



Northowram Primary School Newsletter

Inspiring Success Beyond Expectation

FRIDAY 11TH OCTOBER 2024

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Focus on..... Inclusion and Special Educational Needs and Disabilities

Every child in our school (all 446 of them!) is unique and needs different things to be successful and happy in school.

If you are new to school or wondering what our school offers for pupils with Special Educational Needs and/or disabilities, our school offer is set out in our newly reviewed SEND information report available on our school website here

<https://www.northowram.calderdale.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Attachments/Northowram-Primary-School-SEND-Information-Report-2024-2025.pdf>

Last week, we invited leaders from Highbury Specialist school (who provide specialist education for children with a wide range of complex special educational needs and disabilities) in Calderdale into school to spend the day with us taking a rigorous deep-dive into our provision for pupils with Special Educational Needs. We often work with external agencies and colleagues to help us to quality assure our provision and are always very keen to consider ideas which might help us further improve our provision.

Thank you to the families and pupils who shared their experiences of Northowram Primary School. Our pupils were praised as being 'incredible' and our visitors could see how proactively the staff team work to support our pupils with SEND.

The visit will lead to some actions and improvements so look out for more child-friendly individual plans, some tweaks to our behaviour policy to ensure it is fully inclusive and further, longer-term work on ensuring that the physical environments (including classroom environments) work for all our pupils.

Our SENCO is Amy Beanland.

For any queries relating to SEND, please contact Amy on 01422 202704.

You can also email sen@northowram.calderdale.sch.uk with queries or to book an appointment.



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Safeguarding

Introducing Mrs. Deighton - our new safeguarding lead and pastoral leader



MRS ALLISON DEIGHTON

PASTORAL MANAGER

DESIGNATED SAFEGUARDING LEAD

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Designated Safeguard Lead (DSL) and Pastoral Manager at Northowram Primary School.

My name is Allison Deighton and I have been a Primary School teacher in Calderdale and Kirklees for the last 25 years and Deputy Headteacher for 11 of these. Throughout my role as Deputy Headteacher, I have been DSL/Deputy DSL where I have worked closely with many families and different agencies and have lots of experience in dealing with all things safeguarding.

I have been very warmly welcomed by the staff and pupils at Northowram and am very excited about taking on this new role. Please do come and say hello and introduce yourself if you see me out and about in a morning or after school and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns, queries or questions.

You can contact me directly with any safeguarding, well-being or pastoral concerns in the following ways:

By Email: allison.deighton@northowram.calderdale.sch.uk

By phone or text: Safeguarding/pastoral mobile phone: 07494691167 (this number is regularly monitored including out of school hours and in holiday periods)

By making an appointment with me via the school office I will be regularly updating the safeguarding area of our school website with useful information for parents and families so please do visit this area for information on service which offer support for young people and their families.



HARVEST FESTIVAL

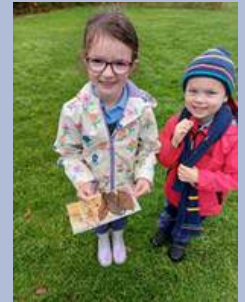


Thank you to all children and families for ensuring we had a bumper Harvest collection this year! All your tins and produce have now been collected by Happy Days Calderdale food bank who were very grateful for our contributions which will go directly to help individuals and families living in Halifax. Thanks to our Chair of Governors Canon James Allison who led our Harvest festival assemblies and to our kitchen team for providing a marvelous Harvest meal last week.



Our Forest school is open whatever the weather- all through the year! Come rain or shine, children enjoy learning in our forest school and this week has been no exception!

Year 1 have been looking at shade in art and took part in a shade colour hunt at Forest School, matching leaves and other natural materials to a colour chart.



To celebrate National Badger Day (October 6th) children in Reception learned about badgers and made their own badgers using a log slice!



ART GALLERY

YEAR 2 ARE STUDYING 'COLOUR AND SHAPE' IN ART THIS HALF TERM AND ARE LEARNING ABOUT HOW ARTISTS USE GEOMETRIC AND ORGANIC SHAPES IN THEIR WORK.

THEY HAVE LEARNED ABOUT TINTS AND SHADES, WARM AND COOL COLOURS AND HAVE PAINTED PICTURES USING 2D GEOMETRIC SHAPES IN THE STYLE OF THE ARTIST PAUL KLEE.

WHAT SUPER ARTISTS YOU ARE YEAR 2!



'NIGHT SKY' BY JASPER



'WARM & COOL COLOURS' BY KEEGAN



'PASTEL SHAPES' BY JOSEPH



SCOOTERS AND BIKES IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUNDS

We love that lots of our children scoot and cycle to school - what a healthy start to the day!

Please can we all ensure that bikes and scooters are not ridden in the playground at drop off and collection times -its such a busy and congested time on paths and routes around school to avoid any collisions!



CHARITY NEWS

I am delighted to announce that following their first meeting, our heads of houses have revealed this year's charity as being:

The National Autism Society.





Our Maths leader in school is Miss Green meganne.green@northowram.calderdale.sch.uk

She has provided training for all teachers this week on the importance of learning times-tables and how a secure knowledge of times-tables contributes to children's development of mathematical knowledge and their ability to problem solve.

Miss Green is arranging a meeting for parents and families after the half term in school to go through exactly how times tables are taught in school and how you can help at home so please do join us if you can (information from the event will be sent to all families). Demonstrating the importance of times-table learning from this week here are year 6 whose work on mastering a very tricky long division method for the first time was so complex they used their whole tables to set their working out whilst they practised! Great learning Year 6!



HEADS OF HOUSES



Congratulations to our newly appointed Heads of Houses who have been voted into their positions by a democratic voting process (by pupils in years 2-6) after setting out their pledges for how they will contribute to these important pupil leadership roles:

**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
NEW HEADS OF HOUSES:**



**LOTTIE, MAYA, EVIE, JUDE, ADI,
ELLIANNA, ALYSSIA AND OLIVER**

Heads of house have many jobs as ambassadors and leaders in our school, organising inter-house events and fundraising events. Their first job has been to select our Charity of the Year. Over the past few years, our charities of the year have included children's cancer charities, RSPCA, Guide Dogs for the Blind and I am delighted to announce that, following their first meeting, our heads of houses have revealed this year's charity as being: **The National Autism Society.**

Here - the children explain their reasoning:

Ellianna: "We had 7 charities on the short-list and we looked at how each one helped others before making our own decisions and voting on which one we thought we could support this year"

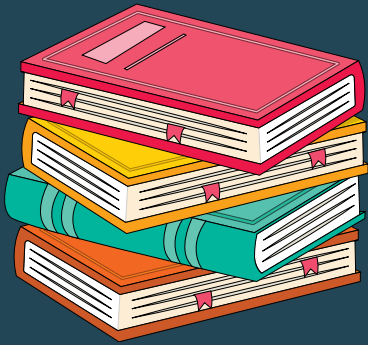
Oliver: "The National Autism society helps over 70 000 adults and children each year in lots of different ways

Evie: "We want to help more places including schools feel more welcoming and inclusive for autistic people"

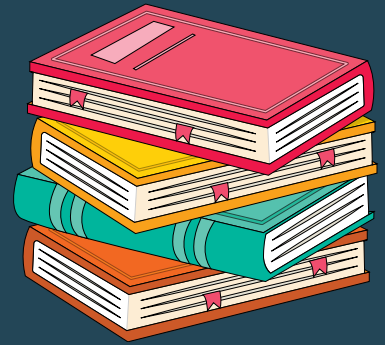
Lottie "The National Autism Society supports autistic people to be accepted and included and to do everything they want to do"

Jude" We wanted to support a charity which helps both children and adults this year".

Well done Heads of Houses on a super choice - look out for fundraising events here!



IT'S TIME FOR THE **Book Fair!**



The Book Fair will be arriving in school soon, with hundreds of new children's books to browse and buy. Come and join us!

WHEN: Thursday 7th November, Friday 8th November, Monday 11th November, Tuesday 12th November
(before school 8:30-8:50am and after school 3:30pm-4:00pm)

WHERE: Learning area (through the main door, up past the hall and where the ICT Suite used to be!)

There are over 200 titles for you and your child to choose from, and with prices starting from only £2.99, there's sure to be a book for everyone.

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school library!

Ways to pay: CASH - **Unfortunately no change can be given**

or

using the QR code found at the fair. **(you will need your full card details in order to pay!)**

New to the range:

