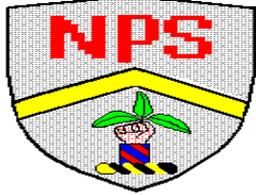


Spring Term Newsletter



A Day with Adam Bushnell

Today, the Children across the whole school have thoroughly enjoyed working with the writer Adam Bushnell.

From creating superhero animals and unleashing his real life pet 'Spidertoise', to looking at how Henry VIII bought a gargoyle head for the Palace in London, the children have really excelled themselves.

All of these exciting launches to our new topics for Spring 1 will lead to some amazingly creative Big Writes next week! 😊

Class 1 – Superheroes



Class 2 – Splendid Skies



Class 3 – Bounce!





Class 5 – Off with her head!



Class 2 Gymnastics

We went to Sherburn Leisure Centre to take part in a Gymnastic event. We had loads of fun bouncing and jumping and balancing! We loved using all of the equipment and practising the skills we have learnt in school with Mr Beveridge.

Look at us go!

UNCRC 29 – education should develop talents to the full

Class 4 – Gods & Mortals





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, Class 2 and Class 3 begin their phonics sessions at 8.45 am and Class 4 and Class 5 begin their challenge time activities at 8.45 am.

We also have co-ordination programmes, reading/maths/speech and language interventions and lexia.

E-Safety Workshop- Sharing Pictures and Videos

UNCRC Article 16 & 17 Links

In Mrs Morton's assembly the children worked in groups to learn about being safe when sharing their personal pictures and videos.

We met characters; Mo and Tia, who together with Jessie complete the friendship trio. At Tia's birthday party they use Tia's older brother Kyle's mobile to take fun photos of themselves. They agree to send their photos to Tia's nan but also a few other people whose numbers are saved in Kyle's phone. When the photos are shared with other children at their school without their permission, they turn to their teacher for help. The three friends learn about how images can get shared more widely than you first expect, and the importance of consent. Check out

the video and website below to see more about this:

[Jessie Friends videos
\(thinkuknow.co.uk\)](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

Holidays in Term Time

Our school attendance last year increased to 97.13%. Our school attendance target is 96%. This target is National Average and therefore now slightly above. Thankyou so much for your 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

For First Half Term:

Wed 5th Jan- Children return to school
Thur 6th Jan- Adam Bushnell visit to school

Wed 12th Jan- Class 2 Gymnastics Festival Sherburn Leisure Centre

Wed 19th Jan- Class 1 and 2 Trip to Washington Wetlands

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

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.

First Week Highlights in Class 1

This week we have had been so excited to share our Christmas holiday news and meet up with our friends again. This week we launched our new topic that the children have chosen 'superheroes'

We also had a visit from children's creative author Adam Bushnell who brought his super-tortoise along to help with his story telling 🐢

Not forgetting that we had SNOWWWWW 😊



