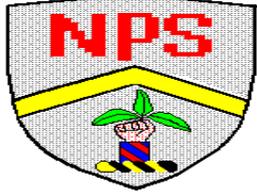


Autumn Term Newsletter



Class 2 Snow

In science we are learning all about Seasonal changes and what we notice around us during Winter. Today we decided to carry out an experiment and try our hand to making snow! We had lots of fun mixing ingredients together to make the perfect gloopy snow for building snowmen. Look at our amazing snowmen!

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Decorating the Christmas Tree

UNCRC Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

What a special morning we had today when we all gathered together in our collective worship to decorate our Christmas Tree and start the festive period. Every child and adult who is associated with Nettlesworth Primary added their own Christmas Tree decoration; it looks fabulous. Mrs. Lee shared a traditional

Christmas Story, and we even had a little dance to some festive songs.



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.

Drama Club's Performance of Aladdin

Massive congratulations to the children from Drama Club!

We have worked over a year on this production, almost every Wednesday night running up to the performance. The dedication and commitment from the children has been amazing and, as always, the support from our parents and carers has been first class too!

The whole school previewed the dress rehearsal before showing it Drama Clubs' parents and carers – and it was nothing short of a Broadway production!

WELL DONE DRAMA CLUB!

***UNCRC Article 31 (Every Child has the right to relax & play)**



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

Tuesday 10th December- Class 3/4 performance of Superstar- 2pm

Thursday 12th December- Class 1/2 performance of Christmas Counts- 2pm

Friday 13th December- Christmas Fair- 1.30pm

Tuesday 17th December- Christingle Service at Church- 2pm

Wednesday 18th December-Christmas Dinner

Christmas Jumper Day-£1 donation in aid of St Cuthbert's Hospice

Thursday 19th December- Christmas Party- 1.30pm-3.30pm

Friday 20th December- End of Term

Tuesday 7th January- Children return to school

Further letters will follow about different events.

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*

Nettleworth Community Group will be holding our annual Christmas Fair on Friday 13th December at 1.30pm. Thank you again to Nettleworth School Community Group for their hard work and dedication towards our school.

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.

Christmas is here!

Class 1 were like festive little elves this morning decorating their classroom in preparation for christmas – I don't know how Miss Grant is going to contain all of her excitement in the upcoming weeks.....Even the class mascot – Captain Silver Belly was tinselified!

Rumour on the playground is – she's actually a Christmas elf herself! SHHHHHHHHHH!

DON'T TELL A SOUL

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