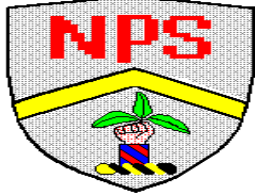


# Autumn Term Newsletter



## Artist of the Month

*UNCRC Article 29 – Children have a right to develop their talents.*

We are so proud of Jayden for being our artist of the month. He loves art so much that he has a sketch book that he draws in at home. He brought it in to show us and the details in his work are amazing. Well done Jayden.



We are also celebrating the work of pop art artist Andy Warhol.



## Children in Need Day 2021

A massive thank you to everyone who donated to our CIN day. We have had lots of fun joining in spotty dressing up, Joe Wicks movement classes, Pudsey biscuits for lunch, hoopla competitions and beat the teachers!

A great big thank you to the SSOCs and sports leaders who made the day run smoothly.

We managed to raise £74 🙌

Here is what Lacie-Mae (SSOCs) had to say ....

*For children in need day we had so much fun doing a hoopla game. We did it to raise money for children in need to help them if they need things.*

*What we did ... we got each class in turn. First we got class 1 and we did the team games. Red v blue then yellow v green. Then the winners played each other, right up to class 5.*

*We got 2 hoops and used them. In KS2 you weren't allowed to let go of hands and you had to get your full body through the hoops but for KS1 you were allowed to let go of hands.*

*The prize was a sweet for the class winner and the winner out of all the teams got a chocolate bar and played the teachers. The teachers won 😊*

UNCRC Article 31 – 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 lexia.

## Professor Brainstorm

We have had so much fun learning all about magic ..... well that's what we thought! Professor Brainstorm showed us how incredible science is and how much fun we can have investigating.



## 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 Second Half Term:

Fri 26<sup>th</sup> Nov- TEACHER INSET DAY- School closed  
 Mon 29<sup>th</sup> Nov- Children return to school  
 KS2- Christmas Pantomine Workshop Day  
 Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Nov- KS1 Christmas Pantomine  
 Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec- Christmas Post Box opens  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec- Decorate Christmas Tree  
 Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Dec- End of Term Pupil Reports  
 Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Dec- Class 4/5 Christmas Performance  
 Thur 9<sup>th</sup> Dec- Class 1/2/3 Christmas Performance  
 Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Fair  
 Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christingle Service  
 Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day  
 Thur 16<sup>th</sup> Dec- Christmas Party  
 Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Dec- End of Term  
 Tue 4<sup>th</sup> Jan- Teacher INSET Day  
 Wed 5<sup>th</sup> Jan- Children return to school

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 Teddy Bear's Picnic

## Teddy Bears Picnic

We had lots of fun making our sandwiches that we previously designed. We made sure we washed our hands and used the equipment sensibly, all to keep us safe. We then finished with our teddy bears picnic!



## Class 3's Trip to the Castle!

Class 3 have had a fantastic day at Castle Keep as part of our cornerstones topic. We had an amazing tour around the castle, learned lots of new facts about castle life and had our very own castle feast!!

UNCRC Article 31 – Right to take part in a wide range of activities.

