

29th September 2023

Dear Parents / Carers,

Wizard Stories – Coming to Northbourne next week!

We are very excited to be welcoming "Wizard Stories" to Northbourne on Wednesday next week!



Wizard Stories are a professional touring storytelling company. They have a range of unique interactive storytelling performances that are highly participatory, with a strong focus on speaking and listening. Their sessions encourage the children to formulate their ideas, give them the opportunity express them as part of an audience and reveal clear and simple strategies to support them on their own literary journeys.



Wizard Stories will be delivering a class session to each of Beech class, Maple class, Hazel class and Oak class throughout the day. We can't wait to see what amazing stories the children create!



Kent Music Roadshow – Coming to Northbourne next week!

It will be a very busy week at Northbourne next week, as we welcome not just Wizard Stories but also the Kent Music Roadshow on Monday!



The roadshow takes audiences on a journey through music from film, TV and musical theatre, and a range of different styles including classical, jazz and pop. The musicians will play a variety of instruments, present film and TV content, and lead audience participation activities. Pupils will learn how vibrations are created to make music, and how to make primitive instruments from easily sourced materials.

We look forward to welcoming the Kent Music Roadshow team to Northbourne on Monday!

Friends of Northbourne (FON)

Our school PTA group, the Friends of Northbourne, will be holding their annual general meeting on **Thursday 12th October** at 2.15pm at the school.

We would like to encourage anyone to come along to the meeting and to get involved with supporting the fundraising and events that the FON organise throughout the year.

With the Christmas Fair a little over two months away, now is a great time for new volunteers to join! Even if you only have a small amount of free time to commit, we would love to see you at the meeting.

If you would like further information, or would like to get in touch with the FON, please contact Mrs Berridge in the school office.

FRIENDS OF NORTHBOURNE



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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thursday 12th October 2:15pm

Everyone is welcome! Join us and find out what we achieved last year and our exciting plans for the year ahead!

Come along, enjoy some refreshments and ask any questions you may have about the FON.





Raise free donations

Sign up, shop, and earn us a free

£1 bonus donation

Scan, Join, Shop: To unlock the Bonus for Friends of Northbourne CEP









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Easyfundraising – You spend, brands donate!

The Friends of Northbourne have signed up for easyfundraising, the UK's biggest charity shopping site!

Easyfundraising partners with over 7,000 brands who will donate part of what you spend to the Friends of Northbourne! It won't cost you any extra. The cost is covered by the brand.

Most brands pay a % of what you spend with them as a donation, for example if you spend £150 on a hotel via booking.com, they will donate 3% which is £4.50. Some retailers pay a flat amount, for example if you buy car insurance with confused.com via easyfundraising, they will donate a flat £15 regardless of the cost of the policy.

If we can get 10 or more supporters signed up in the next two weeks, we will get a £1 free bonus donation for each person, without them having to spend a penny. Families can either use the QR code in the poster or this unique registration link to shop and raise free donations for us: <http://efraising.org/WUipq60Pmo>

Sports For Schools – An amazing sporting afternoon at Northbourne!

On Thursday afternoon, we were thrilled to have Nerys Pearce with us, visiting with Sports for Schools. The pupils engaged in fitness activities with her and had a very active, loud and fun-filled afternoon! After the activities, Nerys led an Assembly for the whole school. This was a real treat, she was truly inspirational! We learnt about her story and why she was in a wheelchair and how she has faced and overcome challenges throughout her life. Our pupils were fascinated to learn from her, they listened intently and were clearly inspired and encouraged by what she had to say to them about pushing yourself and having resilience. Nerys brought along one of her gold medals, which we all enjoyed seeing - and she explained that not only does she hold 9 World Records (7 in rowing and 2 for endurance racing), she is also a Ninja skier! The children asked very thoughtful questions at the end of the assembly and learnt a huge amount from the afternoon.



If you have any completed sponsor forms, please send them into school before the end of next week (6th October), thank you to those of you who have sent them in already or have completed them online. Once they have all been collated, the prizes will be handed out to the children. Thank you for your support with this fabulous activity for our pupils.

Online Safety help – Did you know?

Online Safety Newsletter

Did you know that via our school website you can find a wealth of help, support and tips to help you manage your family's online safety?

All DEALT schools subscribe to a fantastic monthly newsletter that provides adults with hints and tips for keeping children safe online. If you have a games console, such as a Switch or PlayStation or Xbox, then it has advice for keeping safe when gaming online. If you have older children with mobile phones, there is plenty of information around social media, such as TikTok, Instagram and Snapchat.



The online world changes so quickly, it can be challenging to keep up with how our children are accessing and consuming online content. Please do take a look at the Online Safety Newsletters on our website. They are clearly dated from each month and labelled with the main content, so you can see at a glance which newsletter may help you out.

You can follow this link: [Northbourne CE Primary School - Online Safety Newsletters \(northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk\)](https://northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk) to visit the "Safeguarding" tab on our website.

Jewellery and make-up reminder

Please remember that we ask pupils not to wear any make-up or nail varnish to school. We appreciate as the children get older they may become more interested in wearing make-up, however, school is not the place to do this. If your child does enjoy wearing make-up or nail varnish at home, please help us by reminding your children about our school rule.

Our rules around jewellery remain the same, we ask that earrings are sleeper / stud style earrings, not anything dangly or hoops. We are happy for children to wear a watch if they have one (not a SMART watch or a VTech style watch), preferably an analogue watch to help them learn to tell the time. No other jewellery, such as bracelets or necklaces, thank you.

House Captains 2023/2024



We are proud to announce our House Captains and Vice Captains for this academic year:

St Andrews
Captain = Florence
Vice Captain = Jack

St Davids
Captain = Isabella S
Vice Captain = Willow

St Georges
Captain = Lucy
Vice Captain = Elsie

St Patricks
Captain = Emily
Vice Captain = Brookelyn



Congratulations to our new House Captains and Vice Captains! And well done to all of our Year 6 pupils who presented at the house meetings and put themselves forward for voting. We are very proud of how well our pupils engage with democracy and how keen they are to take on leadership roles within our school.

The 6 Principles of Nurture

Our recent Ofsted report highlighted that the pupils here at Northbourne are 'happy and safe at this nurturing school.' We firmly believe that wellbeing is at the heart of being ready to learn. We understand that when children are feeling safe and settled that they will learn more effectively, and focusing on children's emotional needs and development is as important as their academic learning.

We have a wide variety of strategies that we adopt to look after children's Wellbeing and, one of these are The Six Principles of Nurture, which we use to underpin our practice on a daily basis. We use these principles to ensure that children feel safe at our school.

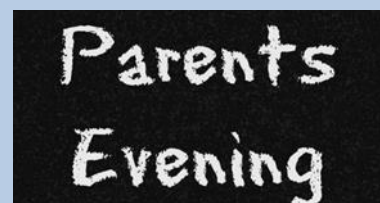
Please follow the link below to our website for some further information about the 6 Principles of Nurture and how this looks in our school.



<https://www.northbourne-cep.kent.sch.uk/attachments/download.asp?file=1179&type=pdf>

Parents Evening – Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October

Our first Parents Evenings of the year will take place after school on Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th October. Please make a note of these dates. These are valuable opportunities for you to meet with your child's teacher and discuss learning and progress. We hope you will all be able to attend. The online booking system for these dates will open later in the term. We will let you know when and how to book.



Attendance Update

This week's attendance percentages: Week beginning 25.09.23.

Willow
98%

Beech
97%

Maple
99%

Hazel
96%

Oak
97%

**Whole school
cumulative this
year
97.1%**

Learning Warrior **29th September 2023**

Beech – Charlie

Maple – Peter

Hazel – Vienna

Oak – Alfie

Head girl award - Effy

Head boy award – Stanley

Attendance Ted –

Punctuality Pup –

**AND THE
WINNER IS...**

Please make a note of this year's INSET days, where school is closed to pupils

Friday 1st September

Monday 30th October

Tuesday 2nd January

Monday 22nd July

Tuesday 23rd July