



e Newsletter

A Christmas Tail

Well done to all the children and adults who took part in this years Christmas Production - a Christmas Tail. The story of the fighting cats and mice who agree a peace treaty for Christmas so that the Wensleydale family have a quieter and happier Christmas. The hall looked brilliant and your children sang and danced wonderfully, they were definitely the stars of the show. Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make it such a great performance in front of house and back stage!

**Raffle Tickets will be on sale
in the main playground before
& after school. £1.00 for 5 tickets.
Lots of lovely prizes!**

Goodbye & Good Luck

Sadly we are saying goodbye to Mr Langan at the end of term. Unfortunately for personal reasons he has to return home to Ireland before Christmas. We wish him well in 2012. Luckily we have been able to appoint a fantastic teacher for Year 4 next term, Mr Anthony Lambe. We look forward to welcoming him to Northside after the holidays.

**Cold Weather
Please make sure your
child has a coat, hat,
gloves and a scarf.
It is very cold at the
moment.**

**Santa's Grotto
Santa will be visiting us on Monday 12th &
Tuesday 13th December after school.
Your child will receive a gift &
photograph with Santa, all for £3.50.**

Maths Games

Parents and carers of children from Nursery to Year 6 are welcome to come and borrow Maths games on Thursdays between 9-9.30am. Next Thursday the 15th December I will be demonstrating how to help teach your child division. There will also be a selection of activities and games for you to do over the Christmas holiday with your child. Mrs Ghosseiri

Creative Routes

On Thursday Years 4 & 5 went to the arts depot to see the artwork we have been designing for the Creative Routes 2011 exhibition. While we were there we joined in a workshop about drawing birds with light and we had great fun. We saw lots of different artwork from other schools, all based on the theme of journeys. It was very exciting and we hope other people will enjoy the artwork too. By Larissa and Sama in Year 5

Reminders

- Collection Arrangements** If you arrange for someone else to collect your child please inform your child's class teacher in writing. However if you need to do this at short notice please telephone the school office and we will pass on the message.
- Birthdays** If your child wishes to celebrate their birthday with their peers, they are asked to bring fruit to share or donate a book to the class library (a special birthday bookplate will be stuck in the book with the child's name.)
- Nut Free School** A number of children 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 no longer accept payments in the office.
- School Shoes** Please be aware that all children should wear black school shoes. As the weather is turning colder we will let children wear sensible plain black boots. Ugg type boots and trainers are not acceptable footwear for school. Children can wear wellingtons to school but they must change into school shoes once in school.
- Playground Equipment** Please note that the play equipment in the main playground is **not** to be used by the children before or after school. This is to comply with health and safety regulations.

Term Dates

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Thursday 15th December

Friday 16th December

Tuesday 3rd January

Wednesday 4th January

Friday 6th January

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ta's Grotto - 3.30 - 4.30pm

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whole school to St Barnabus Church

End of Term - School Closes at 2.30pm

INSET Day - School Closed

School Re-opens

Nursery Re-opens

Please note

In accordance with The Education (Pupil Registration) (England) Regulations 2006 Northside School will no longer be authorising term time holidays. In exceptional circumstances, the Headteacher may consider a written request for special leave of absence during term time, where the circumstances warrant it, namely:

1. For service personnel and other employees who are prevented from taking holidays outside term-time if the holiday will have minimal disruption to the pupil's education; and
2. When a family needs to spend time together to support each other during a crisis.

This Week's Achievement Award Winners



Reception	Laiya for being really kind and thoughtful towards the nursery children and Aiden for always being kind and helpful to others.
Year 1	Avyay for good progress with his writing and Wajdaan for being a fantastic member of Year 1 and always working hard.
Year 2	Florence and Mohammed for their fantastic teamwork while creating their story for the puppet show.
Year 3	Elena for excellent effort in numeracy when telling time and Anna for excellent big writing every week.
Year 4	Sabrina and Jack for designing great comic strip stories in their Rapid Writers group.
Year 5	Viktorija and Elli for a super effort to learn timetables facts through DSi club and at home.
Year 6	Jazmine for writing a beautiful poem personifying a piano and Naoko for making huge improvements in her written English, particularly story writing.
Production	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 for their fantastic Christmas Show and Nursery and Year 3 for their wonderful singing.

Class of the Week

Reception



Year 4



Raffle Winners

The winners of this weeks raffle are Sandra S in Year 3, Rachel in Year 4, Nelly in Year 5 and Tina in Year 6.

Challenge Winners

The winner of this week's science challenge are Faizan in Reception and Hemisha in Year 3.

Special birthday wishes to everyone who celebrates a birthday this week.

Ela in Nursery, Tiya in Reception, Nikaan, Yasmina, Martin and Aorela in Year 1, Ahmed in Year 3 and Chloe in Year 5.



Languages of the Month

Hebrew, Hindi & Lithuanian.