

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a really successful half term at Neasden Primary School. The children returned after their summer break, refreshed and ready to learn - I have thoroughly enjoyed seeing all of the fantastic work that the children have been doing! It has been especially lovely to share the children's achievements with some of yourselves during the Good News Assemblies on a Friday, I know that the children really enjoy seeing you there. We have introduced new golden jumpers for this half term, if a child receives a good news award, they will be able to wear their yellow jumper in school for the following week.

We had a wonderful response to our harvest collection for Emmaus, thank you to everyone who contributed. Staff from Emmaus came into school and spoke to the children about the work of the charity and who the donations would be helping. Thank you also to those of you who have already become involved in the Christmas appeal.

We are all really excited about our new book vending machine. When the children have collected 100 house points, they are able to collect a token to select their own book from the machine.

Unfortunately, we are fast approaching the winter sniffle season and some of the children are already suffering with colds. It is essential that the children are in school every day so please make sure that they attend even if they are slightly under the weather. If you feel that they would benefit from some medicine during the day, this can be signed in at the office and we are happy to administer this. Please do not send medication directly with your child, as these must be safely stored away from the classrooms.

There are lots of exciting events planned for this half term so be sure to check the 'Dates for your diaries' section on the last page. Arrangements for the EYFS and KS1 nativities will be shared nearer the time.

The school discos were a wonderful success and it was lovely to see the children in their party clothes.

Kind regards,

Mrs Drinkall



School closes on Friday 22nd December
School opens on Tuesday 9th January

EYFS and KS1

Nursery

Nursery have been retelling the story of The Three Little Pigs, enjoying lots of opportunities for role play and small world toys. In Maths, we have been focussing on numbers and counting to 3. We enjoyed exploring some 2d shapes and had a go at making our own triangles using art straws.



Reception

In Reception we have been learning to retell the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children have enjoyed tasting porridge and used their senses to explore the porridge, discussing if it was warm, cold or sweet. We enjoyed having a visit from Reverend Gloria to talk to us about Harvest Festival.



1G

1G enjoyed collecting apples from our school allotment to make our very own apple crumble. We learned about the importance of hand washing, the different layers in a crumble and how to mix flour, butter and sugar together to make our crumble topping.



1W

In 1W, we have shown excellent creativity creating actions to remember our journey tale 'On the Way Home'. The children are experts at recalling the model text, and have used adjectives from the story in their own writing.

1W have also had lots of fun during their PE lessons which in this term focused on yoga. The children were able to recreate some very tricky poses and have loved trying their best and being mindful.

2LP

In 2LP we have been working hard writing our own Character Flaw tales based on the book 'Pumpkin Soup'. We then wrote instructions how to make pumpkin soup and other vegetable soups. In maths we have been working on addition and subtraction of numbers. In art, we have learnt how to draw a self-portrait, focusing on the proportion and position of the features on our faces. In geography we have been looking at the continents and oceans.

3M

In 3M, the children have been using their culinary skills to create delicious apple turnovers. The children created their own pastry alongside cutting, peeling and stewing apples.

In geography, we have been exploring the similarities and differences of human and physical features in Hull and Scarborough and have identified various ways we can help minimise pollution.

3H

This past half term, the children in 3H embarked on a culinary adventure in their D&T as they explored the art of creating apple turnovers. Together, they delved into the world of pastry-making and learned about sourcing fresh fruit, resulting in some mouth-watering and delectable treats.



4D

In 4D, we have been writing our own warning tale based on our class text 'Charlotte's Web'. We then wrote incredible discussion texts about whether animals should be killed for meat or not.

Class 4D have been participating in weekly music lessons with Mr Shaw. During these, they have learned many songs and began playing the pBuzz.

5A

In 5A, we have been creating some fabulous sketches inspired by Leonardo Da Vinci's artwork. We have looked at different muscle tones and structure to create a portrait of someone moving.

In our writing lessons, we have looked at 'Beowulf' and have created our own set of instructions about how to catch a Grendel. The children produced some fantastic pieces of work with great imagination and humour!

5C

In 5C, we have been using imaginative word choices and word types in our writing on 'Beowulf'. We thoroughly enjoyed reading about the gruesome tale in reading. In maths, we have learned about the four operations, formal written methods and more.

In History we have been researching about how Britain was affected by the Anglo- Saxons after the Romans left.

6GR

In 6GR, we have showed creativity and resilience when writing outstanding Rags to Riches Tales and Newspaper Reports based on our class text 'Pig Heart Boy'. In maths, we have learnt all about place value and the four operations. We have also been historians and explored all about the Vikings and the impact that they had on Britain.

NOTICE BOARD

PE T-Shirts

The children look fantastic in their coloured PE t-shirts. If you would like to purchase a spare one or require a replacement, these can be ordered through the School Money website at £5 each.

Absence Reporting

If your child is poorly and cannot attend school, please give us a ring and leave a message on the answering machine. If you are unsure whether your child can attend, please call for advice.

School times

Nursery: 8:45 – 11:45, 12:15 – 3:15

Reception: 8:45 – 11:45, 12:30 – 3:15

Key Stage 1: 8:45 – 12:30, 1:15 – 3:15

Key Stage 2: 8:45 – 12:00, 12:45 – 3:15

2023-2024 Term Dates

Autumn Term

Tuesday 5th September – Friday 27th October
Monday 6th November – Friday 22nd December

Spring Term

Tuesday 9th January – Friday 9th February
Monday 19th February – Friday 22nd March

Summer Term

Tuesday 9th April – Friday 24th May
Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

Attendance

School attendance for this half term is:

94.9%

Our target is 96%

The top class is 2LP with **97%** - Well done!

Dates for Diaries

Friday 17th November – Odd socks & spots for anti-bullying and Children in Need

13.12.23 9:30 & 14.12.23 2:30 – EYFS Christmas Play

13.12.23 2:15 & 14.12.23 9:30 – Y1 & Y2 Christmas Play

Friday 22nd December – Christmas Dinner

Friday 22nd December – School closes for Christmas

Tuesday 9th January – School opens for Spring