



Northlands News

Northlands Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents this week was our final tour for prospective new parents whose children are starting school in September. This year I have shown around a record number of parents (each year it gets more and more) so thank you for recommending us. Every tour I give, I am astounded at how hardworking and ambitious your children are and just how committed the wonderful staff here are at educating your children. A big thank you to all of our amazing community! Have a lovely weekend, **Mr Figg**

Reception Intake Application Open

If your child is due to start school this September you can now apply for your place. The application deadline is 15th January 2025 and all applications must be made online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Please remember that you will need to apply even if you already have a sibling here. Additionally, you will still need to apply even if your child attends our nursery. If you have any questions please ask a member of staff.

Starting School!



Year 5's Learning Take's Off at Duxford



This week, Year 5 brought history to life when they visited Duxford war museums. During History lessons the children have been studying World War 2, learning about the Battle of Britain, air raid shelters, RAF aircrafts and evacuee

children. When arriving at Duxford the children thoroughly enjoyed looking and sitting in WW2 Spitfires, Hurricanes and Lancasters, as well as being lucky to witness a Spitfire take off in the airfield; it was incredibly noisy! We were privileged enough to talk to a volunteer who was a child during the Blitz and recalled his own personal



experience of the bombings even having to sit in an Anderson Shelter night after night. The challenge of the day included

how many children could squeeze into an Anderson Shelter, we think 10 may have been too many in 1940!

It has been a busy week in school and it looks like our pupils have been just as busy

outside of school too!! Well done to the following children for their ambitious and hardworking attitude outside of school;



Bleux was voted MVP in his football team last week. Here he is with his trophy feeling very proud. Juliana was awarded 4 certificates from her first gymnastics competition. Zack and Wynter have been awarded certificates for their hard work in gymnastics club.



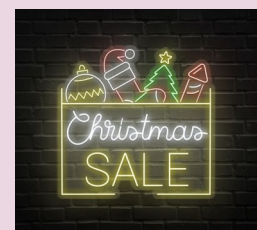
Well done to Daria for winning an award for 'Most Improved All-Rounder' at theatre school! Finally, well done to Emily and Iris for recently reaching level 3 in their gymnastics.



Autumn Term 2024 Diary Dates



SHAKESPEARE WEEK



<p>Monday 25th November</p> <p>Thursday 28th November</p> <p>Friday 29th November</p> <p>Wednesday 4th December</p> <p>Friday 6th December</p> <p>Tuesday 10th December</p> <p>Thursday 12th December</p> <p>Friday 13th December</p> <p>Tuesday 17th December</p> <p>Thursday 19th December</p> <p>Friday 20th December</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January 2025 Christmas Break</p> <p>Monday 6th January</p> <p>Tuesday 7th January</p> <p>Friday 10th January</p>	<p>Start of KS2 Shakespeare Week</p> <p>10:00am and 2:00pm Year 6 production to parents</p> <p>Hazel Class at Forest School</p> <p>10:00 and 2:00pm Year 2 productions to parents</p> <p>Maple Class at Forest School</p> <p>10:00 and 2:00pm Year 1 productions to parents</p> <p>Whole school Christmas Dinner, Christmas Jumper non-uniform and Infant Christmas sale</p> <p>Maple Class at Forest School & Junior Christmas sale</p> <p>10:00 and 2:00pm Reception production to parents</p> <p>10:00 Nursery production to parents & clubs finish</p> <p>Last day of Autumn Term & Christmas Sparkle non-uniform</p> <p>All children to return to school & PJ and onesie day</p> <p>After school clubs to start</p> <p>Maple Class at Forest School</p>
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Lateness, did you know that if your child is late by 30 minutes (after 9.10am) then this goes down as an unauthorised absence? Punctuality is a key skill for children to learn for later life. As a school, we have a long registration period (longer than most schools) so it is disappointing to hear that some children are still late on a regular basis and as a result maybe subject to a school attendance fine.



Taking us back to the Stone Age!

Well done to Alder Class and Poplar Class on their incredible class assemblies all about the Stone Age. They were very entertaining with wonderful singing. They also showed just how much history that has been learnt this term!



Successful Week of Football

With the football season in full swing the matches are coming thick and fast for our girl's and boy's teams. Our girl's team put on a defensive masterclass to draw 1-1 with last years league champions The Willows. Earlier in the week the boy's team showed their attacking prowess in a 5-1 victory over Whitmore. A special mention to the Cheerleading Club who cheered the team onto victory!



This week some Year 6 children were lucky enough to experience a Maths extravaganza! The children represented Northlands exceptionally well as they dove into a whirlwind of exciting activities such as code crackers, tangrams and magic squares. Throughout the day, the children delved into Maths practices from around the world.



One of the highlights of the day was exploring Benjamin Franklin's famous 16x16 square challenge where each column, row and diagonal must add up to the magic number of 2056. We then used this idea to create our own unique 'Magic Numbers' using an algebraic formula. It was truly impressive to witness the children's outstanding problem solving skills in action and listen to them confidently articulating their strategies with others. Well done, Northlands!

