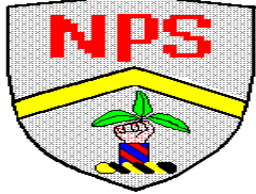


Spring Term Newsletter



E-Safety Coffee Morning

Thank you to all who attended our E Safety coffee morning. We hope that you found out some helpful information. The children had lots of fun and have learnt lots over the past few weeks. They are super stars and understand how to keep themselves and others safe whilst playing online.
UNCRC Article 17



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.

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.**

Class 2 Gymnastics

Well done to Class 2, who took part in a Gymnastic Festival at Sherburn Leisure Centre. Amelia Lee was also asked by GB Gymnastic Coach to join their club as he could see a potential talent.



Holidays in Term Time

We continue to see 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 September 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 15th Feb- Class 1 Stay and Play afternoon
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

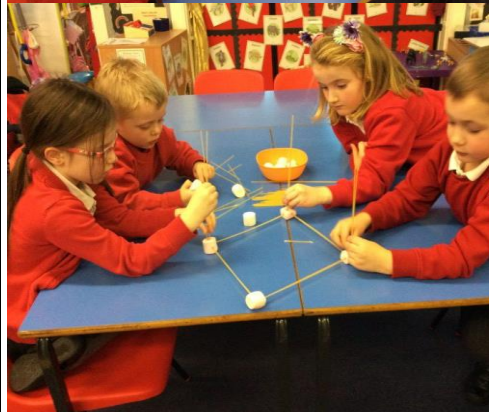
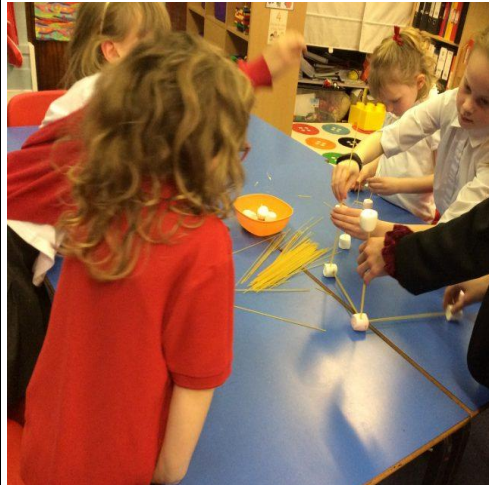
crisps. Thank you again to the group for their support.

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.

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

Multiskills After School Club

Look at our amazing gymnastics from our after school club! We have learnt lots of different balances. Some are super tricky and require a lot of concentration!

