

Autumn Term Newsletter



Leadership Gold Award

Exciting news! We have been recognised for all of our hard work in PE and leadership in school. Last academic year our SSOC's and Leaders helped us achieve the Leadership Gold Award presented to us by Durham County Sport. We are one of only 3 schools in County Durham to achieve this. This morning Craig, from County Durham Sports, came into assembly to celebrate all that our children do to promote sport and PE in school. Well done guys - you do an amazing job!

UNCRC 29 - education must develop talents.



Remembrance Service at Kimblesworth Church

Cornerstones Curriculum – Fallen Fields – Innovate Class 4

UNCRC Article 38 (war and armed conflict)

We are very proud of a congregation of Class 4 children today as they represented our school with distinction, demonstrating outstanding Rights Respecting Gold ethos during the War Memorial Service at St. Philip and St. James Church, Kimblesworth.

This Innovate Stage of the topic challenged the children to participate in a remembrance event to commemorate the end of World War 1. Your poems were beautiful, and your family and friends have the right to be immensely proud of you all.

Well done Alisha, Olivia and Peyton.



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 and lego therapy running at that time. Thank you so much to parents/carers for your continued support.

Class 2 Trip to Lambton Castle

Today we had a lovely time visiting Lambton Castle as part of our engagement activity for our new topic of Tunnels, Towers and Turrets. We were amazed by the fantastic features of the castle and the surrounding grounds and views. We learnt so much about the history of the castle thanks to Bob. We were able to ask lots of questions to further our knowledge of castles. We had lots of fun and have lots to think about now!

UNCRC 28 - Right to an education



Holidays in Term Time

Our school attendance last year increased to 96.2%. Our school attendance target is 96%. This target is National Average and therefore now slightly above. Thankyou so much for you support. Ofsted evaluate school attendance and a low attendance can affect school's Ofsted judgements. We continue to see a large increase in requests for holidays in term time. 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/Mail

We regularly send texts/mail to parents with details of events happening in school or just reminders. Please notify school if you haven't received any texts/mail in the last month. 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

For First Half Term:

Wed 23rd Oct- Halloween Disco

Thur 24th Oct- Class 1 Stay and Play Day

Fri 25th Oct- Class 2, 3, 4 Cornerstones Showcase Event for Parents/Carers

Fri 25th Oct- End of Half Term

For Second Half Term:

Mon 4th Nov- Children return to school

W/B 11th Nov- Parents/Carers Meetings- AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS WILL BE CANCELLED THIS WEEK

Fri 15th Nov- Children in Need Day

Class 4 Sleepover in aid of CRISIS

Wed Nov 20th- Class 3 Gymnastics at Sherburn Leisure Centre

Thur 21st Nov- Whole School Flu Vaccine

Thur 21st Nov- Shoeboxes (Samaritan's Purse) collected

Friday 22nd Nov-Parliamentary Coffee Morning- Rights Respecting Council Showcase of no plastics

Fri 29th Nov- Drama Club's Performance of Aladdin 1.30pm-3.00pm

Mon 2nd Dec-Christmas Card Post Box opens

Mon 2nd Dec- Decoration of School Christmas Tree

Fri 6th Dec- Theatre Group visits school- Rapunzel

Mon 9th Dec- School Reports will be sent home

Tue 10th Dec- Class 3/4 Nativity Performance- 2pm

Thur 12th Dec- Class 4 Basketball Tournament

Thur 12th Dec- Class 1/2 Nativity Performance-2pm

Fri 13th Dec-Christmas Fair-1.30pm

Tue 17th Dec- Christingle Service at Church-2pm

Wed 18th Dec-Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Thur 19th Dec- Christmas Party- 1.30pm-3.30pm

Fri 20th Dec-End of Term

Tue 7th Jan- Children return to school

Further letters/details will follow about each event

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

Nettlesworth Community Group will be holding our annual Christmas Fair on Friday 13th December 1.30pm. Any donations for raffles would be greatly appreciated. A big thankyou to the group for supporting our Halloween Disco and they have also organised a Theatre Group Performance of Rapunzel as a Christmas Treat for the children with monies raised at our events. Thank you again for your continued support.