

# Northside Newsletter

On Monday Ark Farm came to school. We saw a donkey, a pig, a goat, a chicken, a dog and a duck. The lady tickled the pig and it said oink oink. We enjoyed listening to the different sounds the animals made and we were very excited to be able to stroke them. By Nursery

On Wednesday we went to the big hall to see the different owls. We liked the little owl who we thought was going to be huge but they tricked us and it was small, he was called Pipins. We all had our photos taken with the Barn owl and he kissed my cheek! Fun Fact - Owls heads turn 3 quarters of the way around! By Mannar and Mattia in Year 2

On Wednesday Yasser A's dad came in to Year 6. His name is Ammar and he is a transplant surgeon. He taught us how to take care of our kidneys. He showed us a video all about kidneys and he told us how to fix a kidney. He said that some people can be born with one kidney, a damaged kidney or no kidneys so sometimes people have to have transplants. By Adam, Maani and Yasir in Year 6

Reception have excitedly watched chicks hatch from their eggs. There are 4 boys and 3 girls. We have enjoyed watching them grow and got to hold and touch them.

By Leo and Parham in Reception

On Tuesday two visitors came in from Eye Heros and told us about blindness and how it effects lots of people. In the UK 2 million people are blind but 1 million of those people could have saved their sight if they had had regular eye tests. By Ali and Faizan in Year 6

On Tuesday we met Tigger the dog and Kelly from Dogs Trust. She told us how to look after a dog. We must walk it two or three times a day, you need to have a collar, lead and a tag and feed it dog biscuits. Tigger was friendly and we stroked her. By Eesa, Carter & Oliver L in Year 1

On Tuesday, Tony Charles came in to show us a bunch of different experiments. The first experiment was how you could have a hole in your hand using a rolled up sheet of paper. The second experiment was making a rocket out of water and a fizzy tablet. It shot in the air, it was very exciting. The third experiment was how many drops of water you could put on a penny without it overflowing. The highest score was 48 drops! The final experiment was how many pencil points you can feel in your arm. It was very tricky because ten points could feel like just one. The workshop was fun, interesting and exciting. By Fardowso and Tiffany in Year 5

On Monday Tazeen the scientist came in to school. We got to touch a real sheep's brain, it felt very slimy. The skull is so hard because it has to protect the brain as it is delicate and can get damaged easily. It was a very fun and interesting workshop. By Talan and Alex in 4C.

On Wednesday the whole school met in the big hall for university challenge. There were 4 teams and there was 1 child from each class in each team. We had to answer lots of science related questions. The winners were the Big Brainiac's! It was lots of fun. By Fiona in 4T

On Thursday Mr Marshall came in to school and showed us the magic of dry ice. First he put dry ice in to warm water and it turned in to carbon dioxide. He then got a glove, when it warmed up it turned to carbon dioxide and blew the glove up. He then mixed dry ice with oil and it turned to Vaseline, he mixed it with ketchup and it went hard and a bit bouncy and when he mixed it with strawberry milkshake we got ice-cream! We really enjoyed our time with Mr Marshall. By Ahoo, Assiyah and Riya in Year 6

Today we went to the Music Room and met a man called Gary from Zoolab. He shares his home with lots of creatures. He told us lots of information about the creatures. He showed us a millipede called Milly, a frog that drinks water through his skin, two gerbils that are brothers and the best was saved until last which was a big hairy spider called Matilda who was a tarantula. It was great fun. By Samir and Odisea in Year 3.

### **Swan Lane Park**

On Monday Year 1 went to Swan Lane Park for a winter walk. We took photos of what we thought winter looks like. We saw some ice, bare branches on trees, frost and lots of mud! It was very cold. Next time we'll go in Spring. By Artie and Svetoslav in Year 1

### **Governor Elections**

We would like to congratulate Anahita Milligan and Kathryn Rice who have been re-elected as our parent governors for a second term.

### Reminders

**Nut Free School** A number of children and staff at Northside School have allergies to nuts. In some cases contact with nuts can make them very ill. Therefore our school is a 'Nut Free School'. Please ensure that your child does not bring nuts or nut products to school. For children who have packed lunch please remember that peanut butter sandwiches should be avoided as this can also cause allergic reactions!

**Money** If you need to pay money to the office for any reason please send it into school with your child in their book bag. The correct money should be sent in a envelope clearly labelled with your child's name, class, amount enclosed and what the money is for. We will not accept payments in the office.

### Important Dates

Monday 12th - Friday 16th February

Monday 19th February

Wednesday 28th February

Thursday 1st March

Wednesday 7th March

Tuesday 13th March

Wednesday 14th March

Tuesday 20th March

Wednesday 21st March

Wednesday 21st March

Wednesday 28th March

Wednesday 28th March

Thursday 29th March

Monday 16th April

Wednesday 18th April

Monday 30th April

Monday 7th May

Half Term - School Closed

School reopens for all children

4C Class Assembly - 9.00am (DATE CHANGE)

Dance Festival - 4T

Year 5 Class Assembly - 9.00am

Year 5 visiting Barnet Environment Centre

4T Class Assembly - 9.00am (DATE CHANGE)

Parent Consultation Evening

Parent Consultation Evening

Year 3 Class Assembly - 9.00am

Year 2 Class Assembly - 9.00am

End of Term - School closes at 1.30pm

INSET Day - School Closed

School reopens for all children

Pathways Assembly

Big Pedal Week

School Closed - May Day Bank Holiday

#### This Week's Achievement Award Winners

# Trophies

# Reception Leo for fantastic participation in all workshops during science week and Emily for being willing to touch some of the animals during the science workshop.

- Year 1 Carter for being very enthusiastic and knowledgeable about everything we have done this week and Artie for asking really interesting questions and participating so well in the workshops.
- Year 2 Mattia for amazing learning about animals and birds and Tabitha for a super fact sheet about owls.
- Year 3 Leo for his super engagement in science week and explanations in the Eye Heros workshop and Adarsh for sharing his knowledge of the brain with the class and for his informative brain fact file.
- Year 4C

  Yusraa for fantastic questions and enthusiasm during science week and Alex for fantastic participation during the scientist visit.
- Year 4T

  Himani for being very enthusiastic when interacting with animals and Evan for having lots of information to share during science week
- Year 5

  Yusra for writing a great letter to her pen pal in France including a description of a monster and for supporting other children in the class and Nicollas for fully engaging in science work with great questions.
- Year 6 Iman for fantastic French work, writing a letter to her pen pal in France and Laiya for being a brilliant host at University challenge and for asking great questions during our talk from a surgeon.

## Raffle Winners

This week's raffle winners are India in Reception, Aria in Year 1, Mattia in Year 2, Laila in Year 3, Seb in 4C, Julia in 4T, Terence in Year 5 and Ahoo in Year 6.



Year 2

Year 4T



#### Challenge Winners

The winners of this week's Geography challenge are Oliver L in Year 1 and Leo in Year 3. Well done.

#### Special birthday wishes to everyone who celebrates a birthday this week & during half term.

Amelia in Nursery, Julian & Leo in Reception, Robin & Ava in Year 1, Elisa in Year 2, Fatjon & Fatjona in Year 3, Talan, Mergen & Yacob in Year 4, Yize & Tiffany in Year 5 & Vito in Year 6.



#### Attendance

Years 1, 2 & 4C had the best attendance this week, with 99% attendance! Excellent!!!

98% of children came to school everyday this week.