



# NORTHSIDE NEWSLETTER

Friday 2nd November 2018

## Autumn 2 - Week 1

Dear Parents and Carers

What an amazing week we have had—drumming, dancing, art workshop and learning some incredible history information about how life has been changed by some influential people. Hopefully the children made some of their own history this week, making memories that they will treasure forever. Thank you to Miss Millwood and Miss Bennett for all their hard work and support this week.

Each week, we will update you with developments about the different subjects your child learns and the improvements that we are implementing. Please take the time to catch up on our exciting progress in English this week.

If you are enjoying Fireworks over the weekend and next week please keep safe and have fun!



Have a lovely week and Happy Diwali to our Sikh and Hindu families.

*Mrs Longworth*

## Black History Week

We made African masks out of paper and then we had to paint our beautiful colourful patterns on them. We used cotton buds and paintbrushes. With the cotton buds we did dots and used the paintbrushes for the lines. We enjoyed our painting and it was fun.

By Sadra & Svetoslav in Year 2

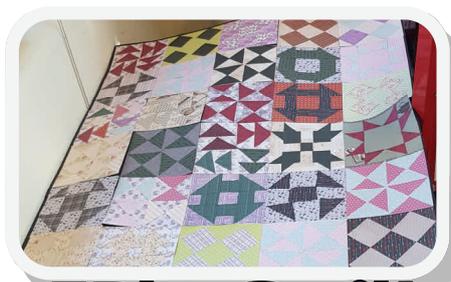


In African drumming this week, we performed in front of the whole school. We did a steady beat and we hit the drum nice and gently. We also performed 'One Banana' and 'Cup of Tea'. We tipped the drum a bit to change the sound. African drums are called Djembes.

By Loris and Elisa in Year 3.

A long time ago, people were sold in to slavery. The way slaves communicated was through quilts. On Tuesday, we made some quilts with Miss Bennett. We first created our design on paper. We then picked different pieces of coloured fabric and cut the shapes for our designs. We used pins and needles to put our pieces together slowly forming our quilt. We really enjoyed making our quilts, thank you Miss Bennett.

By Momo and Beau in 5S



### 5P's Quilt

On Wednesday Don from Don Rae Academy of Movement and Arts came in to school and worked with all of the children in the main hall. We learnt a Caribbean dance and in the afternoon all of the classes performed their dances. All of the music was fun and the dances were brilliant. Everyone had a brilliant day!

By Farah and Deimantas in 5P

### Aretha Franklin Collage By Year 3



On Tuesday Years 3 and 4 did an art workshop with Miss Bennett. Year 3 did a collage of Aretha Franklin and Year 4 did Mo Farah. We drew a picture on squared paper of the person and then all the squares were numbered and cut up. Everyone in the class did a square to make the finished picture. It was lots of fun and it would be nice to do it again. By Sofia in Year 4



# English

In English, we have been focusing on the teaching of reading and handwriting.

Reading is particularly important as it not only feeds into other subjects but it is an essential life skill. Previously we have taught reading in a carousel formation with groups doing different activities. Research has now shown that this system does not have as much impact on reading progress as whole class guided reading. So from this half term we will be implementing whole class guided reading using our Terrific text to teach the reading skills of **ERIC**, explaining new vocabulary, retrieving information, interpreting information and choice made by the author.

We have introduced cursive handwriting across the school this half term, this is because it supports spelling, improves the speed and fluency of writing, stops reversal of letters, improves reading skills and is better for left-handed children as well. Pen licences will be issued from Year 3 onwards and in Year 6 a few children will earn a fountain pen licence. Licences have been given to some Year 6 children already but hopefully by the end of the year all of the children in KS2 will have their pen licence. We will publish our new policy on our website soon.

## Important Dates

Date	Event	Class Involved
Wednesday 7th November	Class Assembly at 9.00am	Year 4
Friday 9th November	Class Assembly - Remembrance at 9.00am	Year 6
Friday 16th November	Class Assembly - Play In a Day at 2.45pm	5P & 5S
Monday 19th November	Scholastic Book Fair - All Week	Whole School
Wednesday 21st November	Class Assembly at 9.00am	Year 3
Wednesday 21st November	Individual Photographs	Whole School
Friday 23rd November	Science Museum Trip	Year 3
Tuesday 27th November	Nasal Flu Vaccines	Reception - Year 5
Friday 7th December	Christmas Market -	

**We look forward to seeing you at your child's class assembly.**

No awards this week—Friday's Celebration assembly was a chance to share all the good work from Black History Week.

# Children In Need

On the 16<sup>th</sup> November, we will be raising money for BBC Children in Need which is the BBC's official UK charity. With the money raised they provide grants to projects that improve the lives of disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

Currently, there are thousands of UK children living with poverty, abuse, disability and overwhelming responsibilities. Their aim is to change that, to ensure that every child in the UK has a life that is safe, happy and secure and which empowers them to achieve their potential.

They have identified seven building blocks that they believe every child needs to live a happy, secure, safe and enriching life, and that all of our work is built on. These are Being Physically Safe, Being Physically Well, Being Emotionally Well, Having Strong Safe Belief, Having Positive Relationships, Having Essential Skills, Being Positively Empowered.

At Northside on the 16<sup>th</sup> November we will be asking everyone to donate at least £1 to this very worthwhile cause. We are having an opposite day – children can come to school dressed in something they would not usually come to school dressed in. So go wild and wacky and 'Do Your Thing!'



**Special birthday wishes to everyone who celebrates a birthday this week.**

**Benjamin in Nursery and Nadia in Reception**

# Attendance

97% of children came to school everyday this week.

**Our target is 98%! Well done!**

All our lessons build on the day before so if your child misses one day it is like a missing brick in a building. Build the strong foundations of your child's education by ensuring that they are here every day!

**This is the total attendance for each class**

Years 2, 5P & 5S	99%
Year 4	98%
Year 6	97%
Years 1 & 3	96%
Reception	95%



We have quite a few children missing school for dentist appointments, please can you make sure that appointments are made outside of learning time.

