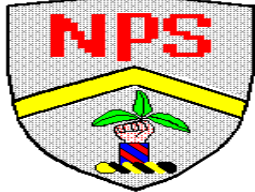


Spring Term Newsletter



Young Writers KS2- Wonderland

We have started the term off with wonderful news; hearing that some of our KS2 children have been chosen to have their poem published in a book alongside other successful candidates from schools across the country. Out of 20,000 entries it is a great achievement to see so many from our school!



Big well done to the runners up from our school too who have received their prizes and who also did an amazing job!



TT Rockstars

The children are very excited to be up

and running on TTS Rockstars, our new times tables software. The children have enjoyed working together to create their own personalised avatars and are keen to get playing the times tables games to earn points for their characters! Thank you to all, who came to the parent workshops,



Punctuality

It is great to see so many children arriving to school on time and being involved in their learning right from the beginning of the day. Class 1 and Class 2 begin their phonics sessions at 8.45 am and Class 3 and Class 4 begin their challenge time activities at 8.45 am. We also have co-ordination programmes running at that time. **Please can you ensure children arrive at school for 8.45am.**

Thank you so much to parents/carers for your continued support.

Young Writers ks1-Poetry Patrol

It is wonderful to share with you the outcomes of the Paw Patrol poetry competition that the children in class 1 and 2 have recently entered. With over 17,000 entries the children have done fantastic to even be runners up in this country-wide competition, not to mention many having their poems chose to be published in a book!

Well done this is an excellent achievement for children of such a young age! 🎉



Holidays in Term Time

We have seen a large increase in requests for holidays in term time. Due to this, our school attendance has fallen from 95.71% to 95.5% from March to present. Our school attendance target is

96%. This target is National Average. Ofsted evaluate school attendance and a low attendance can affect school's Ofsted judgements. Just to remind parents and carers that as of 1st September 2013, Head Teachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Absence during term time should be avoided because children can fall behind with their work and may find it difficult to integrate. An application using the leave of absence form (available from the school office) for leave must be made in writing to the Head Teacher, detailing the exceptional circumstances. The Head Teacher must be satisfied the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. If you do not apply for leave in advance, the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. You can be fined for taking your child on holiday during term time without consent from the school.

Texts/Emails

We regularly send texts to parents with details of events happening in school or just reminders. We are now also sending emails. Thank you for your patience while we are updating this. Letters have been sent out explaining our new systems. Please notify school if you haven't received any texts/emails in the last week. Your contact details may need updating.

School Website

Please continue to look at our school website on www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

Diary Dates

Fri 1st Feb-Y6 visit to Police Control Room
 Tue 5th Feb- Year 6 SATs meeting- 4pm
 Wed 6th Feb- Class 2 Gymnastic Festival
 Thur 7th Feb-Class 2 Library Visit
 Fri 8th Feb- Safer Internet Coffee Morning-10am-11am
 Fri 15th Feb-Springtime Disco 4pm-6pm

End of Half Term

Mon 25th Feb- Children return to school

Absences

If your child is unwell, please contact school office as soon as possible by 9am. It is important that children attend school as often as possible because if they are not in school they cannot learn.

Nettlesworth School Community Group

The Nettlesworth School Community are arranging a Spring Time Disco for our children. It will take place on Friday 15th February and will start at 4pm and finish at 6pm. Tickets will cost £2 and include entrance, party games, drink, sweets and crisps. Thank you again to the group for their support.

PE Kit

Please could children remember to bring PE kit on a Monday and leave it at school until Friday. Each class has certain days on the timetable but we constantly have coaches and sporting experiences for the children so days can change. We are a Sainsbury's Games Platinum Mark School and now have the AFPE (Association for Physical Education) award which is given to schools who promote and maintain high standards and safe practice in all aspects of PE. Many Thanks.

Parent Pay

School dinners are paid through parent pay. Please can you keep a regular check of your account to ensure that you are in credit. We have had a financial audit and debts of £55 or more will be referred to Local Authority.

Open the Book-The Judgement of Solomon

The children enjoyed taking part in this assembly with Rev. Caroline and Maude, learning about one of the stories from the Old Testament. We had some wonderful actors to be part and the whole school joined in with key words from the story.

The Judgement of **Solomon** is

a story from the **Bible** in which **King Solomon** of Israel ruled between two women both claiming to be the mother of a child. **Solomon** revealed their true feelings and relationship to the child by suggesting to cut the baby in two, with each woman to receive half.



Snow Fun

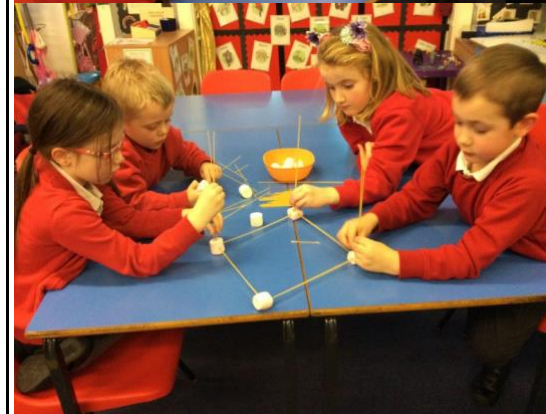
Class 1 and 2 had so much fun observing the effects of winter on the yard and field today! They made a special KS1 snowman, explored different footprints, made snow patterns and angels and had lots of fun with their friends from different year groups. ☺



Science Club

We were very excited for our very first KS1 science club. We had lots of fun trying to build a tall tower using only marshmallows and spaghetti! Look at

our amazing structures.



E-Safety Awareness – Extremism

This week in Miss Grant’s safeguarding workshop we were looking at current news stories in media to explain and discuss extremism and radicalisation. We split into classes for our age appropriate discussions and it was brilliant to see so many children being involved and thinking of ways we can keep ourselves safe on the internet and what to do if we thought someone was trying to change our views and opinions on different topics. The video below from Impact all about Preventing Radicalisation was very useful and the children enjoyed helping ‘Daniel’ get the help he needed in such situations.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=11_Fp2GjCNk

UNCRC Link: Article 17

