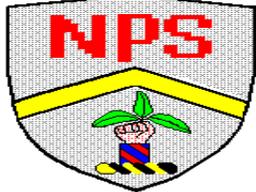


Spring Term Newsletter



Science Day

Science is super fun! Each child in school had lots of fun with all of the teachers. Each teacher visited every class in school and demonstrated a super cool experiment! Our Science Ambassadors also introduced our new half termly Science competition – be sure to get your entries in before the Easter holidays!

Miss Grant looked at chemical reactions

Mrs Aspinall worked on forces

Miss Milburn taught us about water evaporation

Mrs Graham told us all about electricity.

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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.**

WWF POLAR BEAR

Exciting news! We have received our adoption pack from WWF! We are now the proud owners of a polar bear.

Science club, Aquilla and Rights Respecting club worked together to learn all about climate change and how we can protect our environment. We researched how the icebergs are melting and what we can do to stop them. Rights Respecting Club kindly donated money so we were able to sponsor the polar bear. We are excited to hear all about how we are helping!

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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

Tue 17th March- Class 1 Infant Agility

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

Mon 30th March- Easter Service at Kimblesworth Church 2pm
(CANCELLED)

Tue 31st March- Class 2 Outdoor Adventurous Activities Festival

Wed 1st April- Easter Egg Competition 2pm (CANCELLED)

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.

Nettlesworth School Community Group

The Nettlesworth School Community are providing Easter Egg prizes for all children competing in the Easter Egg Competition. We will still be holding this event for children but unfortunately not inviting parents to prevent the risk of spreading any infection. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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 Ambassadors

A massive congratulations to our new Science Ambassadors. Poppy, Lacie Mae and Amelia are our first ever Science Ambassadors of Nettlesworth Primary School. The girls trained with Durham University to learn how they can promote Science in school and also how they can be clear and effective leaders and speakers. We are so excited to see all of your ideas!

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World Book Day

A massive well done to all of our children who took part in world book day. Don't we all look fantastic!



Street Detectives

Class 2 loved their walk around Nettlesworth and Kimblesworth today. They were looking for all different types of buildings and also enjoyed talking about features of the village we could see. A massive thanks to Mrs Cooke, Mrs Mordue and June who helped us learn all about the history of the villages too.

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Our School History

Class 2 really enjoyed today's history lesson! Mrs Mordue and Mrs Cooke came into class to talk about what our school was like when they were little girls! We learnt lots of interesting facts. We were shocked at some of the rules and punishments! We then looked at different artefacts that we have from school as it has changed over the years.

We didn't know what some of the items were – but we do now!



Gingerbread People

Class 2 were real life bakers! We went to see Sarah and Jade in the kitchen who helped us bake. We weighed, mixed, stirred and rolled out the dough to make little people. Look at how fabulous they are. They tasted yummy too!

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