



Northbourne News

18th November 2022

This term's value: Integrity

'Someone more powerful is going to come' (Mark 1:7)

As you will know from last week's newsletter, this week has been Kindness Week, organised by our School Council. Classes across the school have completed a range of activities involving reflecting on, or showing, kindness, including writing compliments for their classmates, carrying out random acts of kindness, mind-mapping what kindness is and what it involves, and sharing books with kindness as their theme.

This focus on kindness has underpinned us re-visiting our clear anti-bullying message, to tie in with national anti-bullying week. We reminded children that bullying is *"the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power. It can happen face-to-face and online (from the anti-bullying alliance)"*, and that the acronym STOP – Several Times on Purpose – helps us remember the difference between unpleasant but thoughtless behaviour and bullying. The image included here, showing the difference between being rude, being mean and bullying, is also a useful visual representation of what children are taught through their PSHE lessons and our discussions more generally. The theme of anti-bullying week – and our approach to dealing with bullying – is Reach Out – the importance of telling someone when children are worried about themselves or a friend. We considered who children could tell, thinking about family at home, teachers and TAs in school, their friends or trusted adults out of school, and explained that when we know bullying is happening, it can be dealt with.

Our full policy, including our approach to cyber-bullying, is included on our website, so please click through to have a look if you have any questions: <https://northbourne.oxon.sch.uk/information/school-policies/>

Work celebration

Many thanks to the parents of children in Upper Key Stage Two who came along to share their work yesterday morning – it was wonderful to be able to welcome so many of you back into school to look in detail at what they have been learning. A reminder of our dates for parents of children in other year groups:

- Stay and Play for Reception (Puffins and Swans): 9 – 9:45am on Tuesday 22nd November
- Key Stage One (Robins, Wrens and Nightingales): 2:30 – 3pm on Wednesday 23rd November
- Lower Key Stage Two (Owls, Falcons and Hawks): 9 – 9:25am on Thursday 24th November

For all sessions, please come into school through the main entrance where we will give you a visitor sticker and help you make your way either to the hall or your child's classroom to spend some time looking through their work. We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you.

Penguin Parents

Applications for places for admission to Reception in September 2023 are now open. If your child is currently in our nursery, please remember that this does not mean they will automatically be offered a space at Northbourne. Applications can be made through the Oxfordshire County Council admissions website (<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/apply-school-place/reception-applications>), between now and the closing date of 15th January 2023.

School tours run throughout this term; if your child is in Penguins and you would like a chance to look round, please contact our school office to make an appointment.

is it
BULLYING?

When someone says or does something *unintentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's
RUDE.

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they do it once, that's
MEAN.

When someone says or does something *intentionally* hurtful and they *keep doing it* even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset—that's
BULLYING.

Reminders

- A polite reminder that we ask that phones are not brought into school by pupils. On the rare occasion a child needs their phone for the end of the day, we ask that these are turned off and handed into the office so they can be stored securely. Thanks for reminding your children about our expectations around this.
- We hope you received your Christmas Card template from the PTA yesterday. A reminder that the deadline for returning these to school is **next Tuesday** (22nd November).
- There is now a link to the Term dates for 2023/24 on our school website.