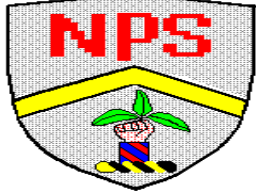


Spring Term Newsletter



Highlights in Class 1

UNCRC Article 28: Every child has the right to an education.

This week we have had lots of fun getting into the superhero spirit! At the Forest we made "SUPERSTICKS" and turned all of our friends into different animals / gave them different

super skills!

In numeracy we have been measuring different lengths, weights and capacities in different ways and in Literacy we have been reading our new text

Supertato

This half term we are working with coach Catherine focusing on Relax Kids – we all had so much fun looking at coordination when moving in different ways and learning different relaxation

techniques





Class 1 and 2 Trip to Washington Wetlands

We had lots of fun at WWT. Cath showed us around the environment and we saw lots of different animals. We loved looking at the signs of winter and even hugged a tree!







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.

Dance Coach with Class 5

PE - Masquerade - 11.1.22

UNCRC Article 28 (right to education)

What fabulous efforts all of the children in Class 5 displayed today; our core task for our new PE topic in dance with Gemma from SSCO. We can't wait to see your skills develop during the term and to showcase your final routine. Well done Class 5.



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 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

Mon 31st Jan- KS2 Cross Country Event

Tue 8th Feb- Safer Internet Day

Tue 15th Feb- Class 3 Multiskills Festival-Maiden Castle

Thur 17th Feb- Spring Time Disco

Fri 18th Feb- End of Half Term

Mon 28th Feb- Children Return to School

Wed 2nd Mar- Infant Agility Festival-New College

Wed 2nd Mar- Cheerleading- Class 4 and 5

Thur 3rd Mar- World Book Day

Thur 3rd Mar- Boxercise-Class 4 and 5

Fri 4th Mar- Science Day

Wed 9th Mar- Maths Day

W/B Mon 14th March- Parents Meetings (Clubs cancelled this week)

Wed 16th Mar- Phonics Screening Meeting for Year 1 Parents

Thur 17th Mar- KS2 SATS Meeting with Parents

Fri 18th Mar- Reports Given out to Parents

Red Nose Day

Wed 6th April- Easter Egg Competition

Fri 8th April- End of Term

Tue 26th April- Children Return Back to School

Thur 28th April- Year 2 SATS Test Meeting with Parents

Year 4 Times Table Check Meeting with Parents

Further letters/details will follow about each event

Statutory Tests- Year 1, 2, 4 and 6

Year 1 and some Year 2 children- Phonics Screening Test takes place Week Beginning 6th June 2022

Year 2 Children- KS1 Statutory Tests will take place Week Beginning Monday 9th May 2022- the children will not know they are taking tests as we keep them very low key for the younger children

Year 4 Children- Multiplication Tables Check- Week Beginning 6th June 2022

Year 6 children- KS2 Statutory Tests will take place Week Beginning Monday 9th May 2022

It is really important that all the children in these key year groups are in school during the dates the tests take place. Meetings will be held for our parents in these year groups. Thankyou again for your continued support.

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.

School Games Values

Well done to this weeks multi

skills super stars look at all

the fantastic skills we demonstrate each week

UNCRC 29 – develop talents

