
Thur 20 June Y6 Forest School P/C sessions
Thur 20 June 9:30 New intake meetings non-Nursery children
Thur 20 June YR Summer concerts
Fri 21 June School closed - Training Day
Mon 24 June School closed - Training Day
Tue 25 June Y4 Writtle Trip
Tue 25 June Y6 + Y2 Music concerts
Tue 25 June 10:00 New intake meetings (Nursery) and Nursery Parent Consultations
Tue 25 June Y5 Road safety session
Tue 25 June Reception learn to ride
Wed 26 June Y4 Forest School parent/carers sessions
Wed 26 June Reception learn to ride
Wed 26 June Canvey cricket festival at William Read
Wed 26 June Y5 Road Safety sessions
Wed 26 June YR Road Safety sessions
Thur 27 June Y6 Careers Fair
Thur 27 June YR Road Safety sessions
Thur 27 June Y5 Road Safety sessions
Thur 27 June Reception learn to ride
Fri 28 June Y6 Visit secondary schools (Cornelius and Castle View)
Mon 1 July Y4 Swimming
Mon 1 July Y5 Sports Taster day at Northwick Park
Tue 2 July Canvey Awards – Selected children
Tue 2 July Y6 Afternoon performance
Wed 3 July Y6 Evening performance
Wed 3 July Swimming gala am
Thur 4 July Y2 Sports with William Read and Leigh Beck at Northwick Park
Thur 4 July Open evening 3:15 – 6:00
Fri 5 July Visit new classes
Mon 8 July Y6 Residential Trip
Mon 8 July Y5 to Cornelius
Mon 8 July Y4 Swimming
Mon 8 July Pre-school open day
Tue 9 July Y6 Residential Trip
Tue 9 July Y4 + 5 Music concerts pm

Wed 10 July	Y6 Residential Trip
Wed 10 July	Y5 to Castle View
Thur 11 July	Y6 Residential Trip
Thur 11 July	Y1 Summer concerts am
Fri 12 July	Y6 Residential Trip
Mon 15 July	Parent Consultations
Tue 16 July	YR Call of the Wild Trip
Tue 16 July	Parent Consultations
Tue 16 July	Canvey Sports am
Tue 16 July	5:00 School Journey celebration evening – Group 1
Wed 17 July	Nursery garden parties
Wed 17 July	Parent Consultations
Wed 17 July	5:00 School Journey celebration evening – Group 2
Fri 19 July	Nursery closes
Mon 22 July	Y6 Leavers disco
Mon 22 July	Y6 Water fight
Tue 23 July	Last day of term
Tue 23 July	1:30 Leavers' assembly

HALF TERM 27 MAY – 31 MAY

Training Days Fri 21 June
Mon 24 June

Busy Bears Open 7:15am–6:00pm please book in
with Bev Thompson 01268 511863
bthompson@northwickpark.essex.sch.uk

Busy Bears (chargeable) will open for holiday club,
but places will be very limited. Please book in early.

Last day of the Summer Term is Tuesday 23 July.

Children in Y1 – Y6 return to school on Monday 2nd
September.