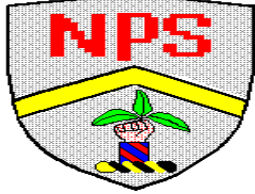


# Spring Term Newsletter



Happy Retirement Mrs Mordue

On Friday we said our goodbye's to Mrs Mordue, one of our lunchtime supervisors – we wish her all the best of luck and happiness in her retirement. Enjoy your holiday, we will see

you soon



## Easter Egg Competition 2022

## UNCRC Article 29 – goals of education

What a beautiful morning we have all experienced in welcoming our parents and carers to share our Easter Egg competition results. Every child designed and created their entry to be judged by 2 judges from each class; the children were able to explain to the whole assembly why they liked each winning design. Every child in the school received an egg – curtesy of our wonderful parent group.

A Rights Respecting Gold ethos demonstrated by all – well done to everyone.







PE - Tennis

# UNCRC Article 31 – leisure, play and artistic culture

Another fantastic lesson today in PE; we really are demonstrating fabulous skills in our racket and ball control. Another example of Rights Respecting Gold ethos Class 5.





Art

## UNCRC Article 31 – leisure, play and artistic culture

Some fabulous efforts in our artwork today where our children are recreating artistic qualities demonstrated by the Inuit population. Unbelievable resilience and dedication to succeed. Well done Class 5.



PE – Cricket

## UNCRC Article 31 – leisure, play

## and artistic culture

A super experience today when our children participated in a cricket taster session. Well done to all for demonstrating your Rights Respecting Gold ethos once again.



Science Enquiry

## UNCRC Article 28 – right to education

Some super Science Enquiries today when our wonderful children were exploring the best electrical conductors. Well done Class 5.



### *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.

### *Skipping School*

On Friday we had lots of fun joining in a whole school Skipping School day with Gail.

Class 1 had a super fun session and blew Gail's socks off! She never expected that they would progress from Level 1 – 4 in 1 session. We were able to jump the rope and move forwards and

backwards







In Class 3 we had a fantastic time learning how to skip. We learned lots of new skills and had lots of fun.



In class 2 Gail taught all of us to skip! She was so amazed at our skills that we quickly progressed onto the big rope and every single one of us had a go at jumping in the rope. How amazing!





In class 4 we learnt lots of new skills, like the single and double bounce. We had lots of talented skippers as we have skipping ropes every playtime. Gail was impressed with us and we had lots of fun!



In Class 5, we were able to demonstrate our Rights Respecting Gold ethos in learning a variety of new skipping skills including: single bounce; double bounce; figure of eight...

The children absolutely loved their session with Gail and can't wait to practice their skills during play and dinner times.



### 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

Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April-Skipping School Visit

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

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> April- Class 4 Trip to Beamish Museum

Thur 28<sup>th</sup> April- Year 2 SATS Test Meeting with Parents

Year 4 Times Table Check Meeting with Parents

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> May- Crazy Critters visit to school

WB 9<sup>th</sup> May-KS1/2 SATS Assessments

Tue 10<sup>th</sup> May- Class 2 Outdoor Adventurous Activities Event

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

Thur 26<sup>th</sup> May- Royal Jubilee Party

End of Half Term

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> May- Additional Bank Holiday (Queen's Jubilee)

Mon 6<sup>th</sup> June- Children return to school

- 3 week window opens to do Year 1 phonics screening tests and Y4 Times Tables Tests

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> June- Y5/6 Athletics Event

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> June- Class 4 visit to Blue Reef Aquarium

Fri 10<sup>th</sup> June- New Reception Class Starters Sep 2022 Parents Meeting

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> June- Parents Meeting for Y5/6 going to Robinwood Residential

- SPLAT Circus skills experience in school

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> June- New Reception Starters Visit 1

Tue 21<sup>st</sup> June- Sports Day

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> June- Class 1, 2, 3 Trip to Hamsterley Forest

Thur 23<sup>rd</sup> June- New Reception Starters Visit 2

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> June- New Reception Starters Visit 3

Tue 28<sup>th</sup> June- Class 5 Trip to Beamish Museum



Wed 29 <sup>th</sup> June- New Reception Starters Visit 4 - Class Swap Day	Wed 20 <sup>th</sup> July- End of Term/Picnic with Parents/Carers	<b>Absences</b> If your child is unwell, please contact school office as soon as possible by <b>9am</b> . It is important that children attend school as often as possible because if they are not in school they cannot learn
Thur 30 <sup>th</sup> June- Class 3 Multiskills at Maiden Castle	<b>Further letters/details will follow about each event</b>	<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.
Fri 1 <sup>st</sup> July- Framwellgate Moor induction day for Y6	<b><u>Statutory Tests- Year 1, 2, 4 and 6</u></b>	
Sat 2 <sup>nd</sup> July- Summer Fayre	<b>Year 1 and some Year 2 children-</b> Phonics Screening Test takes place Week Beginning <b>6<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>	
Tue 5 <sup>th</sup> July- KS2 SATS Results	<b>Year 2 Children-</b> KS1 Statutory Tests will take place Week Beginning <b>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	<b>Spring 2 in Class 1</b>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> July-Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July- Y5/6 Residential to Robinwood	<b>Year 4 Children-</b> Multiplication Tables Check- <b>Week Beginning 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>	<b>Easter EGG- straveganzaaaa</b> Today was our Easter Egg Competition – it was so nice to welcome you into the school to see our wonderful designs and hard work. Class 1 had a theme of 'Down at the Farm' and I was wowed by all of their entries We got to work planning our farmyard animals on paper before crating our masterpieces on eggs, here are some photos of us hard at work
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup> July- Class 1 Performance for Parents/Carers	<b>Year 6 children-</b> KS2 Statutory Tests will take place <b>Week Beginning Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022</b>	
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup> July- End of Year Reports go out	<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 11 <sup>th</sup> July- History Bloke visit to school		
Tue 12 <sup>th</sup> July- Class 1 Multiskills Festival		
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> July- History Bloke Visit to school		
Thur 14 <sup>th</sup> July- Class 5 End of Year Performance for Parents/Carers		
Fri 15 <sup>th</sup> July- TT Rockstar Day		
Tue 19 <sup>th</sup> July- Y6 Leavers Assembly - Y6 Prom	Further letters will follow about different events.	All of the children won an Easter Egg for taking part in the competition, here are our runners up and winner from Class 1 (judged by Class 2 children):

1st Place: Sebastian Buttle with  
Horsey  
2nd Place: Thomas Longstaff  
with Percy Pig  
3rd Place: Nolan Aspinall with  
Super Cow









### Fifth Week Highlights...

This week we have been looking at characters in stories and using describing words to tell others what they are like. We used adjectives like "hardworking, kind and helpful" for the Little Red Hen and adjectives like "grumpy, lazy and greedy" for the

dog.

We made bread just like the Little Red Hen in the book we are reading and it tasted delicious! We were so good at following the instructions

In numeracy we have been looking at measurements and how to weigh different ingredients

when following recipes.

In PE this week we have put all of our throwing skills together to begin a team game and we had the opportunity to work with a skipping coach who showed us

how to skip















### Happy Mother's Day 2022

Happy Mother's Day from your  
little ray's of sunshine







watched the newborn piglets feed from their mammy. We also had a tractor drive around the farm to see the other animals and because we were so good at listening and following instructions we had some time at the end to play on the soft

play

In Literacy, we have been looking at the story the Little Red Hen and using the vocabulary beginning, middle and end to organise the different events that

happened in it

We have been getting our BAKE ON this week, in preparation for the Big Hatty Bake Off on Friday to support Brain Tumour Awareness. We had lots of fun baking and even more fun revealing the cake in a whole school assembly and tasting everyone else's! We were all winners in the end and had ice

lolly treats for prizes.



### Fourth Week Highlights...

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

Spring has been a huge focus this week and the weather has been glorious too! In science we have been nature detectives, spotting signs that Spring has Sprung. This continued at the farm, where we saw lots of new life! We fed baby lambs from bottles, held baby chicks and



















