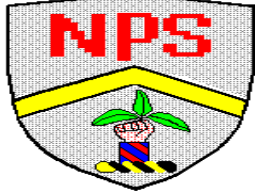


Autumn Term Newsletter



Sponsored Read 2021

UNCRC Article 12: Every child has a right to have a say in matters that affect them.

As you will know out Rights Respecting Champions thought it would be a great idea to get the children all on board with fundraising for the KS2 reading resources this Autumn term and to do this they thought a Sponsored read for all of the children to join in with would be amazing!

As Duty Bearers the staff set aside a week where the whole school could make a pledge for their read and try to raise as much money as possible. We got one of our favourite Authors on board too; Adam Bushnell, who kindly offered to sign bookmarks for all children who raised over £5 and give top prizes to the 3 children who raised the most.

It is fair to say that the teachers, champions and whole school were astounded when the sponsorships were handed in and money counted. Every child who took part exceeded all of our expectations and the total raised was UNBELIEVABLE – many

children raised over £100 for completely their pledge!

As a school, we altogether raised; £2043 which is something that we are so proud of so THANK you so much for supporting us – we are getting to work ordering all

of the books as we speak



Liz Million Art Gallery

UNCRC Article 29: Education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

After working hard with Liz Million we decided there was only one place for the wonderful artwork linking to our topics and that was in a frame!

It's fair to say we have some very talented children when it comes

to Art





UNCRC Article 12: Right to have a say in all things that affect them (forest schools campaign)

Today we went up to our forest schools site to find that it was very unsafe. With lots of rubbish that had been flytipped and grown up tools scattered we had to come back down to school. When we got back one of the children suggested it would be a great idea to draw pictures to tell people to stop making it all messy. We also contacted the local parish council to see if they could help us too and we have asked our parents that if they're out dog walking they could help us litter pick too

Mission clean up our forest is in full swing and after having replies from our parish council we are feeling a lot more hopeful that it might not happen again

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 le

Class 1 Forest School Campaign



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

For Second Half Term:

Fri 5th Nov- Class 2 visit to Beamish Museum
 Thur 11th Nov- Remembrance Service for school children only
 W/B 8th Nov- Afterschool Clubs return as normal
 Fri 12th Nov- Y5/6 School Sleepover in aid of CRISIS
 Tue 16th Nov- Rights Respecting Gold Re-accreditation Assessment Day
 Thur 18th Nov- Flu Vaccine
 Fri 19th Nov- Children in Need Day
 Fri 26th Nov- TEACHER INSET DAY- School closed
 Mon 29th Nov- Children return to school
 KS2- Christmas Pantomime Workshop Day
 Tue 30th Nov- KS1 Christmas Pantomime

Wed 1st Dec- Christmas Post Box opens
 Fri 3rd Dec- Decorate Christmas Tree
 Mon 6th Dec- End of Term Pupil Reports
 Tue 7th Dec- Class 4/5 Christmas Performance
 Thur 9th Dec- Class 1/2/3 Christmas Performance
 Fri 10th Dec- Christmas Fair
 Tue 14th Dec- Christingle Service
 Wed 15th Dec- Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
 Thur 16th Dec- Christmas Party
 Fri 17th Dec- End of Term
 Tue 4th Jan- Teacher INSET Day
 Wed 5th 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.

Virtual Harvest Festival 2021

We joined as a whole school to take part in our Harvest Festival – it was strange not being at the church joined by all of our family and friends, however we have recorded a video for you all to watch from the comfort of your own homes.

Thank you for all of the amazing donations for our Harvest Collection – Durham Foodbank





Black History Month Assembly

UNCRC Article 14: All children has the right to think and believe what they want and to practise their religion.

In Assembly we looked at The History of Black lives and found out why Black History is celebrated in many countries around the world.

Black History Month Assembly

Cornerstones Celebration in Class 2

Cornerstones Celebration

Today marked the end of our first Cornerstones topic – Dinosaur Planet. We had lots of fun recapping what we have learnt this half term. We then read our favourite dinosaur story, danced to dinosaur music, played games and ate dinosaur poo! We have really enjoyed our first topic and are looking forward to the next one.

Article 28 – Right to an education



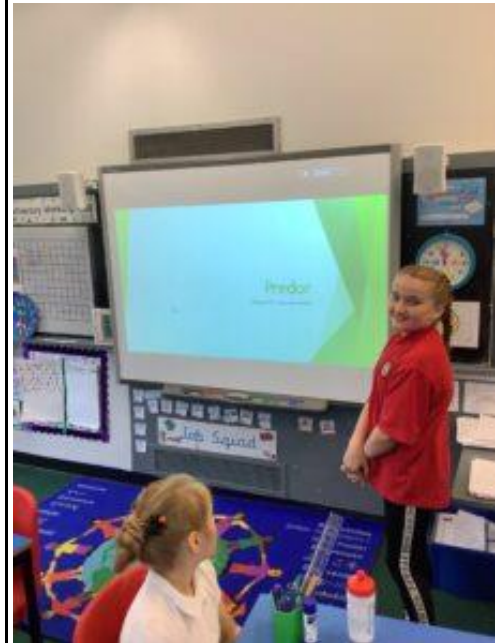


Class 4's End of Term Showcase Predator

Predator topic end of term showcase!

UNCRC Article 29 – Education should develop each child's personality and talents to the full.

Class 4 have really enjoyed their predator topic and I am impressed with everyone's knowledge and new skills, using online research in ICT the children created power points and then presented them to the rest of the class.



In DT, Class 4 created amazing 3D predator sculptures working together as a team!



**TT Rockstars –
England Rocks –**

8th to 11th November 2021

UNCRC Article 28 (goals of education)

Our children continue to work hard on the development of their Multiplication Tables – these are essential skills to enhance the children’s mental mathematics and number property knowledge and understanding. The children from each class are actively involved in multiplication exercises through our TT Rockstars and Numbots initiative in school and using their electronic devices at home.

May I first say a huge thank you for all your commitment in helping your child complete their TT Rockstars and Numbots at home – long may this continue.

For Maths’ Week England (8th – 12th November 2021), we want to make maths exciting and high profile in our school. We will be taking part in a friendly competition involving schools from England from Monday 8th November to Thursday 11th November. It’s all done online via play.ttrockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit (see below). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7:30AM GMT and 7:30PM GMT on Monday 8th, Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th. To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60 minutes per player. In other words, each player can earn competition points for up to 60 minutes between 7.30am and 7.30pm. Once the player goes beyond 60 minutes of play on a given day, they will still earn coins but will no longer earn points towards the competition.

In the spirit of the competition, please don’t play on their behalf but by all means encourage and support them to the extent that it doesn’t cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less.

Please don’t hesitate to contact us with any queries.

Once again, thank you for your continuous support.

[England Rocks PowerPoint – 8.11 – 11.11.21](#)

[TT Rockstars Certificates – 22.10.21](#)

UNCRC Article 28 (right to education)

Well done to our latest children who achieved the most correct answers on their TT Rockstars during the last 7 days. Good efforts to everyone else

who accessed their APP at home during the week.



UNCRC Article 28 (right to education)

A fabulous effort to Florence who achieved her next Lexia Certificate.

Well done to everyone who has been accessing their Lexia and remember to try to use your APP whilst you are at home so that you can earn your certificates.



Halloween Disco - UNCRC Article 31 (leisure, play & culture)

Halloween Disco - 21.10.21

UNCRC Article 31 (leisure, play and culture)

What a fabulous time we all had during our Halloween Disco. All of your costumes were fantastic – your adults have made a fabulous effort; well done everybody. We all had tremendous fun dancing, playing party games, eating party food and even dressing the teachers up as mummies!

A super Rights Respecting Gold effort from everyone at Nettlesworth Primary.





Class 5's Cornerstones Curriculum

Showcase –
22.10.21

UNCRC Article 38 (war and armed conflicts)

What a lovely way to finish our Cornerstones Curriculum Fallen Fields topic this term – a Street Party to celebrate the end of World War 1.

The children made bunting to string across the classroom, wreaths and poppies to remember those who made the biggest sacrifice whilst serving their country, ate party food from WW1 (1918) whilst listening to wartime music.

Well done to all children in Class 5 – you really are fabulous and demonstrated your Rights Respecting Gold ethos across the entire term.





Class 3 Celebrating Beat Band Boogie Topic

Class 3 had lots of fun celebrating our Cornerstones topic 'Beat Band Boogie', by creating our very own music! The children played like professionals!



Inset Day Friday 26th November 2021/Sacriston Youth Project

Our school is closed for an Inset day on Friday 26th November.

To help parents, staff from Sacriston Youth Project have volunteered to host a free holiday club 8:30-15:15 at Nettlesworth Community Centre.

They don't have use of the full centre due to baby groups running in the big hall. Therefore, they will need to limit the numbers to 25 places.

Parents can book a place via the youth project's website [here Bookings Checkout | SYP](https://sacristonyouthproject.co.uk) (sacristonyouthproject.co.uk)

Children who are registered to attend the Friday youth club and also booked to attend the holiday club can remain with them from 15:15 until their normal session starts at 16:00.

