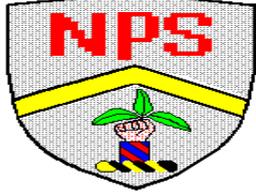


# Summer Term Newsletter



## *Safeguarding Workshops*

This week our safeguarding workshop was all about things we may find around our homes that could poison us. Miss Grant talked about the different that could cause us great damage if inhaled, drank or swallowed. The children had some fantastic ideas of things that could be a danger: Washing Powder, Fly Killer Aerosol, Perfumes and Fresheners and lots more.

We looked at was that we could protect ourselves from these harmful substances as well as what our parents/carers could do to keep us safe.

\*UNCRC Article 19



## *Class 1's Baby Ducklings*

It gives me great pleasure to introduce to your Class 1's baby ducklings that they have hatched all by themselves! The children have loved learning about life cycles and it is great seeing it in real life!

It is fair to say they have got Miss Grant Quackers ☺



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

## *Sacriston Library Art Gallery*

We are so proud of Cameron, whose talent in art is being showcased at Sacriston Library. Cameron has given us one of his pieces of art work to our school.



## *Nettleworth School Community Group*

We are continuing to make plans for our annual Summer Fayre, which will be held on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 1pm. Any donations for the raffle and tombola would be greatly appreciated. Thank you so much for all of the donations so far.

## *Texts*

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

## *School Website*

Please continue to look at our school website on [www.nettleworth.durham.sch.uk](http://www.nettleworth.durham.sch.uk) for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

## *Diary Dates*

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> June- Robinwood meeting for parents-more details to follow

-new starters visit 1

Tue 26<sup>th</sup> June-Sports Day 2pm

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June- Judo-whole school

-New Starter Visit 2

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> June- Archery/Fencing-whole school

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> July- New Starter Visit 3

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> July- Class 1 Summer Pantomime Performance-more details to follow

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> July- Class Swap Day

-New Starter Visit 4

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> July- Class 4 performance of Cinderella Rockerfella-more details to follow

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> July-Summer Fayre-more details to follow

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> July- Y3/4 Judo-Maiden Castle-more details to follow

Wed 11<sup>th</sup> July- Reception Multi-Skills Festival at Newker Primary-more details to follow

Fri 13<sup>th</sup> July- End of Year Reports to be given out

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> July- End of Year Parents Open Afternoon if would like to discuss reports

Mon 16<sup>th</sup> July-Wed 18<sup>th</sup> July- Robinwood Residential- Years 5/6

Thurs 19<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 Leavers Assembly for whole school and Year 6 Parents/Carers

-Year 6 Prom- more details to follow

Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July-Teddy Bears Picnic

End of Term

## 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 95.4% from March to present. Our school attendance target is 96%. Just to remind parents and carers that as of 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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.

## Durham University

Ben, who works at Durham University as an archaeologist, came and worked with Year 2/3/4 and Year 5/6. We looked at artefacts from the Stone Age and how we interpret evidence.



## Infinite Air

Key Stage 2 have had a fantastic afternoon at Infinite Air. We have bounced, jumped and flipped showing off our excellent skills and talents. We even found time for a cheeky ice cream 😊





### Class 4's Visit to Eden Camp

Class 4 had a great time visiting Eden Camp as part of their history topic: The Battle of Britain. They have also been studying Carrie's War in literacy. Year 5/6 experienced the sights, sounds and smells of wartime Britain.



### Jujitsu

As part of our work with the School Sports Partnership all children were able to take part in a taster session. All of the children had fun. In class 1 Farren was so excited to introduce us to his new coaches; Bobby and Pete in our session this morning! We were practising our core movements and the way we respect our partners in the art of Jujitsu and we all had so much fun!



### Hamsterley Forest

Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 had a fantastic visit to the wonderful wilderness of Hamsterley Forest! It was lovely to have all of KS1 & EYFS together enjoying one another's company. Years 1 and 2 had a fabulous time working as part of a team; orienteering and map making, whilst class 1 were den building and trail following to find the Green man. We even found a secret Fairy Door on our travels and due to our amazing behaviour and attitude we had time to play on the wonderful wooden trim trails with our friends before heading back to school! [?]





## Climbing Wall

To end a fantastic week of sporting treats we had the climbing wall visit our school for a full day!

This year we have used part of our Sports Premium money to ensure that all children throughout school get a taster of a variety of new and unusual sports. This is in the hope that the children find a sport that they enjoy and want to take up as a hobby at home.

Today all children had the chance to climb up a 25ft high climbing wall! Everyone was very brave and had a blast - even some of the adults had a go! ☐



## Sports Day

We all had a fantastic afternoon at Sport's Day - we were all very good at the races we took part in and had lots of respect towards those we were competing against. Huge congratulations to green team who were this year's winners! ☐



## Strictly Dancing in Class 4

Gemma, our Dance Teacher, came in and taught Class 4 some new moves...who knew they had so much rhythm!

They were cheerleaders, Bollywood dancers, Street dancers and finally Salsa dancers. It was so brilliant that they might show their new talents off again soon...



## Outdoor Fun

We have been outdoors having a go at fencing and archery...it was so much fun!

Callum and Alfie won our Robin Wood hats, they really hit the target.





### Judo Fun

The children love trying new activities, they have worked with British Judo to complete lots of different tasks. They balanced and flipped until they were masters. Well done!



### The Enormous Turnip

We are all very proud of the children in class 1 who performed their end of year show, The Enormous Turnip this morning. It was lovely to have such a fantastic audience supporting us; the rest of the school and Class 1's parents/carers.

All of the children remembered their lines and were loud and clear for everyone to hear! 🗣️



### Growth Mindset

At Nettlesworth Primary School, we know that pupils who have a positive attitude towards their learning will make good

progress and be successful. Consequently, instilling all our pupils with 'growth mindsets' has become a key priority for the school from January 2018. We have introduced the theories of Dr Carol Dweck to staff and pupils and are determined to embed its ideas within our school ethos.

We want all our pupils to relish challenges, embrace their mistakes as part of the learning process, value the importance of effort, respond carefully to feedback and take inspiration from others. This will help them to achieve, not only with us, but also in their future lives as adults.

We are very excited about the prospect of nurturing a growth mindset culture at Nettlesworth Primary School. Please see the Growth Mindset presentation shown to parents on our website.

### Encouraging children to become confident and resilient learners

Learn, explore and grow together. This is what we embed in all of our pupils here at Nettlesworth Primary School. We know that in order to fulfil the potential of our pupils and encourage them to become confident and resilient learners we, as a team of parents and staff, need to be modelling the mindset of a learner who is not afraid of making mistakes but who thrives upon them, knowing that this is all part of the learning process. The way in which we encourage children to learn and explore is vital to their success, not only at school but at home as well.

At Nettlesworth, we consistently endeavour to challenge and develop the attitudes of all pupils and staff towards learning by considering what makes a successful learner. We have dedicated sessions in school to address what kind of learners we want to be and how we can positively approach challenges inside and outside the classroom. The school is buzzing with talk of perseverance, challenge, risks and celebrating mistakes.

