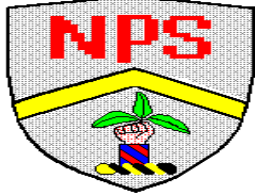


Autumn Term Newsletter



Mental Health Peer Mentors

UNCRC Article 27 Children have a right to a standard living that is good enough to meet their physical and mental needs.

Well done to our year 5 children who have participated and completed the peer Mentoring programme.

Durham County Mental Health Support Team and Investing in Children trained both Miss Milburn and Mrs Hill alongside the year 5 children. The children received their yellow lanyards and certificates in assembly today. We are so proud of you!



KS2 A magical Christmas Jigsaw

UNCRC Article 29 (goals of education)

What an absolute treat the children of Nettleworth Primary have had as KS2 performed their Christmas Nativity 2021 (A Magical Christmas Jigsaw) to EYFS, KS1 and the staff.

Once again, a fabulous well done to everyone.



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.

EYFS and KS1 Prickly Hay

The children have worked extremely hard to perform a truly wonderful nativity again this year. We enjoyed it so much that we wanted to record it for all of our families to see.

We have sent each household a copy of the DVD but for those who cannot access the footage, we have added a link to the website.





Merry Christmas from our school to your home 😊

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:

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.

Seventh Week Highlights in Class 1

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

- Christingle



- Christmas Crafts; Calendars, Cards & Baubles





o The Elves have Arrived



o Letters from Santa





o Christmas Dinner





We had our Christingle service in school. We were joined by Rev. Michael and all of the children and staff. We recorded it all for you to see at home, as usually we would come together with the whole community in Church for this special service.

The Christmas magic is well and truly back!

To add to all of the excitement... SANTA had been to Nettlesworth and left each and every child a handwritten letter 😊

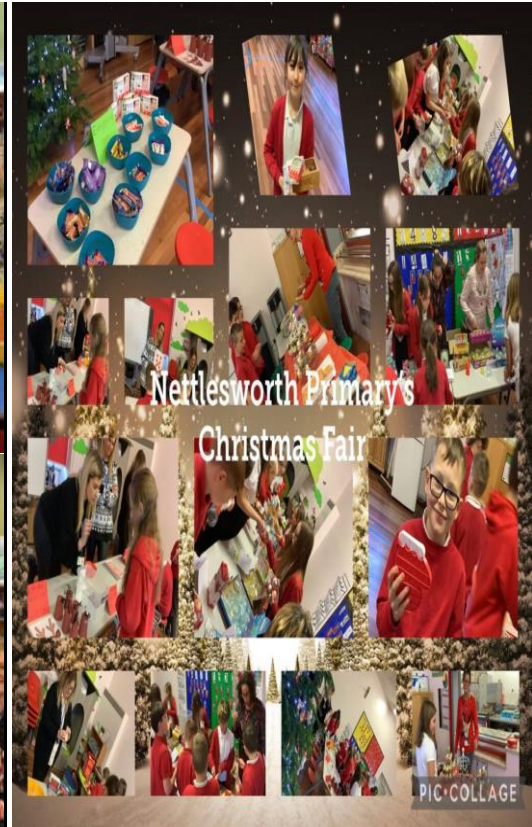


Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner Day

Virtual Christingle

UNCRC Article 14 (freedom of thought, belief and religion)

Thank you all for your £1 donation to charity, the children all looked so festive in their Christmas Jumpers. We enjoyed our Christmas lunch together in the school hall again this year, after doing it in bubbles last year.



Festive Creativities in Class 5

UNCRC Article 29 (goals of education)

How creative are the children of Class 5 being?

We are making our Christmas decorations and gifts, as well as writing our letter to Santa Claus in French. Well done to everyone

Christmas Fair – Nettlesworth Primary School

Another fabulous example of Rights Respecting Gold from our children when they helped to organise and run our Christmas Fair.

Well done to everyone involved



for fabulous work 🙌



Clay mountains – Misty Mountain Sierra

We have been working in groups sculpting 3D clay mountains, then we painted them to make them look even more realistic. Look at our wonderful creations.



Class 3's Last Week

This week we have had so much fun doing lots of Christmas crafts, having our lovely Christmas dinner and taking part in our Christingle Service. We are all ready for the Christmas holidays.





Thank you for your support this year and for all of the lovely gifts, cards and well wishes. Have a fantastic Christmas and New Year from Mrs Lee and all of the staff at Nettlesworth Primary School.

We will see you all back at school on Wednesday 5th January 2022