



Northlands News

Northlands Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents, it has been another excellent week here at Northlands and although we are only two weeks into the new term, children are already learning new things, making progress and having fun. As you are probably all aware, our new Ofsted report is out. Out of all the great comments, there is one particular comment that I love, and it is: **'pupils are at the centre of the school's work'**. This one simple line sums up the reason that we all come to work at Northlands which is to make a difference for our children. Have a great weekend everyone. *Mr Figg*

Celebration Assembly Winners

Well done to the stars of this week's Celebration Assembly who have been recognised for following our school values of Be Respectful, Be Honest, Be Hardworking and Be Ambitious. Class adults had a really difficult task of choosing children this week due to how well everyone has settled.



Keep On Reading!

We place reading and books at the centre of our curriculum and recognise that being able to read well is a key life skill for children and the secret to future success. We believe that every child can learn to read with the right teaching and support. As part of our reading curriculum we build in time for all children to read independently, read aloud and be read to during the school day. Every child should have two school reading books; one which is matched to your child's reading ability and the other book is for reading for pleasure. I often get asked how can I help my child's education at home my answer is always READ. By reading daily at home, even just for 15 minutes, you will be improving your child's academic potential.

PE KIT



Please remember to bring in a PE kit for your child. It makes it difficult for the children to take part in PE if they do not have the correct kit on. Children should also have jogging bottoms and jumper/tracksuit top for winter PE lessons.

New intake tours

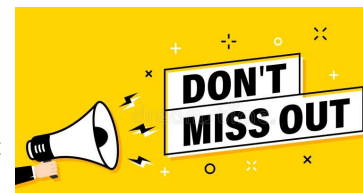
If you, or anyone you know, has a child who is due to start school next September, please book a place onto our new intake tour of the school so that you can get to see first hand what an amazing school we are. We will be holding several tours this term before the deadline for applications close in January. Dates are: 2nd, 10th, 16th and 24th October at 10am.



To book a place on a tour, please contact the main office. If you already have a child here, please also recommend us to friends and family as we can accept places from across Basildon.

Secondary School Admission Places

For parents with children in Year 6 you can now apply for their secondary school place online. The application process must be completed online and **before the 31st October** via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. The website also has a copy of the Secondary Education in Essex 2025-26 booklet which contains details of all secondary schools. Late applications will not be registered and it is very likely that you will not get any of your preferences. If you require any support with the application process please speak with Mrs Bailey who will be happy to assist you.



Newsflash – The report from our inspection in July is now available. 'Children at Northlands love their school because we give them exceptional experiences' A copy of the report can be found on the school's website in the Key Information tab.



ROMAN DAY

This week the children in Year 4 were treated to a wonderful Roman Day. A real life (nearly) Roman centurion was able to share his experiences of being part of the Roman army.



During the day the children completed lots of different tasks which included recreating how the Roman Army fought to investigating mosaic patterns. It was a lovely way to further enthuse the Year 4 children about the Romans.



Tudor Day

This week Year 6 had the honour of hosting Sir Peter FitzJoseph, a Tudor nobleman, Knight of the Realm, and Captain of Archers to His Majesty King Henry VIII, for a day of Tudor celebration and sport. The children were enchanted as he recounted his encounters with King Henry, being knighted on the battlefield by Queen Catherine and his tales of Tudor life. Of course, the most exciting part for the children was getting to have a go at wielding a Tudor weapon. Some children got to have a turn as an archer, letting arrows fly across the school field from Sir Peter's bow. A lucky few even got the opportunity to take him on in a sword fight. It was fantastic to see the fine array of Tudor costumes on show.



Autumn Term 2024 Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th September	9:15am Reception parents workshop
Thursday 26th September	2:20pm Birch Class assembly to parents
Tuesday 1st October	2:20pm Juniper Class assembly to parents
Thursday 3rd October	2:20pm Aspen Class assembly to parents
Thursday 10th October	2:20pm Pine Class assembly to parents
Thursday 17th October	Individual photos & 2:20pm Cedar Class assembly to parents
Monday 21st October	Start of Black History Week
Tuesday 22nd October	Year 6 trip to Hampton Court Palace
Wednesday 23rd October	Year 1 Builders Day dress up & 3:00-4:15pm Reception Fright night disco & 5:00-6:30 Year 3 and 4 Fright Night disco
Thursday 24th October	3:00-4:30pm Year 1 and 2 Fright Night disco & 5:00-6:30pm Year 5 & 6 Fright Night disco
Monday 28th to Friday 1st November October Half Term	
Tuesday 5th November	3:30-5:30 Parents Evening
Wednesday 6th November	4:00-5:00 Parents Evening
Monday 11th November	Start of Anti-Bullying Week
Tuesday 12th November	2:20pm Fir Class assembly to parents & Anti-Bullying Week odd socks day
Thursday 14th November	2:20pm Spruce Class assembly to parents
Friday 15th November	Hazel Class at Forest School
Tuesday 19th November	2:20pm Poplar Class assembly to parents
Thursday 21st November	2:20pm Alder Class assembly to parents
Friday 22nd November	Hazel Class at Forest School
Monday 25th November	Start of KS2 Shakespeare Week in English
Thursday 28th November	10:00am and 2:00pm Year 6 production to parents

