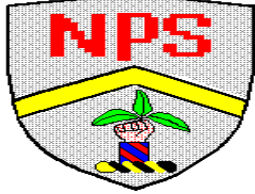


# Spring Term Newsletter



## *Sunflowers for Ukraine*

In assembly we talked about how we are thinking about the children in Ukraine. We discussed our UNCRC articles and rights that we all have as children. We decided that we would like to show the children in Ukraine that we are thinking about them during this difficult time. Each child planted a sunflower seeds that we are going to take care of in school. In the warmer months we will then plant them outside on our school field to watch them continue to grow.

UNCRC Article 1 – everyone under the age of 18 has all the rights in the Convention.





### Ukraine support day

**UNCRC Article 22 – Children who come into this country as refugees should have the same rights as children born into that country.**

Thank you for all of your kind donations. We managed to raise £125 for DEC.

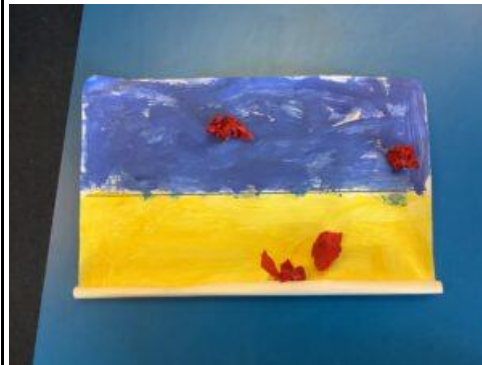
Today we are wearing yellow or blue to support the people of Ukraine. We all brought in a donation to help towards the cost of supplies. We are proudly displaying the art work the children made thinking of other children in Ukraine at this time.



Mini Makers made these wonderful sunflowers...



Class 2 added to the art work ...



### Maths Day 2022

Mr Graham and the staff organised us an exciting afternoon of activities to get our mathematician heads into. It was lots of fun and all of the school shared the afternoon with a different class teacher. We had so much fun taking part in a whole school Maths Day. Mr Beveridge even joined in the fun and helped deliver Active Maths with Mrs Morton and Miss Milburn.

- Mrs Morton worked with the wonderful Class 5 and WOW! It was wonderful to see the progress the children had made in their maths learning journeys (a one close to her heart as her first class of EYFS children.....now in Year 6!) We used lots of variation

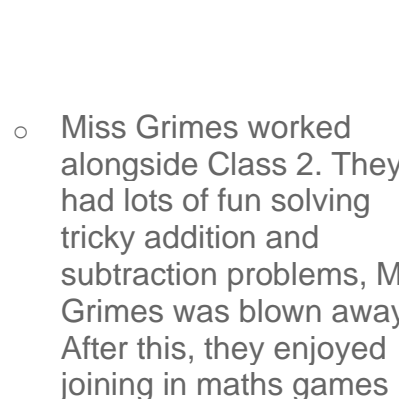
when working on individual mental arithmetic calculations before heading into the hall for a carousel of Active Maths activities – we certainly put the children through their paces.





o Mrs Aspinall visited Class 4 and was super impressed with the knowledge of the children....so impressed that Mrs Aspinall put her feet up and let the children do the teaching! Well done Class 4!





- Miss Grimes worked alongside Class 2. They had lots of fun solving tricky addition and subtraction problems, Miss Grimes was blown away! After this, they enjoyed joining in maths games and puzzles to put their knowledge of maths to the test.



- Miss Milburn and Mr Beveridge taught Class 3, who had so much fun with an active maths session! The children added their scores playing skittles, knocking down dominoes, bean bag hoop throwing and a hoop throwing number game! Everyone enjoyed adding up their scores to see who the winners were!



- Mr Graham worked with the youngest children in the school. They used concrete objects to solve different numerical patterns... their favourite being the addition with haribos!





### *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.

### *Mammal Web*

We were very excited to learn about the Mammal Web that we are using as part of our Science work. Mr Straughan helped us attach the Mammal Cam to a tree in our little garden. We are hoping that the camera will catch videos of animals that living in or visit our school grounds. We cant wait to see what the Mammal Cam catches!

*UNCRC Article 31 – right to join in a wide 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*

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

Tue 17<sup>th</sup> May- Class Photographs

Thur 26 <sup>th</sup> May- Royal Jubilee Party End of Half Term	Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July- End of Year Reports go out	<b>Year 6 children-</b> KS2 Statutory Tests will take place <b>Week Beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> May- Additional Bank Holiday (Queen's Jubilee)	Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> July- Class 5 End of Year Performance for Parents/Carers	<b>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.</b>
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> June- Children return to school	Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> July- TT Rockstar Day	Further letters will follow about different events.
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> June- New Reception Class Starters Sep 2022 Parents Meeting	Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> July- Y6 Leavers Assembly - Y6 Prom	<b>Absences</b> 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
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> June- Parents Meeting for Y5/6 going to Robinwood Residential	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July- End of Term/Picnic with Parents/Carers	<b>PE Kit</b> 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.
Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> June- New Reception Starters Visit 1	<b>Further letters/details will follow about each event</b>	<u>Fairtrade Fortnight in Class 1</u>
Tue 21 <sup>st</sup> June- Sports Day	<b><u>Statutory Tests- Year 1, 2, 4 and 6</u></b>	<b>UNCRC Article 27 – Every child has the right to a good standard of living and governments must help to provide this.</b>
Wed 22 <sup>nd</sup> June- New Reception Starters Visit 2	<b>Year 1 and some Year 2 children-</b> Phonics Screening Test takes place <b>Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>	Over the past 2 weeks we have been learning lots of new things linking to our UNCRC Rights Respecting work and Fairtrade Schools Award. Every year we celebrate Fairtrade fortnight
Mon 27 <sup>th</sup> June- New Reception Starters Visit 3	<b>Year 2 Children-</b> KS1 Statutory Tests will take place <b>Week Beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022-</b> the children will not know they are taking tests as we keep them very low key for the younger children	
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> June- New Reception Starters Visit 4 - Class Swap Day	<b>Year 4 Children-</b> Multiplication Tables Check- <b>Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>	
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> July- Summer Fayre		
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> July- KS2 SATS Results		
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> July-Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July- Y5/6 Residential to Robinwood		
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> July- Class 1 Performance for Parents/Carers		

and this year we have focused on 'Pablo – the Super Banana'.

We have tracked his location right from the banana farm in Columbia to our supermarket shelves, closely looking at the bananas that make the farmers happy by treating them fairly; (Fairtrade bananas) and the bananas that make the farmers sad; by not giving the farmers, who do the hardest work, a fair price. The children were shocked that this meant the farmers and their families didn't have the same UNCRC rights as they have here at Nettlesworth Primary School.

We have set a challenge for the next time we are shopping and will look out for the 'Super Sticker' on different products so that together we can make a difference to the wider community all around the world! This started on Thursday afternoon when we visited our in school Fairtrade Shop – we had lots of fun picking the different products to take

home





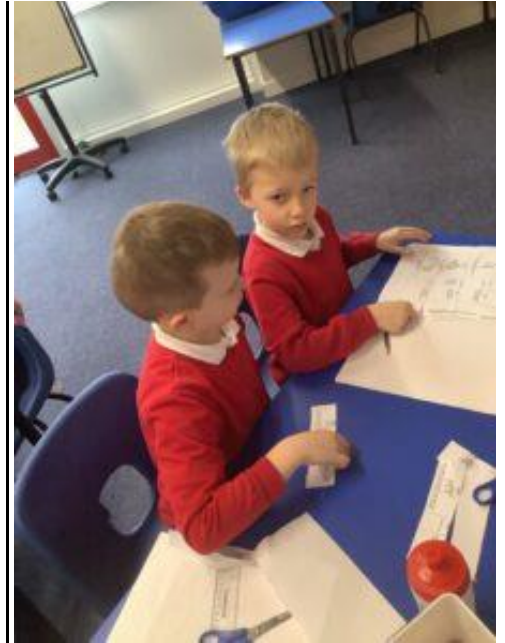


Fairtrade Fortnight in Class 3

## Fairtrade Fortnight...

We have been celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight in school. In our UNCRC lesson, we talked about Fairtrade and we shared ideas about where different foods came from. We looked at how chocolate was made and transported to our shops and completed different activities.

**UNCRC Article 27 – Every child has the right to a good standard of living and governments must help to provide this.**



Fairtrade Fortnight in Class 4

**UNCRC Article 24 – every child has the right to nutritious food**

In our UNCRC lessons we carried on with our Fair Trade discussions. We looked at a world map and found out where all the top producing Fairtrade countries are. We had to use our

geography skills too for for this lesson!



Fairtrade Fortnight in Class 2

Over the last two weeks we have learnt all about what Fairtrade means and how we can help when we shop. We looked at the Fairtrade symbol and have tried to spot it in our local community. We discussed how the farmers need a fair price for their produce. Look at our lovely work .....

## Red Nose Day

Thank you for all of your kind donations! We managed to raise £93.

We have had fun in school helping to support this good cause.





EYFS Oral Hygiene Workshops

In Class 1 we have been developing our knowledge and independence when looking after ourselves; especially when making healthy eating choices and maintaining good dental

hygiene ☐

Today we stepped into the roles of; dentist, dental nurse and the patient and performed an oral checkup. We looked at different food and drinks that are good / bad for our teeth and were surprised to see how much sugar is in some of our favourite

foods!

Building on our knowledge that we brush our teeth twice a day (morning and night) we found out that the most important time to brush our teeth is before we go to bed. We then learned a new song

that we can sing when brushing our teeth

We have all picked our own toothbrush and have been given some toothpaste to take home to share all of our dental hygiene tips with our parents. We have also decided to make a display in the corridor so that all of the school can see how important it is to keep our teeth clean and

healthy

