

Welcome to week 5!

03/10/25

Once again, I've had the pleasure this week of walking into lessons and seeing the fantastic learning that is taking place. Our pupils are working so hard in lessons and are responding so positively to our changes around expectations. We have recently moved to a "age not stage" curriculum meaning that our pupils are following the age appropriate curriculum. This means that our staff have to work tirelessly to ensure that gaps in prior learning are addressed and work is adapted to ensure that all pupils achieve the learning objective. Please do come along to the coffee morning on the 14th October where I can tell you more about this.

A reminder that school ties are part of our uniform expectations. Any pupil without these will be given one and parents will be billed. Please ensure your child has this in school every day—thank you for your support with this.

Attendance—Our attendance is improving BUT we still need it to increase! Please can I ask that you work with us and ensure that your child attends school everyday. Please do not allow them to stay off when feeling tired or slightly out of sorts. The only way we can ensure our pupils are learning and catching up to age related expectations is for them to be present—thank you for your support with this.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kate Luke (Headteacher)

If you have any issues/questions/ want to say "Hello" or perhaps let me know if there is a member of staff that has gone that "extra mile" for you and your child then please do get in touch: Kate.Luke@Northstar-academy.co.uk

SAVE THE DATE: - School photographer Tuesday 7th October

14th October Year 7 Parents Evening (3:30-4:30pm)

Coffee Morning 9:30-11am 14th October (all parents/carers welcome!)

INSET days: Thursday 23rd October and Friday 24th October, Monday 3rd November.

Our Mission







The Art and
Music department's giant
wall painting is
coming along
nicely – thank
you to the current design
team –Riley,
Annabel, Archie,
Corra and Miss
Bartlett!!





WHAT HAVE WE DONE IN OUR CLASSES THIS WEEK?

Orion 7b -In science we have been learning about animal cells. In English we have been learning about adjectives, verbs and applying this to our text "How to catch a grass goblin". In maths we have been continuing our work on sequences learning about linear and non-linear sequences. Special mention to Regan, explaining his thinking and answers to the class and for having such a great attitude to his

Hercules 8a - This week 8a have started a new project focussing on kindness, how it makes us feel and why we should always aim to be kind to one another. Everyday we reflect the kind things people have done for us and what we have done for others. These are then written on out "kindness petals" which build to create lovely sunflowers which will become a beautiful field display in our classroom. Showing us how kindness grows.

Scorpius 8b - In Forest School we learnt how to start the fire efficiently and use our independent time to create activities for ourselves. In English, we shared comic strips and talked about how characters show their emotions. We also shared how important it is to be a part of a community. Special mention to Caleb for always doing his work and building up great resilience.

Andromeda 9b—In Maths we have been drawing factor trees and using these with our prime numbers, we got on so well with it that we had to try some year 10 exam questions and they smashed it! Special mention to Honey and Lilly who managed to complete their learning even with distractions around them

P.E - This week students have been thinking about attacking tactics in football, considering decision-making in game situations – when should I pass or shoot? Special mention to Damarae for his retrieval of information in GCSE P.E theory lessons and Charlie R for his high skill levels and improved communication when practising football techniques.

Art— Special thank you to Miss Lamkin and the talented artists that have been decorating outside the new performing arts block. Please see front page for the work in progress—well done team!

KS3 Re-engage—Special mention to Kaiden Reid. He came back to school the day after breaking his arm and just got on with things. Kaiden has done 2 full days this Wednesday and Thursday which I believe is the only time he's managed 2 full days in school. Tianna Hebdidge an absolute pleasure to have in the Re-engage programme she is a very bright student and she is doing so well and enjoying her time in Re-engage.

Let's Celebrate!

Most improved KS3: Bradley Barham KS4: Ashton Sem-



100% Attendance:

OP	Corra	Nate	Honey	Hayden	Charlie	
Danteino	Ruben	Jake	McKenzie	Summer	Harry	
Amelia	Caleb	Raheem	Bradley	Josh C	Seb	2
Cody	Connor	Raf	Ja'dore	Ashton	Annabel	
Poppy	Lilly	Elijah	Joe E	Alfie W	Cailan	
Alfie L	Tommy	Josh C	Vincent	Kieran	Riley B	Josh P

