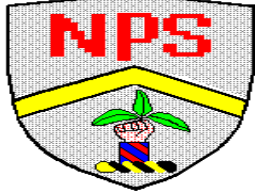


# Autumn Term Newsletter



## Science Club

Our first week at Science club is complete! We had lots of fun trying to build tall structures using only marshmallows and dry spaghetti! We had to do lots of investigating and shaping to get the right balance. Look at our fantastic models.

A special thank you to Amelia and Lacie Mae, our super Science ambassadors, who helped out with the club.

*UNCRC 31 – Right to join in a range of activities.*



## Class 4 Tri Golf Tournament

Class 4 had a lovely time at a Tri-Golf festival at Maiden Castle. Mrs Shaw joined us too!

**UNCRC article 31 – Children should have the right to join in a range of activities.**



## 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 lego therapy running at that time. Thank you so much to parents/carers for your continued support.

## Hoopstarz

We had lots of fun working with Tracey to learn lots of new skills and tricks with the hula hoop. We also built a house using only 6 hoops. We were then able to crawl through the house ... it was very hard trying not to knock it down!

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## 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk) for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

## Diary Dates

For First Half Term:

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October-Harvest Festival

Thur 21<sup>st</sup> Oct- Halloween Disco 4.30pm-6.30pm-Tickets available via parentpay  
 Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct- End of Half Term  
 Mon 1<sup>st</sup> Nov- Children return to school  
 W/B 1<sup>st</sup> Nov- Parent appointments (after school clubs will be cancelled this week)  
 Fri 12<sup>th</sup> Nov- Children in Need Day  
 - Y5/6 School Sleepover in aid of CRISIS

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

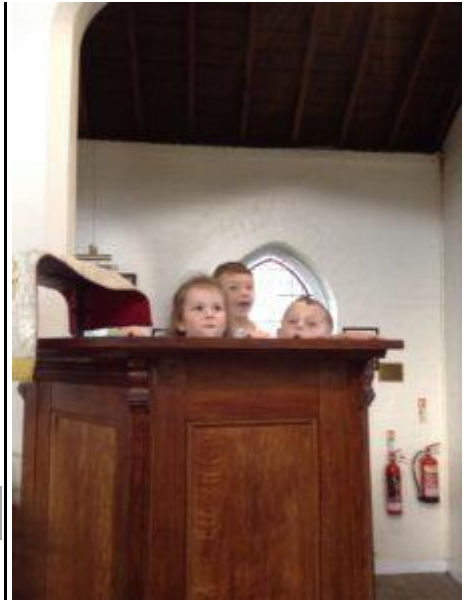
## PE Kit

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.

## Class 2 Visit to Church

### UNCRC 14 – Right to a religion

Today we visited church in Kimblesworth. We walked to church and visited Reverend Michael. He let us explore the church and find all of the features that we had learnt about in class. We went on a treasure hunt! He then talked to us about each feature and what it is used for. We had a lovely time!



## World Smile Day

- **UNCRC Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible health**

A day of Smiles and Random Acts of Kindness; hosted by the UNCRC Rights Respecting Champions.

Huge well done to everyone who made the wonderful effort – it was AMAZING to see all of you wearing what made you happy 😊

At 2pm for half an hour the children set to work delivering



their Random Acts of Kindness to the children in their secretly chosen classes. It was fantastic to see every child have a smile on their faces – the most contagious thing in Nettlesworth:

- Class 1 were delighted to receive a specially planned Sweetie Hunt on our school field by Class 4!



- Class 2 were soooooo excited to be invited to a disco in the school hall by Class 3!



- Class 3 were soooooo happy to have all of the OOA resources outside on the yard from Class 5!



- Class 4 couldn't believe that they had hotdogs and a movie delivered to their door from Class 2!



- Class 5 were astounded when a pizza delivery was made by Class 1!





**Art Club's Amazing Watercolours**

**UNCRC Article 31 – children have the right to relax and play and join in with a wide range of activities**

Art club have created some amazing watercolour paintings! So proud of our budding artists!



**Engagement – Cornerstones**

**Curriculum – UNCRC Article 38 (war and armed conflicts)**

What an unbelievable day we have all had in Class 5: we were lucky enough to experience first hand the Prisoner of War Camp (PoW), Eden Camp. We explored each hut and researched what it was like during wartime in Britain. Eden Camp not only covers our Cornerstones Curriculum 'Fallen Fields', but all conflicts to present date. It was a truly moving day and our children showed just why we believe they are Rights Respecting Gold – a brilliant day by all. Well done Class 5.



