

Higham Lane North Academy

NEWSLETTER



Friday 20th March 2026

As Spring term draws to a close and we look towards our final term of the year, I am reminded of a verse from the poem, 'Spring' by Christina Rossetti:

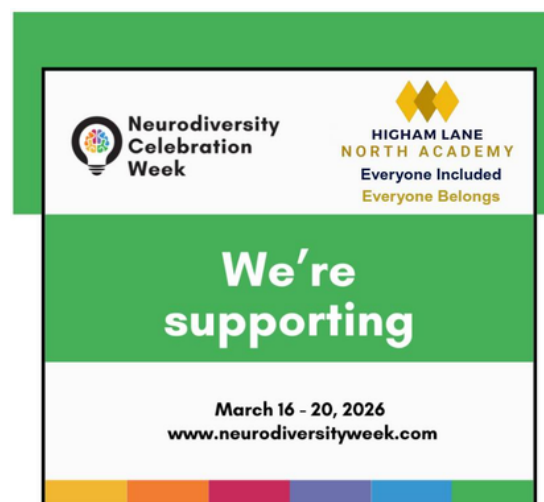
*There is no time like Spring, when life's alive in everything,
Before new nestlings sing,
Before the daisy has discovered dew,
There's a constant joy in the renewal of things.*

And here at North this week we have witnessed the joy of the turning weather and the lightness it has brought to all; whether it has been playing indoor and outdoor games at break and lunch; chatting with friends on benches; realising that our courtyard is quite the sun-trap for lunchtime line-ups; sharing in the success of our sports teams this week; celebrating winners of our subject competitions; or enjoying supporting Comic Relief day today, there has certainly been a spring in everyone's step this week! Cementing the growth and journey of our Year 7s this week, we shared a delightful moment with Alex, our Project Manager from BAM, who remarked on how much the year group has matured. He noted their growing confidence and the positive way they carry themselves. It was wonderful to hear such feedback, and as staff we too were coincidentally saying the same a few days ago. We are incredibly proud of our Year 7 North Stars. They are outstanding ambassadors for the school, for themselves, and for you, their families, who support and champion them from home.



Neurodiversity Week

We have been celebrating national neurodiversity week with students. As part of our ethos that 'everyone is included and everyone belongs', we have enjoyed celebrating everyone's differences with each other and raising awareness of differences that make us all unique. Students at Higham North are exceptional at supporting each other and recognizing differences and we are grateful to Miss Rounce for leading an awareness assembly and for organizing different activities throughout the week.



North Sports Reports

Netball

This week our netball teams participated in the final round of league fixtures. Both teams demonstrated significant improvements in their overall play from the beginning of the season. The first game of the evening showcased the skills between AJ and Rosie in the shooting circle as they built a dominate score during the game. At the other end of the court both our defensive pairings we able to gain interceptions to turn defence into attack throughout all of the games played. The B team finished a respectable 5th in the league overall whilst the A team finished 3rd narrowly missing out on second place.

Well done girls! We are all incredibly proud of your dedication, progress and performances so far this season and are very much looking forward to seeing how far you can go in the league next season.

Coach Rounce



Football

The boys have featured in two evenings' worth of fixtures across the last two weeks, and although initially the results didn't quite go to plan, the boys stuck at it and worked really hard leading to an upturn in results and performance. The teamwork, hard work and commitment that they have demonstrated has been a real source of positivity and pride and they were delighted this Wednesday to have won two games whilst drawing one!

Well done to all the boys who play and train – we are proud of our football journey so far!

Coach Froome



Badminton

On Wednesday, HLNA and HLS put together a badminton friendly fixture, providing many students at HLNA their first opportunity to represent the school in their sport. Students competed in a round robin competition with some very competitive games. The highlight being Theo and Ewan eventually coming out 15-14 winners in the closet game of the evening.

We look forward to playing with HLS again later in the year.

Coach Rounce

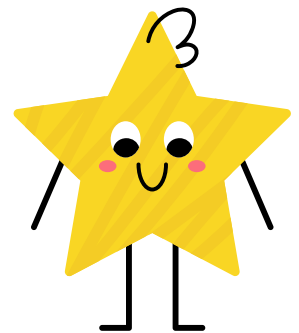


Student Progress Evening

It was lovely to see so many parents/carers at our first Student Progress Evening and thank you for using the appointments so effectively. Our next Student Progress Evening will be taking place on Thursday 26th March and Wednesday 15th April. Please bring your child along to these evenings as it is important that they hear information from teachers. Separate details about the procedures for these evenings have been emailed separately to ensure that these evenings are as successful as possible for everyone. **On these days, school closes at 2pm for students and there are no clubs on these days as staff will be attending the student progress evenings.**

Welcome back and thank you

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Hacklett back to school next week. Mrs Hacklett is our Curriculum Leader for Science and is looking forward to meeting all classes. I hear that we will be conducting a science experiment using the Bunsen burners which I am sure will fascinate students! Now is also a good time to check that your child's coat/blazer is clearly labelled, as they will keep their belongings on coat pegs for health and safety reasons, and this will ensure that lost property is kept to a minimum. We would also like to thank Mx Strydom for teaching Science to the students over the last two terms. Mx has worked hard to ensure that students received good Science lessons in Mrs Hacklett's absence, and will now be able to return to her role of Technician and Cover Supervisor.



Parent/carers feedback

We are committed to providing a highly ambitious education for your child and as part of this seek regular feedback from students, teachers and yourselves to help us do this. Please help us to celebrate what is working well in school by sharing your feedback with us. Please also take the opportunity to share with us what you think could be even more effective.

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Year 7 Curriculum trip – Wednesday 25th March

We are all excited to be visiting London Museum and Art Gallery and the Sea Life Centre as part of enriching our knowledge of the Year 7 curriculum. Students need to arrive at school at the usual time with a packed lunch and bottle of water. Students will be wearing school uniform and will arrive back at school for 3.15pm. There will be limited opportunity to purchase anything and we do not recommend that students bring any further monies with them. Final instructions for the day will be shared with students on Tuesday

On a personal note,

We are looking forward to our final week before the Easter break. As well as our curriculum trip, we have our end-of-term rewards assembly and a few Easter treats along the way for various competitions and activities!

Thank you for your continued support and have a peaceful weekend.

Best wishes,



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Higham Lane North Academy.

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