



NEWSLETTER

Dates for Your

DIARY



October 2024

- 22nd— Y1 Visit West Midlands Safari Park
24th— Whole school Harvest Assembly
Halloween Party—Rec, Y1,Y2,Y3&Y4
25th— Reception assembly 8:45
Nursery parents stay and play 10:30
28th— Half Term Holiday

November 2024

- 4th— Back to School
Flu vaccinations Rec-Y6
5th— Change your mind workshop Y5&6
7th— Y2 visit Dudley Zoo
14th— Reception visit Cannock Chase
18th— Y6 visit Bletchley Park
20th— Y3 visit National Stone Centre
25th— Y4 visit Nottingham University
Y1 eye test NHS Trust
26th— KS1 Jack and the Bean stalk
Beanstalk performance
29th— School closed for Inset day

A message from the PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well. We have wrapped up our seventh week at North Walsall and hit the ground running with our wonderful learning. I'm sure you are enjoying seeing photos of your child's learning on Class Dojo. We love seeing what you have done at home too so please keep adding to your child's portfolio.

Firstly, I would like to say a big thank you to the support that was shown at the SLT coffee morning which was teamed with raising money for Macmillan Charity. It was a great success thanks to your donations.

As we settle into the new term I would like to remind you of some of our NWPA expectations:

1. Breakfast club drop offs—
Please ensure you are stepping out of the car and walking your child to the gate. We have seen many

children running across the road which is not safe.

2. Walking on the wall— We have had a few children walking along the wall next to the path leading down/up from Derby Street. Although I understand this can be very fun for children, it does not comply with our schools Health and Safety protocols.

3. Punctuality— There have been an increase in the number of children late to school. Every minute counts. Children who are late for school feel more unsettled and struggle to concentrate in the classroom. Please ensure your children arrive on time.

I look forward to working with all families to continue moving the school forward.

Warm regards,

Mrs S Khera

Head of Academy

Please read this wonderful poem written by Aisha Wali, a talented student in Year 6

The cow for dinner made by Aisha Wali

The hardworking elder sister asked her famished brother what he wanted for dinner,
(Sadly, a cow's life grew thinner) ...

He said, 'A cow!'

She looked at him in awe, 'But how?'

As if a light went off in her head, she visits the foreign-looking farm,

A small fee to pay mustn't do any harm!

Now she's scavenging for a cheap and healthy cow,

A trickle of sweat falls from her brow.

In exhaustion, she hopefully searches here and expectingly looks there,

The excruciating struggle you couldn't possibly compare!

While she searches in utter devastation,

Her vulnerable brother -who is very impatient- stays in starvation.

During her peril, the unmistakable voice of a cow in the distance was around,

In bliss, she follows, to see the most delicious-looking cow that could be found!

Luckily, she was permitted to take it home,

Feeling nice, her cheerful aura found an opportunity to roam.

As she reluctantly pays a fee,

Coincidentally, she felt her body flooding with glee!

She swiftly butchers it alive,

As if on time, death's comforting embrace made it painlessly cease to thrive...

Once cooked and seasoned in many mouth-watering spices and herbs,

A soothing song to say goodbye could be heard from the birds!

Enthusiastically, she produces a ferociously enticing feast,

Finally, the brother's dreadful wait ceased,

The two sat down, prayed before they ate, and then tried to prove that the meal was a winner,

As asked of her brother, they gleefully ate the cow for dinner...

Why is it called this?

Hello there Reader! You may be wondering, 'Why is it called 'The cow for dinner?' It's a bit of a weird name to be honest!' Well, this poem is based on a game my sister made up a few months ago but we don't play it anymore, so this wonderful poem is a summary of it!



Information for parents

All posts are also available on Class Dojo



Attendance Giveaway

100% attendance and 100% punctuality
18th October - 12th November

5 CHILDREN WILL RECEIVE A TRIP TO WATERSTONES AND A £20 VOUCHER



CELEBRATE OUR HARVEST FESTIVAL

THURSDAY 24TH OCTOBER

NWPA ARE INVITING PARENTS TO WATCH THEIR HARVEST SINGING ASSEMBLY WHERE RECEPTION TO YEAR 6 WILL PERFORM THEIR SONGS.

2PM-3PM

THIS IS FREE. PLEASE COLLECT YOUR TICKETS FROM THE MAIN OFFICE.

Pumpkin Carving, decorating and painting Competition

North Walsall is excited to announce a pumpkin carving competition. Completed Pumpkins should be brought into the school hall with your name and year group on from **Wednesday 23rd October**. The winners will be announced on **Friday 25th October**.



The competition is open to everyone and we are looking forward to seeing all the entries.

10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators

TEACHING CHILDREN FIRE SAFETY

Fire safety is especially important around Bonfire Night, as fireworks, bonfires and sparklers add extra risks for families and young children. Every year in the UK, thousands of accidents occur due to improper handling of fireworks and neglecting fire safety measures. This guide offers practical tips for keeping children safe when handling everything from fireworks to space heaters.

- BONFIRE NIGHT AWARENESS**
Bonfire Night is exciting, but it comes with several inherent risks. Educate children about the dangers of fireworks and open flames. Teach them that only adults should handle fireworks and that children should never be encouraged, kept children at a safe distance (at least five metres away) from bonfires and explain why spectators should stay behind the barriers.
- SUPERVISE FIREWORK USE**
Fireworks should only be handled by responsible adults who are following UK laws and guidelines. Make sure to buy fireworks that meet British Standards and adhere to all instructions that come with them. Keep children at a safe distance from any fireworks activity and designate an adult to supervise the event. Ensure no one goes near fireworks other than they've been told.
- SPARKLER SAFETY**
Sparklers are often captivating for little ones, but they can burn at extremely high temperatures - over 1,000°C! Only allow children over the age of five to use sparklers, and make sure they wear gloves. Teach them to hold sparklers at arm's length and never wave them near others. Once a sparkler has burned out, extinguish it fully in a bucket of water - which you should prepare beforehand and always keep nearby.
- ORGANISED DISPLAYS ARE SAFER**
If possible, families should attend an organised fireworks display rather than holding one at home. These tend to be far safer as they're run by professionals under strict safety regulations. Organised displays also ensure that children are supervised and that children can enjoy the event from a safe distance, reducing the risk of accidents.
- KEEP FIREWORKS AWAY FROM THE HOME**
If you are holding your own fireworks display, fireworks should be kept away from homes, sheds or fences to avoid starting accidental fires. Choose a wide, open space with no flammable materials nearby and keep a bucket of water and fire extinguisher nearby in case of an emergency - such as a bucket of water, a hose or a fire extinguisher. After the event, if fireworks are fully extinguished and never attempt to relight one if it doesn't go off.
- BONFIRE SAFETY**
If you're building a bonfire, place it well away from trees, buildings, fences or anything else flammable. Avoid using anything that is wet and not at risk of catching. Only use natural materials like wood and leaves, avoiding petrol or other accelerants. Children should be kept far away from the bonfire, and it should always be supervised by adults. Be sure to fully extinguish the bonfire before you leave it.
- "STOP, DROP AND ROLL"**
Ensure that children know what to do if their clothing catches fire. Teach them the simple "stop, drop and roll" technique, which can help to extinguish flames. Practice this with them before events like Bonfire Night, so they feel confident if the need to use it arises. It can also be helpful to keep another means of putting out flames handy if the need to use it arises, just in case. An extinguisher or flame-retardant blanket are both useful choices.
- SECURE CANDLES AND OPEN FLAMES**
Beyond Bonfire Night, everyday fire safety is also important for young children. Teach children, especially in homes with young children, to teach children not to touch any open flames, and ensure candles are placed in sturdy holders, never leave candles unattended, never leave candles, incense burners or other such items unattended, and always extinguish them fully before leaving a room or going to bed.
- EDUCATE ABOUT FIREWORKS HAZARDS**
Make sure children understand the dangers of playing with fire or fireworks, and how to handle such things responsibly. Emphasise that fireworks are not toys and can cause serious injuries when improperly used. Discussing the importance of treating fire with respect and the consequences of misuse, which can cause the loss of limbs and even result in dangerous behaviour.
- FIRST AID FOR BURNS**
Even if you have the best possible precautions in place, accidents can still happen. Keep a first aid kit on hand in case of an emergency. If a child suffers a burn, run it under cool water for 20-30 minutes. Never use ointments or creams, as these retain heat and can cause further damage. Treat, seek medical help if the burn is serious.

Meet Our Expert
James Whelan is an experienced health and safety expert who is a Chartered Member of the Institution of Occupational Safety and Health. He provides expertise to educational settings and many other industries, helping them to maintain a safe working environment.

Wake Up Wednesday The National College

Year 1 and 2 visit to The Black Country Museum.



Wonderful learning around school.



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