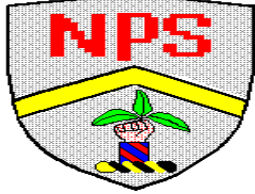


Summer Term Newsletter



Royal Jubilee Celebrations
Rights Respecting Council Assembly

UNCRC Article 30 – customs and religion

What an unbelievable treat we had today when our rights respecting council delivered an assembly in celebration to the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Well done to Amelia and Maisie who played the National Anthem on their violin.



UNCRC Article 30 - customs and religion
Rights Respecting Council Hosting Queen's Jubilee Assembly - 23.3.22

PIC-COLLAGE

Platinum Jubilee Picnic with Parents 2022

UNCRC Article 31: Every child has the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts.

To celebrate 70 years of our wonderful; Queen Elizabeth II, we hosted a picnic with the whole school and their families this afternoon. In true British weather style the weather was wet and then broke out onto glorious sunshine. Despite this the afternoon was filled with laughter, dancing and eating soggy sandwiches!

Thank you to everyone who came along and made the day a huge success – it was great to share such an important event with the whole community !







Class 1's Jubilee Celebrations

UNCRC Article 31: Every child has the right to rest and leisure, to engage in play and recreational activities and to participate freely in cultural life and the arts.

Class 1 have enjoyed 2 weeks of learning focused around the Queen, her life and the city of London. We have learned the national anthem, looked at landmarks in London, made flags, crowns and jubilee decorations for the front of the school and dug into her history over the last 70 years she has reigned.

To celebrate the finale of our learning at home and in school we invited our parents in for a jubilee picnic – it was so much fun!





Class 2's Jubilee Celebrations

In Class 2 we have joined in lots of different activities to help learn and celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. We have all made crowns and decorated flags in preparation for our whole school picnic tomorrow. We are excited to see you all there!





National Fieldwork Week 2022

Class 1 – Where are the best places to play in our community?

As part of National Fieldwork week, we decided to look around our local community to find the safest and most enjoyable place to play in our village. We put the question to the children and they wrote a list of 4 places that they thought would be good to explore; Nettlesworth Park, The Community Centre, The Forest & Kimblesworth Park.

We used a large map to navigate our way around the village to the different places we suggested and when we got back to school we recorded our opinions in a pictograms, tally chart and bar chart. The place with the most votes (11) was Kimblesworth Park and here are some of the reasons why:

- * It has a big fence around it and a gate so we are safe when playing,
- * This park isn't near a busy road,
- * It's got lots of things to play on and a basketball court and a big field for picnics,
- * It has bins and not much litter on the floor.

Great work class 1 🌍





Class 2 – Walk to Waldridge Fell

We all had so much fun walking over the fell as part of our National Fieldwork week work. We looked at all of the natural and man made things that we could see. We loved looking at the school from afar and also spotted lots of houses. We enjoyed spending 10 minutes stilling and using all of our senses to explore the world around us.



Class 3 – Treasure hunt...

Class 3 had a fun geography lesson this week, for National Fieldwork Week. We created our very own treasure maps, adding all of the features we have been covering across the year and a route for our partners to follow. We then went outside and challenged our friends to find our hidden treasure, marked on our maps. We all managed to find each others treasure and were able to accurately use the maps and follow the routes.





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.

Paul Cookson Whole School Workshop

The children had a visit from the amazing poet and author (and totally awesome ukulelist); Paul Cookson. He delivered an amazing workshop to the whole school with some hilarious poems! The children (and the staff!) loved taking part in the actions and words. There was so much laughter and love for poetry created at Nettlesworth today!

After the assembly, each class had the chance to take part in a workshop with Him, linking to our new cornerstones topics. With some of his creative help, we began to make our own poems and wow they are all fantastic!

Well done everyone and thanks you Paul ☐☐

Check out our photos and videos of a day we will never forget 😊

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/zOcFsuWoDdE>





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 your 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

Mon 6th June- Children return to school

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

Mon 20th June- New Reception Starters Visit 1

Tue 21st June- Sports Day

Wed 22nd June- Class 1, 2, 3 Trip to Hamsterley Forest

Thur 23rd June- New Reception Starters Visit 2

Mon 27th June- New Reception Starters Visit 3

Tue 28th June- Class 5 Trip to Beamish Museum

Wed 29th June- New Reception Starters Visit 4
- Class Swap Day

Thur 30th June- Class 3 Multiskills at Maiden Castle

Fri 1st July- Framwellgate Moor induction day for Y6

Sat 2nd July- Summer Fayre

Tue 5th July- KS2 SATS Results

Wed 6th July-Fri 8th July- Y5/6 Residential to Robinwood

Wed 6th July- Class 1 Performance for Parents/Carers

Fri 8th July- End of Year Reports go out

Mon 11th July- History Bloke visit to school

Tue 12th July- Class 1 Multiskills Festival

Wed 13th July- History Bloke Visit to school

Thur 14th July- Class 5 End of Year Performance for Parents/Carers

Fri 15th July- TT Rockstar Day

Tue 19th July- Y6 Leavers Assembly
- Y6 Prom

Wed 20th July- End of Term/Picnic with Parents/Carers

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 6th June 2022

Year 2 Children- KS1 Statutory Tests will take place Week Beginning Monday 9th 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 6th June 2022

Year 6 children- KS2 Statutory Tests will take place Week Beginning Monday 9th 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.

Durham Music Service Big Band UNCRC Article 31 – leisure, play and culture

What a wonderful treat we had today when we welcomed the Durham Music Services Brass Band into school. We were introduced to a variety of instruments including: French Horn; Cornet; Trumpet...and we're given a demonstration as to

how they sounded individually and part of an entire band.

We all believe that our children have been inspired by the musicians and we could have future career prospects in the making.

Once again, outstanding rights respecting gold ethos by all our children and staff – a truly wonderful afternoon. Well done everyone.

