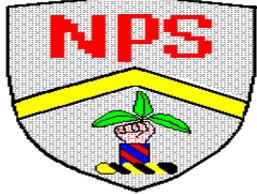


Autumn Term Newsletter



Class 4 Mini Olympics

Class 4 had an amazing time at the first sports festival of the year.

Here is what they had to say.....

Today, Friday 7th September, Year 6 had the pleasure to experience a Mini Olympics event at Maiden Castle in Durham. We were lucky to sample both fencing and athletics. Fortunately for us, we sampled Fencing first indoors (it was raining outside!). This was an unbelievable sport, using the correct equipment. Did you know the sword is actually called a Foil? After practising for 15 minutes, we all had a duel.

We sampled athletics outside on the 400m running track. This was an actual training track and the surface was quite soft! We practiced a few sprinting drills, followed by the very hard Elimination Race which is where we had to run around the track 3 times. There were teachers positioned at each corner of the track, and if you were last at these points, you were eliminated! Well done to Alfie and Keira who were the first boy and girl from Nettlesworth.



Great North Runners

It gives us great pleasure to share the wonderful achievements of some children in our school who, at the weekend, completed the Junior Great North Run! Well done Praim, Lucas and Jacob who brought in their marvellous medals and showed us some super starting line photos!!!! 📸



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.**

Welcome new SSOCs

We would like to say a massive welcome to the new members of our SSOCs Crew. Our current members nominated new members to fill roles that had current

spaces.

Welcome to our new

...head of crew – Alfie Bates.

...festival leader – Leah Debrick

...research leader – Rachel Watson

...official leader – Lewis Smith

...administrator – Lacey Bedison



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%. 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

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 for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

Diary Dates

For First Half Term:

Tue 2nd Oct Rights Respecting Schools Gold/Level 2 Award Re-accreditation Assessment Day

Tue 3rd Oct- Y3/4 and Y5/6 Cross Country-more details to follow

Mon 8th Oct-Book fair arrives at school-see individual letters

Fri 12th Oct- Fair Trade Tuck Shop for pupils only-see separate letters

Tue 16th Oct-Harvest Festival at church-all welcome-see separate letters

Thur 18th Oct-Storyteller visit to whole school

Fri 19th Oct- Y5/6 Rugby Festival-further details to follow

Fri 19th Oct- End of half Term

For Second Half Term:

Mon 29th Oct- Children return back to school.

Wed 31st October-Halloween Disco-more details to follow

Thur 8th Nov- Y5/6 Athletics-further details to follow

Fri 16th Nov- Children in Need
- R-Y5 Flu Immunisations

Fri 23rd Nov- Class 4 Sleepover in aid of CRISIS

Mon 26th Nov- Circus Skills Day

Tue 27th Nov- SPAG Workshops for children

Fri 7th Dec- Pantomime visits school

Tue 11th Dec- Class 3/4 Nativity

Thur 13th Dec- Class 1/2 Nativity

Fri 14th Dec-Christmas Fair

Tue 18th Dec- Christingle Service at Church

Thur 20th Dec- Christmas Party

Fri 21st Dec-End of Term

Tue 8th Jan- 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

Nettleworth School Community Group

We are making plans to organise a Halloween Disco, which will take place after half term, Wednesday 31st October, 4.30pm-6pm. More details will follow.

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.

Rights Respecting School

We are immensely proud to be a [UNICEF Rights Respecting School](#) level 2.



UNCRC Article 12 – Children have the right to say what they think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken in to account.

As a Rights Respecting school we are an organisation which promotes equality and the UNCRC articles giving children in our care a high level of pupil voice and participation as well as striving to educate them to become all round Global citizens.

We are also a Rights Respecting Ambassador School, where we work with other schools to help promote and achieve Rights Respecting Schools Award

A large part of this work is the creation of **Charters** – agreements between the children and adults in school about what actions both groups will take to help promote the UNCRC articles.

Groups of children in a class will choose an article that they feel is important to them and think about what actions they as children can take to help themselves and others globally to make that article work.

Adults in school will think about what actions they can take to do the same. Together, class, whole school and playground charters are created which helps to make our school a thoughtful, reflective place to learn, work and play.

We are due our re-accreditation assessment on Tue 2nd October

Jeans for Genes 2018

Huge thank you to all of your fantastic donations to this amazing charity helping children with Genetic Disorders! This links closely to the work we do within the community as a Rights Respecting School: **UNCRC Article 23: A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and independence, and to play an active part in the community.**

1 in 25 children has a genetic disorder that makes their life very difficult. That's like one in every class. By wearing our jeans and donating, we have helped to change the lives of these children.

We are overwhelmed with all of the donations and have received a grand total of £95.06!



90th Birthday Celebrations

Thankyou to all past and present staff, pupils, parents/carers and Governors who came to our 90th School Birthday Party. We opened on the 29th November 1928 and have educated hundreds of pupils throughout them years.

UNCRC Article 28

All children have the right to a good quality of education

It was great to see the community together and we were even on the local news too, when the Great British Bus arrived to join in our celebrations. The Nettlesworth School Community Group managed to raise nearly £520 and will go towards treats for the children. Thank you again for your continued support.





The Time Capsule 1990

A Time Capsule was buried 28 years ago in our school grounds and was meant to be opened 25 years later. We opened it 28 years later to celebrate our school's 90th birthday. On the 29th November 2018, current staff and children are going to bury another capsule and who knows, who will open it in 2043?



Gold Award for Leadership

A massive well done to our SSOC's crew 2017 – 2018 who achieved the School Sports Partnership Gold Award for

excellent leadership.



Our first day in Class 1

Our **first day** in Class 1 was so exciting! We had a very busy but fun **first day** getting to know our new friends and had lots of fun. We spent our **day** painting, playing in our hospital, exploring outside and building with the big blocks. We enjoyed lunch in the big hall and met boys and girls from the other classes on the big yard. Before we knew it our parents were here to pick us up! [?]



