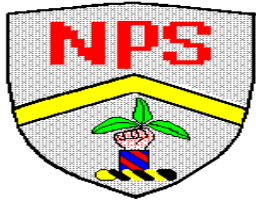


Autumn Term Newsletter



Class 2 Visit to Hancock Museum

We had lots of fun visiting the Hancock Museum in Newcastle. We learnt all about the fossils and how Scientists can learn about animals from the past by studying them. We were lucky (or unlucky) enough to hold dinosaur poo!! We have had such a lovely day learning all about our topic : Dinosaur Planet.

A massive thank you to Mrs Lofthouse, our governor, for her help today.

UNCRC Article 31 – children have the right to join in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.





First Week for our New Reception

The new children joining us have settled in extremely well this week. They have loved exploring their new classroom and meeting their new friends in Class 1. What a wonderful week we have had 😊





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 lego therapy running at that time. Thank you so much to parents/carers for your continued support.

Tribute to Queen Elizabeth II

We paid our respect to our Queen. In school Mrs Lee held a special assembly to remember how the Queen served us all over her 70 year reign. We enjoyed discussing how we had recently celebrated her jubilee in school as well as at home with our friends and family.

As a mark of respect all adults in school wore black and pinned a white rose.

Mr Straughan hung our Union Jack flag half mast outside our school as a sign of respect.

Each class have contributed to our very own book of

condolences to share our thoughts at this very sad time.

Rest in peace your Majesty.



Holidays in Term Time

Our school attendance last year decreased to 95%. Our school attendance target is 96%. This target is National Average and therefore now slightly below. 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. Thankyou for your support

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 First Half Term:

Thur 22nd Sept- Class 2 Church Visit

Tue 27th September- Class 4-Tri Golf-New College Durham

Tue 4th Oct- Individual Class Photographs

W/B 10th October- School Book Fair

Wed 12th Oct- Class 4-Gymnastics-Sherburn Leisure Centre

Tue 18th October- Harvest Festival- Kimblesworth Church 2pm

Wed 19th Oct- Class 2 Gymnastics-Sherburn Leisure Centre

Thur 20th Oct- Halloween Disco

Fri 21st Oct- End of Half Term

Mon 31st Oct- Children return to school

W/B 31st Oct- Parent appointments with class teachers (no after school clubs this week)

Thur 3rd Nov- Adam Bushnell class workshops

Fri 4th Nov- Class 3 Multiskills-New College

Thur 10th Nov- Maths Day

Fri 11th Nov- Remembrance Service at school for children

Fri 11th Nov- CRISIS CHARITY-Class 5 School Sleepover

Tue 15th Nov- Athletics-Class 5-Maiden Castle

Fri 18th Nov- Children in Need Parliamentary

Coffee Morning

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.

Rights Respecting School

We are immensely proud to be a UNICEF Rights Respecting School Gold School.



UNCRC Article 12 – Children have the right to say what they think should happen when adults are making decisions that affect them, and to have their opinions taken in to account.

As a Rights Respecting school we are an organisation which promotes equality and the UNCRC articles giving children in our care a high level of pupil voice and participation as well as striving to educate them to become all round Global citizens.

We are also a Rights Respecting Ambassador School, where we work with other schools to help promote and achieve Rights Respecting Schools Award

A large part of this work is the creation of **Charters** – agreements between the children and adults in school about what actions both groups will take to help promote the UNCRC articles.

Groups of children in a class will choose an article that they feel is important to them and think about what actions they as children can take to help themselves and others globally to make that article work.

Adults in school will think about what actions they can take to do the same. Together, class, whole school and playground charters are created which helps to make our school a thoughtful, reflective place to learn, work and play.

SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – 2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR- APPLYING FOR A RECEPTION SCHOOL PLACE

As in previous years, we are strongly encouraging parents/carers to apply on-line for a school place for their child. **All the information you need to be able to do this is available from the Council's website from 5 September 2022:**

www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions

APPLYING FOR A SECONDARY SCHOOL PLACE

The application process for the Secondary Admissions 2023 Intake is due to begin on **Monday 5th September 2022.**

Parents can make their application for Secondary School online by visiting www.durham.gov.uk/schooladmissions and the School Admissions online application facility will be available to parents from **Monday 5th September 2022.**

The Closing Date for Secondary School Applications is the 31st October 2022.

If parents do not wish to apply online they can complete a paper application form, and these are available on request from the School Admissions Team from **05 September 2022.**

These application forms can be requested by e-mail to schooladmissions@durham.gov.uk or by telephone from the School Admissions and Transport Team on 03000 265896.

Liz Million Author & Illustrator visits Nettlesworth!

On Monday 12th September 2022, an exciting and motivating Illustrator and Author called Liz Million spent the day working with all of our children in the school.

Liz ran workshops for each of the different classes, talking to the children about her life and how she pushed herself to follow her dream of making her love of drawing her career. She launched all of the classes new cornerstones topics and brought to life their imaginations 😊

She showed the children a portfolio of work that she had collected from early childhood and throughout her career and encouraged the children to put down their electronics and pick up a pencil! Liz talked about and demonstrated her unique drawing techniques, using characters related to their English topics. The children were all then given the opportunity to follow her step by step, creating their own story illustrations.

A thoroughly enjoyable day was experienced by all and our newly developed drawing skills will continue to grow!

Class 1 – Marvellous Me



Class 2/3 – Dinosaur Plant & Beats Bands Boogie





Class 4 – Raiders & Traders

