

Norton Hill News

Newsletter 10 - Friday 3rd May 2024



Curiosity Corner

Curiosity Corner has had a very busy start to the term, full of outdoor adventures! The cold weather has not stopped nursery from practising their outdoor sports such as hurdling, racing, dribbling a ball and riding on the bikes! The children have loved cheering each other on and learning all about the importance of team spirit and teamwork when it comes to sports.

With the theme this term being 'Who do we find on the farm?' We have been exploring life on the farm and the different animals and jobs it takes to run a farm! Through role play, the children have brought the farm to Curiosity Corner, discussing the produce we find at a farm and where it all comes from! We have even begun creating our own farmyard through collage artwork inspired by the artist Alma Thomas, working together to create a masterpiece.

We have also welcomed some new children to the nursery this term, so we have been building friendships and getting to know our nursery routines. What a great start to the term Curiosity Corner, well done!



HEADTEACHERS AWARD

Friday 19th April
Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee: Preston
Cricket Class: Alice
Dragonfly Class: Noah
Dolphin Class: George
Turtle Class: Amelia
Gecko Class: Carter & Ava

Friday 26th April
Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee Class: Mila
Cricket Class: Edie
Dragonfly Class: Charlotte
Dolphin Class: Tilly
Turtle Class: Ayva
Gecko Class: Aura

Friday 3rd May
Headteacher awards go to

Bumblebee: Eliza
Cricket Class: Aoife
Dragonfly Class: Oliver
Dolphin Class: Alfie
Turtle Class: Aidan
Gecko Class: Daniel



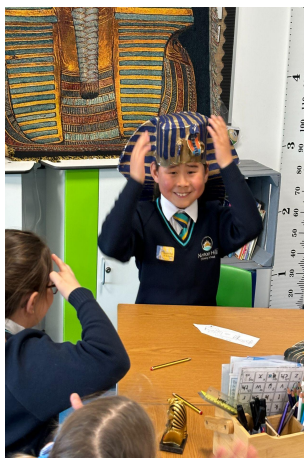
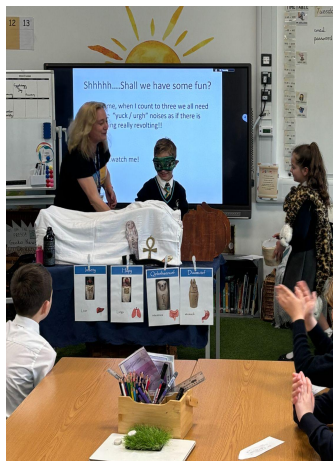
Year 3


The beginning of Term 5 has been jam-packed for Gecko Class. On the first week back, we took part in our very own Egyptian WOW Day. Not only did we learn an incredible amount (from how to write our name in Hieroglyphs, to the artful process of mummification) but we also had so much fun! Watching classmates remove fake body parts was a particular highlight. We are now able to take our understanding of Ancient Egypt to a much deeper level which we continue to do through History and Art.

Our writing continues to develop beautifully as we have begun revisiting persuasive writing - but I must warn you, they can certainly be very convincing so watch out, adults!

In addition, our maths is taking leaps of progress as we tackle various concepts - one of the trickiest being time. Although I'm sure we'll master it in no time...



We can't wait to conquer even more challenges this term and look back at how far we've come!





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PYJAMARAMA DAY 2024

On Friday 17th May we are taking part in Pyjamarama Day. Pyjamarama is an event when schools and nurseries around the country spend a day in pyjamas to help raise money so every child can experience the benefits of a bedtime story. This is also a great opportunity for us to promote our love of reading and the importance of reading at our school. As a school we will be spending the day reading, sharing books and completing some fun reading activities. We hope all children can return home that evening and snuggle into bed to share a bedtime story with somebody at home.

We are asking for a donation of £1 towards the charity and the children can come to school in their Pyjamas. However, please make sure your child has sensible outdoor shoes to wear for breaktime and lunchtime. Please make your donation via the Book Trust website and not send cash into school.

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Absence

If your child is off school, it is very important you phone by 9am on the morning of absence to tell us why. If you leave a message or email please give a brief description of why your child is off. Our statutory duty is to call you if you have only advised us that your child is ill.

School Meals

Please remember to book your school meals by Midnight on Thursdays for the following week. Unfortunately, if you miss this deadline we will be unable to provide a meal and you will need to send your child with a packed lunch.

Wraparound Care

All wraparound care bookings should now be made via ParentPay.

Birthday's

At the NHP we cannot accept birthday cakes / treats brought into the school for children / teachers due to allergies amongst us. This also includes handing out invitations to children within the classroom. Whilst we appreciate that children would like to hand out invites for their birthday parties, we ask that this is done outside of school times. Birthdays are celebrated each week during our Friday Celebration Assembly and children celebrating each week are brought to the front of the assembly to be sung to and to share their Birthday plans with the school.

We also have a birthday book scheme, there is no requirement to take part in the 'Birthday Book' initiative. Books purchased are gifted in Celebration Assembly and a poster is added inside the book with your child's name and Birthday. All books are then placed in the library on our Birthday Book shelf. Please be reassured that we will always celebrate and mark these important days in our children's lives, whether a book is gifted or not.

[Nursery Wish List](#)

[Reception Wish List](#)

[Year 1 Wish List](#)

[Year 2 Wish List](#)

Car Park Etiquette

Please can EVERYONE including grandparents/aunties/uncles or any adult picking up/dropping off at school please take care when driving around our car park. For the safety of all children and adults using the car park can we please ask that you:

- Check your speed, some vehicles are travelling at speed through our car park.
- Please DO NOT cut through parking bays, follow the one-way system to the exit.
- When you are picking up/dropping your child off at school please switch your engines off.
- Please do not park in the disabled bays unless you hold a blue badge.
- Please do not park in the layby, in front of the main door to school, without prior arrangement.
- Park in designated parking bays.
- Take care when approaching the 2 zebra crossings.

PKA Contact Details

Please use these contact details for any matters relating to the PKA. For any questions, suggestions, events ideas, fund raising. Your contact person is Cat Lockett email: info.pka.nhp@gmail.com.

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event	Details
Monday 6th May	Spring Bank Holiday	School and Nursery closed
Tuesday 14th May	Uniform trying on	We will bring a rail outside to enable anyone wanting to try on sizes (weather pending) SchoolPing message to follow
Wednesday 15th May	Class Photos	Whole School - Details for Curiosity Corner to follow
Thursday 16th May	Folly Farm Visit	Year 1
Friday 17th May	Extra-curricular Clubs now finished	
Friday 17th May	Pyjamarama Day	Whole School
Tuesday 21st May	Parent Meetings	3:30-6.30 pm - Details to follow
Thursday 23rd May	Parent Meetings	3:30-5:30 pm- Details to follow
Friday 24th May	Last Day of Term 5	
Monday 3rd June	Start of Term 6	
Monday 3rd to Friday 7th June	Music Week	Whole School
Friday 7th June	Samba Band Workshop	Details to follow
Friday 14th June	Rebound Fit Workshop	Details to follow
Monday 24th June	Carymoor Trip	Details to follow
Friday 28th June	Skipping Workshop	Details to follow
Thursday 4th July	Sports Day	Reception and Y1 - Details to follow
Friday 5th July	Sports Day	Y2 and Y3 - Details to follow
Monday 8th July to Friday 12th July	Arts Week	Details to follow