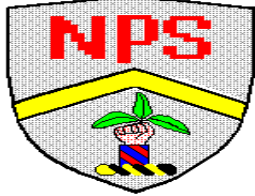


Spring Term Newsletter



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.**

Wearing Green for NSPCC

We all came to school to wearing Green in order to raise money for the NSPCC. We have been taking part in workshops giving children the confidence to **speak out** if they are worried, either to a trusted adult or Childline.

We had a 'Design an emoji competition' with the help of our **Speak out** Stay safe mascot, Buddy the speech bubble, and the winners from each class each received a green prize. The best part of the day was day was covering Mr Graham in green slime – all for a good

cause though!

Thank you to everyone who kindly donated, we raised a total of £85.00 for this amazing charity.

UNCRC Article 12 & 19



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

Mon 24th Feb- Children return to school
 Tue 25th Feb- Zumba Classes for KS2
 Thur 5th March- World Book Day
 Fri 6th March- Science Day
 Wed 11th March- Maths Day
 Fri 13th March- Class 3 Trip to Beamish Museum (further letter to follow)
 Sun 15th March- Messy Church- Kimblesworth Church 3pm-5pm
 Fri 20th March- Sport Relief - End of Term Reports
 W/B 23rd March- Parents Evenings AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS CANCELLED THIS WEEK
 Tue 24th March- Class 4 Dance Festival- Durham Gala
 Wed 25th March- Phonics Screening Meeting for Year 1 Parents 4pm
 Thur 26th March- Wear a Hat Day
 Friday 27th March- Earth Hour
 Wed 1st April- Easter Egg Competition 2pm (Further letter to follow)
 Fri 3rd April- END OF TERM
 Tue 21st April- 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

The Nettleworth School Community arranged another successful Spring Time Disco for our children. 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.

Pretty Petals Lonely Bouquet

The children in class 1 were so excited when they found one of Pretty Petals lonely bouquets outside our school main entrance. Thank you so much Mya they have cheered up everyone here at

Nettleworth



Class 4's Design Technology Sculptures

UNCRCArticle31(cultural,artisticactivities)

We are delighted with the way our 3D sculptures of Henry VIII have turned out; the Cornerstones Curriculum (Off With Her Head) has been fabulous this half term. All that's left to do now is to evaluate it!

Well done everyone.



PE – Judo Dan

UNCRCArticle 31 (cultural, artistic activities)

Judo Ian came to give us a judo taster session. We played games with unicorn tales trapped between our feet!



Curriculum Showcase Open Afternoon

Thank you to all that were able to attend our recent Open Afternoon. We hope you enjoyed listening to what the children had learnt about this half term. The children really enjoyed showing off all that they had learnt. Thank you for your continued support!

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Chinese New Year

Class 1 and 2 had lots of fun celebrating Chinese New Year today, we looked at the story of how the Zodiac calendar was created and found out this year was named after the rat. We did lots of Art and DT activities across both classes and then swapped on the afternoon before having a taste of some Chinese foods.



Class 2 Tree Detectives

In science we have learnt lots about nature and the four seasons. We went on a tree hunt in our school grounds and identified lots of the different trees we have. We are every good at using lots of Scientific vocabulary to describe the trees. Ask us what evergreen and deciduous means!

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