

News and events from Northwold Primary School



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Letter from Headteacher

Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of a very strange year. I would like to thank parents, carers, children and staff for the amazing way in which they have risen to the challenges over the last few months. You have all shown incredible resilience whilst remaining positive and supportive throughout this unprecedented time. Thank you for your understanding, words of encouragement and expressions of thanks, they were much appreciated.

As you are aware we are busily preparing for the full opening of school on **Monday 7th September**. Staff have been preparing their classrooms and resources in preparation for **ALL** children to return to school. I am in the process of finalising year group letters which will outline arrangements for September. The letters will be emailed to parents early next week.

Welcome and goodbyes

We would like to welcome the following staff who will be joining us as we continue to strive for excellence, Miss Adi-Dako, class teacher, Miss Khatun and Miss Wotton, trainee teachers. Whilst we welcome all new staff, we are sad to say goodbye to Miss Jekel and Mrs Simpson who will be continuing their professional journey in a different setting, Miss Alma, who will be completing a teacher training programme and Mrs Kaur who will be retiring after 33 years of service at Northwold. We would like to thank them for their dedication and commitment over the years and we wish them all the success with their future endeavours.

This week we said goodbye to all the Year 6 children who were invited to school for a farewell gathering. I know that it was hard for them not to have the usual Year 6 production and BBQ.

We want to thank them for their understanding, strength and resilience during these challenging times and wish them all the success in secondary school.

We would like to welcome all the new families that will be joining our school in September. We are looking forward to working with you to ensure the best possible outcomes for your child/ren.

I hope you all have a lovely summer holiday and we look forward to seeing ALL the children back in school on Monday 7th September.

Please stay safe.

Yours sincerely,
S. Goulbourne

Text Messages

It has been brought to the school's attention that some parents are not receiving our text messages via the Teachers to Parents app. Please note that it is not a requirement to download this app. If you are affected, please remove the app or turn on notification on your device. This will allow you to receive our text messages.

Google Classroom

Your child will still be able to access their Google Classroom during the summer holiday, if they would like to complete any work they did not get the chance to. Please note that the children will no longer be able to post or comment on the stream page.

Letter from Hackney Mayor

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Cllr Anntoinette Bramble Deputy Mayor of Hackney
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16 July 2020

Dear students,

We are writing to you as we begin to emerge from a difficult time in Hackney, the UK and the world.

You, and all the other students in Hackney – and students across the world – have had disruption to your education and life. No one has been unaffected: some families have directly experienced illness and loss: others are just having to cope with a huge amount of disruption and change.

Our thoughts are with all of them. We also know, through talking to young people, how important the Black Lives Matters movement is to you. We at the Council support this and are working out, with our young people's groups, how we can all make a difference together.

We hope that you have been able to continue learning, with the support of your school, family and carers, over the past four months. We hope the online learning resources (<https://www.hackneyservicesforschools.co.uk/extranet/home-learning-resources>) and Young Hackney online events (<https://www.younghackney.org/campaign/online-youth-hub>) have helped and we have also recently launched new resources to support you if you are anxious (<https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/content/mental-health-and-wellbeing-resources> and <https://cityandhackneycamhs.org.uk/>).

We particularly recognise that for Year 6 and Year 13 you have had a strange end to your time at your current school or college. Some Year 11 students will also be moving to a different sixth form or other opportunities. If you are moving on, we wish you every success in your new setting – and hope you will stay in touch with your old school or college and friends and we look forward to seeing some of you at your school or college on results day.

If you or your parents or carers are concerned about transition or your next steps please do contact your school or <http://www.prospects.co.uk>.

We have worked hard with Young Hackney, schools, our adventure playgrounds and other providers of activities to create a comprehensive programme of summer activities for you and your friends, the full list is sent out with this letter. Remember you can always find information about Hackney summer activities at <https://www.learningtrust.co.uk/content/after-school-and-holiday-clubs>.

We are expecting all students to be safely back in school or college at the start of September for the new term. We, like your teachers, are looking forward to seeing you back in school.

As lockdown guidance changes it is really important that you still follow the advice your school, our public health team and the Government are giving you about what you can do and where you can go and what precautions you have to take. This is so you can do your bit to protect family members and those in the community that might be more vulnerable such as older people or those with health conditions. One of the things we expect to be different in September is that more of you will walk or cycle to school if you previously used cars, buses or other public transport for relatively short journeys.

We both visit schools in Hackney regularly, and every time we see the brilliant example our children and young people set.

We want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done to help and are going to do to help support our community as it recovers. We wish you a safe and happy summer and we look forward to seeing you very soon.

Yours sincerely,

Philip Glanville
Mayor of Hackney

Cllr Anntoinette Bramble
Deputy Mayor and Cabinet Member for Education, Young People and Children's Social Care

Shoe Boxes

In preparation for the return to school in September we would like every child to collect and save two shoe boxes each. Please take one of your shoe box with you on the first day of the term.

Hackney Summer Activities Guide 2020

Please find a PDF guide to summer activities in Hackney [linked here](#).



COVID 19 Testing

As part of our Risk Assessment for re-opening the school more widely, we are required to signpost parents for accessing testing for COVID-19.

Please read the advice below:

NHS Test and Track service ·

- From 28th May, anyone with symptoms will be tested and their close contacts will be traced
- Testing now includes the under fives
- Anyone with a new, continuous cough, a high temperature or a change in their sense of smell or taste is asked to immediately report these symptoms and book a test at nhs.uk/coronavirus or call 119
- If the test is positive, NHS Test and Trace will contact the person and they will be asked about recent interactions, including household members, and those they've had direct contact with or within two metres for more than 15 minutes
- Anyone who is identified as being in close contact with someone with a positive test must stay home for 14 days, even if they have no symptoms. (Other members of that household do not have to self-isolate if there are no symptoms)
- At the moment this is not a legal requirement and is advisory, but it may become a legal requirement if people don't follow the rules.



In this week's newsletter we wish to share with you all the fantastic learning the children have been doing at home. I'm sure you'll agree that it's very inspiring to see how the children of Northwold are carrying on with their home learning. So please keep emailing your photos to us. Please email your child's class teacher with any questions regarding home learning. Fantastic work! Keep it up!



Abdullah, Year 5, Russia Class

Abdullah wrote a Lockdown Story.

At the beginning of lockdown, it was so fun, but after the first 2 weeks, I thought I was going to die of boredom.

There were no sports on tv, nowhere to go and I had my siblings breathalysing me. It felt like I had claustrophobia.

Then it was the holy month of Ramadan and, I needed to fast for 30 days! At the end of Ramadan it was Eid and because I had a lot of birthday money, I bought all my cousins presents! (PS, I used 60 pounds.)

Now it was back to boring schoolwork and well, I wanted to go back to school at this point. My

mum is a social worker, so she has meetings the whole day! Now that it is almost the summer holidays I am thinking, "will I miss my quarantine life?" So, this is it, the end of a roller coaster ride from Friday 27th March to Friday 17th July. Bye quarantine; see you in the history books!

Abdullah, 2020.

Gabriella, Year 5, Turkey Class

Gabriella has been writing some excellent poetry.

MINI POEMS

There once was a man who supposed
That he had brown hair on his toes
But then when he looked,
He was startled and shook
And hurriedly closed all the windows

There once was a young lass who jumped
She liked sweets and she lumped
She tried not to laugh
At her terrible goss
Then felt terribly sorry for the stumped

There once was a man who liked goring
He said, "See the lovely naring!"
It was experimental
But not very kennel
He couldn't say so to the naring

There once was a young lass who crawled
She liked chips and she hauled
It was rather close
But not very noes and
And she couldn't resist the overhauled

There once was a lass who liked gols
She said, "See the lovely rals!"
It was rather little
But not very lyttle
She couldn't say no to the ahls

A Sonnet

Ode to the Princess

My smart Princess, you inspire me to write
How I love the way you Dance, run and run
Invading my mind day and through the night
Always dreaming about the gentle donne.

Let me compare you to a harmless sky?
You are more splendid, dashing and striking
Blue drought dries the neat picnic of July
And summertime has the bashing riking

How do I love you? Let me count the ways
I love your elegant charm, style and wit
Thinking of your crashing style fills my days
My love for you is the lovely slit.

Now I must away with a slashing heart
Remember my light words ~~with~~ as we part.

Ode to the King

My thrusting King, you inspire me to write
I hate the way you stomp and execute
Invading my mind day and through the night
Always dreaming about the bandicoot

Let me compare you to a rude ember?
You are more toasting, sugly and ugly
Fat frost nips the robins of December
And wintertime has the squiggly giggli

How do I hate you? Let me count the ways
I hate your wriggly aggressive ~~stare~~ sterness
Thinking ~~was~~ of your big head darkens my days
My hate for you is the wicked shearness

Now I go away with some an evil heart
Remember my words whilst we're apart