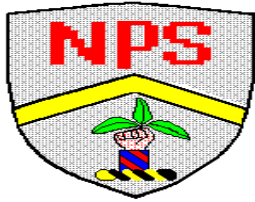


Autumn Term Newsletter



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Today, Class 4 took part in a Tri Golf circuit at Maiden Castle. We tried lots of different ways to improve our golfing skills and had lots of fun doing it! We definitely have some super golfers in Class 4!

Well done everyone!

UNCRC Article 31 – every child has the right to relax, play and take part in a wide range of activities.





Sainsbury's Games Platinum Award

We have amazing news to share with you all our hard work in PE was recognised over the summer with us being awarded PLANTINUM School Games Mark for 2021-23. This is the highest award possible and we are so proud of the hard work all of our pupils and staff do in terms of PE and Sports. They demonstrate all of the Sainsburys values in PE lessons and this shines through into all subjects they do. We love that our leaders are amazing and always spoken so highly of by visitors in and out of school.

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.

Third Week Highlights in Class 1

This week in Class 1 we have been talking about the things that make us U N I Q U E ... using

mirrors we looked at the different features on our faces that make us all magnificent as well as

different to one another We then painted self portraits for our classroom display

We started phonics this week too, learning the first two sounds /m/ and /a/, it has been great to see so many of you practising the formation of these sounds at home in the Red books.

In PE this week we started our fundamental movement skills with Darren and he was very impressed with how we could all

move in time to the music







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

W/B 10th October- School Book Fair

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

Wed 12th Oct- Science Ambassadors Beacon of Light Engineering Trip

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

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

Thur 20th Oct- Halloween Disco (no after school clubs this night)

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

Fri 4th Nov- Class 5- visit from Police to talk about Hate Crime

Tue 8th Nov- Cross Country Team/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

Wed 16th Nov- Class 4 Trip to Beamish/STEM/Science/Engineering Project

Fri 18th Nov- Children in Need Parliamentary Coffee Morning

Mon 5th Dec- End of Term Reports to Parents/Carers

Tue 6th Dec- Class 4/5 Christmas Nativity Performance

Thur 8th Dec- Class 1/2/3 Christmas Nativity Performance

Fri 9th Dec- Christmas Fair

Tue 13th Dec- Christingle Service

Wed 14th Dec- Christmas Dinner/Christmas Jumper Day

Thur 15th Dec- Christmas Party

Fri 16th Dec- Elf Run for St Cuthberts Hospice

Tue 20th Dec- End of Term

Thur 5th Jan- Children return to school

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.

Class 2 Forest School

Today was our first Forest School Session with Alice from OASES. We had lots of fun taking part in different activities. We joined in looking for the colours of the rainbow, hide and seek, giant art work and fabric pressing. We were fantastic using the tools, we all did so very safely. Our favourite task was hide and seek and we learnt lots about the colours of the seasons.

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

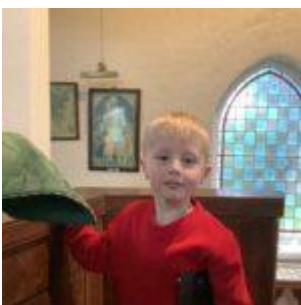


Class 2 Visit to Church

Today we had a lovely visit to Church. Reverend Michael and June showed us around and pointed out all of the objects you might find in a Christian Church. We now know lots of the objects

names and can talk about what they are used for.

UNCRC Article 14 – Right to a religion



Science Club

We had so much fun in this weeks Science club! We looked at circuits and how we can light up a bulb. We were all so very careful when making our complete circuits. Look at our bulbs glow!



NHS Mental Health Work

Today, Class 4 were visited by Eve from the NHS Mental Health team who is going to be coming and working with us every Tuesday morning. We began our first session by identifying the differences between feelings, emotions and behaviours. We're going to be doing lots of work on understanding our own feelings, emotions and behaviours this term.

Big thank you to Eve for coming to speak with us!

UNCRC Article 24 – every child has the right to the best possible health.

