

North Newton Community Primary School

# PTFA TIMES



**EASTER 2024**

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# WELCOME FROM VERITY

**This is our first ever PTFA publication! We are eager to show you what the children have been up to!**

New beginnings are exciting, engaging, and full of promise. This is how we view every term: asking what we can provide that is relevant, fun and enriching to all of the children at NNCPS. Small village schools are becoming a rarity (which we intend to cherish) by embracing local traditions and becoming embedded in the local community. Let's play to our strengths and as the saying goes, the best things come in small packages!

Autumn and winter term have already seen lots of successful events and fundraisers, as you will see throughout these pages. I am happy to report that upcoming events in Spring and Summer are shaping up nicely. We have already secured lots of fantastic prizes for May Fayre 2024. The event itself will be bigger and better than ever before, taking centre stage in our fundraising calendar. Let's keep our fingers crossed for a beautiful sunny day!

It has been a mission of ours for the past few years to start creating a sense of "Legacy" within the school. Commissioning the graffiti mural was an incredible springboard, followed by the Leap Year Time Capsule. The children were thrilled to start recording our school song professionally this week at Actiontrack Recording Company. We are excited to see how this theme develops over the coming terms.

Thank you, as always for your support.

**Verity Lowdon**, Chair



EVERY FRIDAY  
AT PICK UP

TOTAL RAISED:  
**ONGOING**

# TUCK SHOP!

Tuck Shop is probably one of the highlights of most children's school week. We like to provide an array of sweet treats and snacks to the children who do not have a shop in North Newton and the surrounding villages. It's such a great ongoing fundraiser for the PTFA and we look forward to bringing back our summer ice creams at tuck shop as the weather warms up.



HEDGEHOGS' SPONSORED

# Christmas Challenge

WEDNESDAY 3RD  
JANUARY 2024

TOTAL RAISED:  
**£251**

Over the Christmas Holidays some of the children from Hedgehogs class took part in a sponsored Christmas Challenge to raise money for some new outdoor play equipment. The challenge included a treasure hunt, writing, drawing and a maths challenge. It was a great opportunity for the children to practice their newly gained skills from the Autumn Term and provided some fun entertainment whilst counting down the sleeps to the big day.



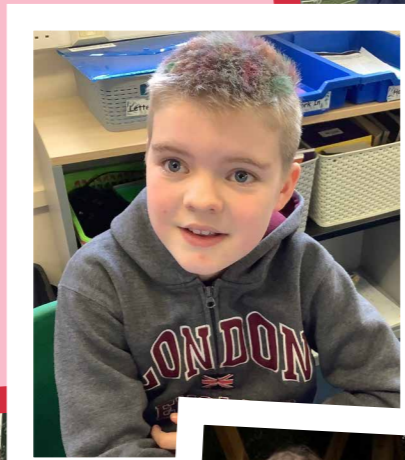
A big well done and thank you to Harper, Alex, Charlie, Fiona, Layla and Adeline for taking part, you raised a fantastic amount. We look forward to seeing what new equipment Miss Brown and Mrs Adams choose. Watch this space!



# Yes Day

On the last day before half term we decided to have a Valentine's themed 'Yes Day'. The children paid £1 for each 'Yes' they wanted to break the rules with. Including wearing non uniform, having temporary tattoos or crazy hair styles, turning up to school in a football kit, and even bringing sweets for playtime.

The children had great fun and there were smiles all round. Not as much fun for the teachers though, once the sugar rush from the sweets a playtime had kicked in.



FRIDAY 9TH  
FEBRUARY 2024

TOTAL RAISED:  
**£218.10**



FRIDAY 9TH  
FEBRUARY 2024

TOTAL RAISED:  
**£117.50**

# Love is Sweet VALENTINE'S BAKE SALE

We replaced our usual tuck shop with a Valentine's themed bake sale. We kindly received lots of yummy donations from our PTFA members, who had baked an array of cakes and biscuits. The table was very busy despite the untimely downpour.

We didn't sell up this time but Jane from Jane's Veg Shack in North Newton, kindly helped us sell the remaining bakes from her shop on the Saturday.



# EASTER EXCHANGE NON UNIFORM DAY

THURSDAY 14TH  
MARCH 2024

PRIZES DONATED:  
**100+**

With the Easter Bingo on the horizon, we wanted to find a fun way to involve children whilst gaining prizes for the bingo winners and raffle. The children enjoyed a day in non uniform in exchange for a Easter themed prize.

Easter Bingo event the following week. Including four amazing Easter hampers for our full house winners.

Thank you.

We were overwhelmed by your generosity and it meant we had a fantastic collection of prizes on offer at our



# Easter Bingo



Easter bingo was full of fun and excitement! We played 12 games of bingo with lots of chocolate prizes given out. Games of heads and tails got everyone up and giggling. Lucky table gift bags were won and surprise chocolates were found underneath chairs!!

The children took turns to call the bingo numbers, they were naturals! Hopefully this was a great confidence boost to some who were a little worried about standing up in front of the audience, well done! All callers were rewarded with an extra chocolate treat at the end of the evening and received a round of applause for their efforts. Thank you to all who attended.



A big thank you and well done to our bingo callers. They did a fab job!

WEDNESDAY 20TH  
MARCH 2024

TOTAL RAISED:  
**£232**



# THIS TERMS TOTAL FUNDS

“Thank you” to everyone who has contributed to our fundraising this term! We have enjoyed providing lots of new experiences for all of the children. Every penny that we raise goes back into the school to enhance your child’s education.

Our spring and summer term will host our major fundraisers of the year. We thank you in advance for your support and involvement.



£1000

£818.50

£600

£400

£200

# WHAT WE HAVE PROVIDED THIS TERM...

All the money we raise goes directly back into the school to help benefit the children. Whether it be new equipment, funded trips and activities, or enhancements to the school building and grounds.

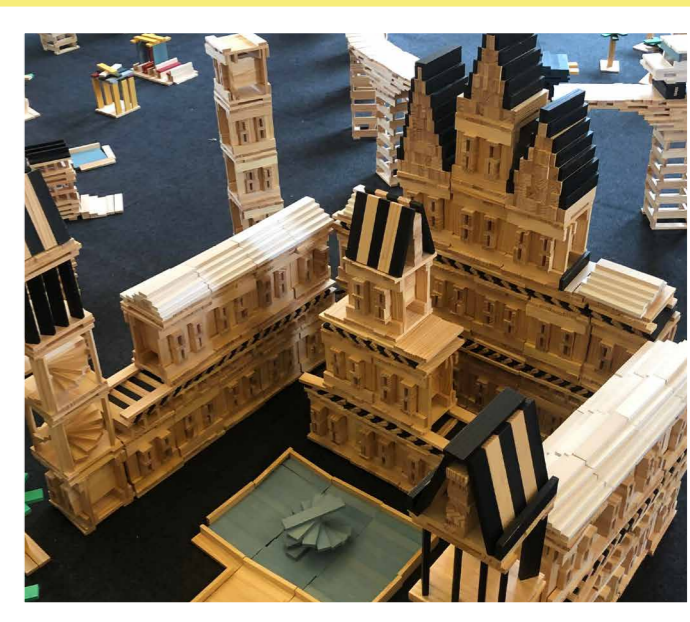


## BOOKS 4 BADGERS

Badgers class wanted to extend their horror section of the library. Miss Mayo chose some great titles which were funded by the PTFA. Happy reading Badgers!

## KAPLA

After the success of our PTFA funded Kapla Event during the school day in October, the PTFA decided buy the school their own box of Kapla blocks for the children to enjoy throughout the year and during Construction Club after school sessions.

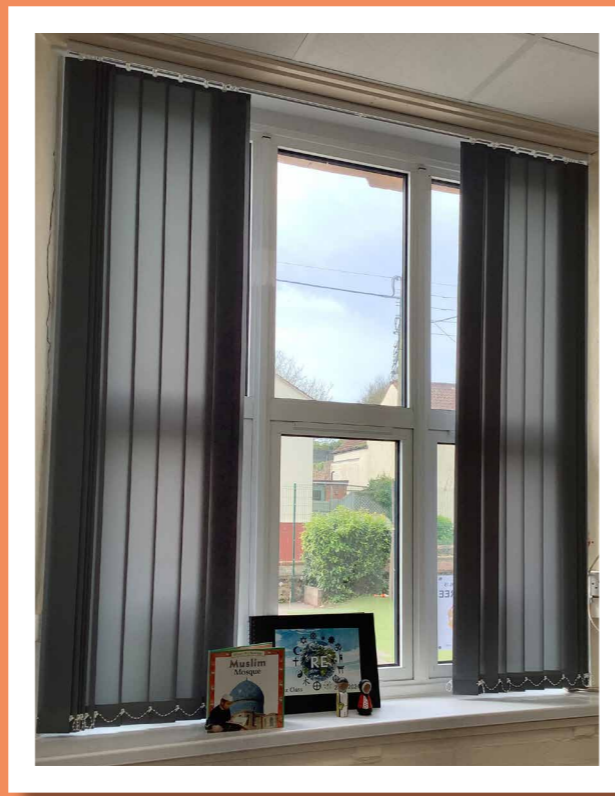


# THANK YOU

# BRILLIANT BLINDS

The PTFA have funded some much needed new vertical blinds in the Hedgehogs, Foxes and Squirrels classrooms. Staff are really pleased with the blinds and the difference they have made to their learning environment already. The classrooms are much more comfortable and the children can see the whiteboards more easily when the sun shines in.

A big thank you to Blind Innovation for providing such a speedy and good value installation over the February half term.



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## "THANK THE TEACHER" £100 VOUCHER

The PTFA really value all that our wonderful teachers do for the children, so we decided to show our appreciation by gifting them each a £100 Amazon voucher to spend on new resources for the children or their classroom.

Hedgehogs class chose some new Numberblocks counting toys, a butterfly garden and hatching timeline, and a new car track to play with.

Foxes are yet to spend theirs but they plan to add to their reading supplies. Squirrels are also yet to spend theirs but are going to purchase board games and wet play equipment. Badgers are waiting for a new Reading Garden for their classroom to be delivered. We will show you more about these wonderful new additions in our Summer Magazine.



# THE BUBBLE MAN

To celebrate British Science Week the PTFA funded a visit from The Bubble Man who delighted and inspired the whole school throughout the day with his fascinating bubbly creations.

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK





# Leap Day

## Time Capsule Fun

To mark Leap Day 2024, the PTFA organised a school Time Capsule for the children to fill during the school day.

We had such a wonderful array of items including:

33 KS1 children's string height measurements, lots of frogs with messages written on them, hand prints, a photo of Badgers class, a car and a cricket.

**We are going to bury the capsule in the school grounds and then dig it up on leap Day 2028.**



# WORLD BOOK DAY

## BOOK SWAP

To celebrate World Book Day the PTFA organised a free book swap. Each child was asked to donate an old book and in return they could choose a book (new to them) to take home. We had such a great selection of books donated and there were big smiles all around.

Any left over books will be sold at May Fayre to raise funds for the PTFA. Thank you.



WORLD  
**BOOK  
DAY**

7 MARCH 2024



**ACTIONTRACK PERFORMANCE COMPANY**

# RECORDING STUDIO TRIP



Last Friday Badgers class visited Actiontrack Recording Company to start the first phase of recording "Our School Song". Mr Selby was on the piano whilst guiding the children through the process. Badgers enjoyed their first taste of professional sound recording, I did take a few goes but they all sounded fantastic.

The second phase will include the entire school and will be recorded at St Peter's Church making the most of the wonderful acoustics! The song will be an integral part of our school identity, with all children learning how to sing and perform it with pride.

The words were written last year by Badgers class and Mr Selby put the lyrics

to his own original music. This song is part of our "legacy" initiative and the children should all feel very proud to perform it.





**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL THE CHILDREN WHO CREATED BEAUTIFUL EASTER THEMED ARTWORK FOR THE FRONT COVER COMPETITION.**

**Mrs Leach had the tough decision of choosing the cover design. Congratulations to this edition's winners:**

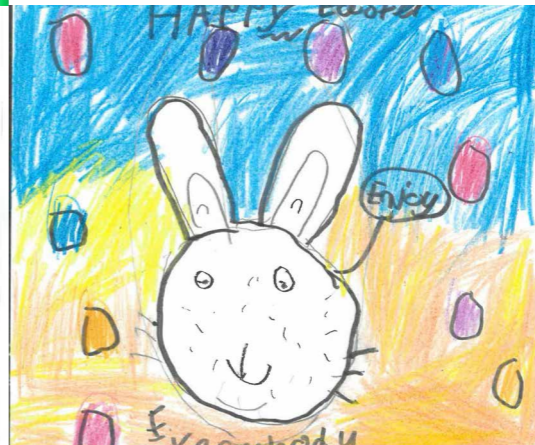
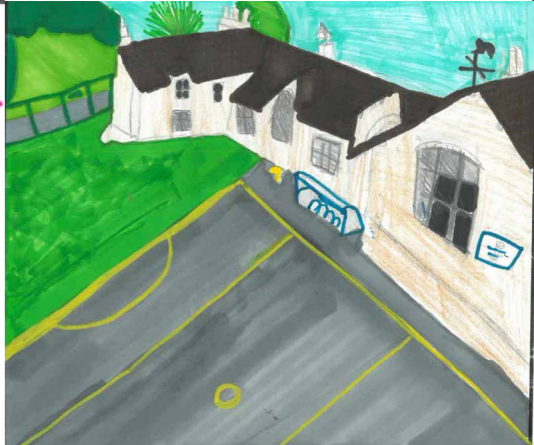
First Place: Daniel, Y6

Second Place: Mollie, Y6

Third Place: Alex, Reception

**Here is a collection of some of the other fantastic entries.**

Keep your eyes peeled for the next front cover competition which will be taking place towards the end of the Summer Term.



# FUTURE DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Ice Cream Tuck Shop**.....Every Friday at pick up
- **Visiting Artist, Darrell Wakelam**.....16th-17th May 24
- **May Fayre**.....18th May 24
- **Flower Show After School Club**.....July 24
- **Olympic Event**.....TBC
- **First Aid Training Event**.....TBC
- **Sleep Over**.....TBC

Please be aware that times may change and events may be added or cancelled. Please keep an eye on the Parents of North Newton Facebook Page, your emails or the PTFA Notice board outside the front gate for up to date event info.

## THE MORE THE MERRIER

### Fancy joining the team?

We are always on the look out for new volunteers to join our fantastic PTFA community. We are a friendly bunch, who meet around once every half term and all do our bit to make these fantastic events happen for the children at NNCPS. We are firm believers that our members should play to their skills and that every little helps. Please speak to our chair Verity Lowdon or the school office if you are interested in getting involved.

