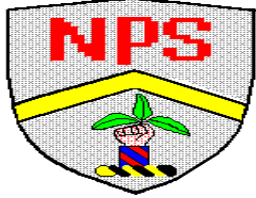


# Spring Term Newsletter



## Random Acts of Kindness Day 2022

Random Acts of Kindness Day is a day to celebrate and encourage random acts of kindness. Each class was given the opportunity to pick a different class name from a hat; once they had chosen their class they got to work deciding on what random act of kindness they wanted delivering to their door at 2pm! The deliveries were

AMAZING

- o The children of class 1 spoke and wanted to deliver Class 4 a make your own ice cream station "just like the Pizza Hut one":





- Class 2 wanted to deliver a balloon and a Movie to every child in Class 5:



- Class 3 decided to randomly surprise Class 1 with popcorn, sweeties and a Movie:



- Class 4 had the job of making Class 3 smile..... and their delivery of a chocolate fountain certainly did:



- Class 5 went for a delivery to match the weather too... Class 2 had Ice creams knocking on their door:

## #MAKEKINDNESSTHENORM

For more information, see the link below:

[Random Acts of Kindness | Random Acts of Kindness Day 2022](#)

### *Spring Term Disco*

*UNCRC Article 31 – The Right to relax and Play*

We had so much fun; singing, dancing and playing party games in the school hall for our Spring Time Disco. It was great to get together with our friends across the school as a treat for all of the hard work we have done so far this year. The smiles on the children's faces were huge. Happy Half term – you all

deserve it



### *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.

### *Intra House Football*

We had a fantastic afternoon celebrating and promoting Schools Football week on Wednesday 9th February.

Earlier in the week the Sports Leaders introduced this week with a whole school assembly. They then held an afternoon of football fun with Mr Beveridge.

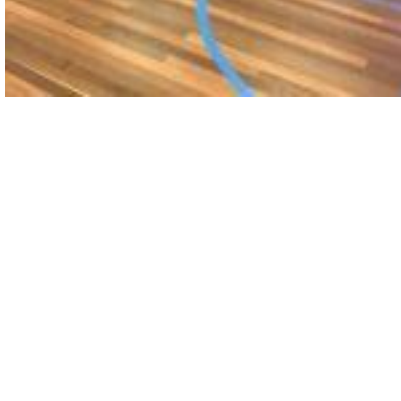
Each class had a football task to complete and score points towards their teams total. Sports Leaders kept score and gave our certificates of achievement!



We were pleased to announce the winning team was yellow who then had a go at beating the teachers!

We all had a great afternoon!

UNCRC Article 29 – right to join in a range of activities.





### *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*

Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Feb- Children Return to School

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar- Infant Agility Festival-New College

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar- Cheerleading- Class 4 and 5

Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar- World Book Day

Thur 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar- Boxercise-Class 4 and 5

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Mar- Science Day

Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Mar- Maths Day

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

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> Mar- Phonics Screening Meeting for Year 1 Parents

Thur 17<sup>th</sup> Mar- KS2 SATS Meeting with Parents

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Mar- Reports Given out to Parents

Red Nose Day

Wed 6<sup>th</sup> April- Easter Egg Competition

Fri 8<sup>th</sup> April- End of Term

Tue 26<sup>th</sup> April- Children Return Back to School

Thur 28<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Year 2 Children- KS1 Statutory Tests will take place Week Beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Year 6 children-** KS2 Statutory Tests will take place **Week Beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Class 1 celebrates National Pizza Day

If pizza is always your go-to favourite food, your day is finally here; **9<sup>th</sup> February**, is National Pizza Day and to celebrate this we made our own pizzas from scratch! Mrs Morton was sooo happy as pizza is her

favourite



We looked at where in the world Pizza was first invented and found out it was in **Naples, Italy!**



We also found out that to make the dough rise you need a living

thing, called **good bacteria**, to make the dough grow!

Our favourite part was adding our favourite toppings to the pizza bases .... not forgetting eating them after they were cooked!

Mmmmmm delicious





### Class 2 Home Readers

#### *Home Readers*

This half term we have tried hard to read at home at least once a week. Each week we receive a leaf to add to our class beanstalk if we remember! Mrs Aspinall and Mrs Hindmarch promised a chocolate fountain treat if we could reach 60 leaves before half term. Well today we smashed our target and managed 61 leaves a week before our deadline! We were super excited to sample the

chocolate

fountain yummy



Merci Papi

UNCRC Article 29 – Develop a child’s talents

Class 1 had lots of fun working with Papi, we have been working hard this half term to remember how to say ‘hello’ and ‘goodbye’ in French as well as how to say ‘mam’ and ‘dad’. We did some fantastic role play for greetings and even learned a new little rhyme that we can sing each

morning



A big thank you to our governor Papi for taking the time to come into class to teach us French phrases. In class 2 we are very good at saying ‘Je m’appelle’.

Thank you again Papi



We had a lovely visitor for our French lesson this week. Papi was kind enough to come in and teach us all of the French colours. She was so impressed with how class 3 listened and learned the colours. It was an amazing experience for class 3!



In Class 4, we had lots of fun with French picture and word flashcards. Merci Papi.





**Class 4 homework heroes!**

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

Well done to the homework heroes in Class 4 who received a special treat for bringing their homework in all term!



**Breakfast Club**

This week, the Rights Respecting Champions and members of our Breakfast Club have been working together to broaden our breakfast menu, by adding some new healthy options. They created a questionnaire to find out which foods breakfast club members would like to try. Using their pupil voice, they then discussed the outcomes with the breakfast club staff and today everyone enjoyed scrambled egg and beans on toast!

UNCRC Article – 12 – right to have a say in all matters affecting them



o **End of Topic in Class 1**

This week completed our half term topic of ‘superhero’s’

To celebrate our successes in learning we emerged into full detective mode to help find supertato; saving him and the other veggies from the evil pea... we had so much fun investigating different areas of the school looking for clues. Sarah in the kitchen was so pleased when we found the villain because he was upsetting all of her other

vegetables The jelly trap worked! MISSION

COMPLETE







*Taste the rainbow*

In Class 2, we celebrated the end of our Cornerstones topic Splendid Skies by having a taste

the rainbow party! We enjoyed turning our food into weather. A big thank you to Mrs Hindmarch's Mam for making us rainbow

cakes too





***Bounce!***

As a celebration of this half term's topic, 'Bounce', class 3 spent some of the afternoon playing with all kinds of different balls outside. We also had a small competition to see which ball bounces the highest.



**Gods and Mortals end of topic celebration in Class 4! 18.2.22**

I'm so proud of the amazing 3D structures of Gods and

Goddesses. Look at our fabulous designs.



Class 4 enjoyed tasting Greek foods and a Greek quiz! Some of the children loved the feta cheese and tzatziki dip, but weren't so keen on the olives! Evie, loved the olives!



*Year 2 multi-sport event!*

Class 3 have had a fantastic afternoon taking part in the Multi-sport festival at Maiden Castle. They took part in a dance and basket ball session and we all learnt lots of new things.





UNCRC Article 31 – Every child has the right to take part in a range of activities.

# Cornerstones Curriculum Showcase – 18.2.22

# UNCRC Article 31 – leisure, play and culture

What a fabulous way to celebrate the end of our Off With Her Head Cornerstone Curriculum by having a Tudor Banquet after performing our Tudor Masquerade to the school.

Once again, fantastic Rights Respecting Gold ethos to all our children 🙌



# PE – Masquerade – 18.2.22

# UNCRC Article 29 – goals of education

What a surprise we all had today; a visit from Henry VIII himself! He organised his Royal Court and they performed the Tudor Masquerade to the whole school.

Bravo to everyone in Class 5 🙌



# PE – Golf – 16.2.22

# UNCRC Article 29 (goals to education)

A brilliant effort to everyone in Class 5 to finish their PE topic – golf. You all competed in a tournament where you displayed some fabulous skills. Well done.



# PE – Archery – 10.2.22

## UNCRC Article 28 (right to education)

What another fabulous session with Darren where the children experienced archery; a sport that Henry VIII particularly enjoyed. Well done everyone.



# DT – 7.2.22

## UNCRC Article 28 (right to education)

What beautiful DT Class 5 produced today in making their picture frames ready for their Tudor portraits of Henry VIII's

wives. Superb Rights Respecting Gold ethos again.

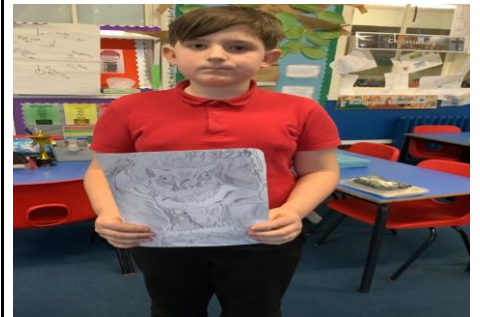


# Future Artist

## UNCRC Article 31- leisure, play and culture 28.1.22

What wonderful drawings you produce Jayden; all done independently at home.

A future career in art we think. Keep up your good work 🙌



# Player Of The Match – 9.2.22

## UNCRC Article 31- leisure, play and culture

A super performance over the weekend to Jenson who collected his POTM award for his efforts in goal. Well done and a future career in sports maybe?

