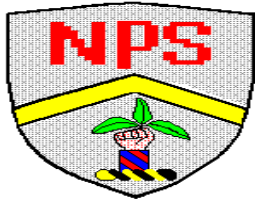


Autumn Term Newsletter



AfPE Re-accreditation

We are excited to announce that all of our hard work in PE has once again been recognised and our school has been awarded the **afPE Quality Mark + Distinction** for a period of 3 years.

During the award process it was noted that as a school our strengths are the following:

- The subject lead is passionate and committed to continually driving the development of PESSPA across the school and dedicated in inspiring ALL pupils to be physically active
- The senior management and the rest of the staff whole heartedly support the schools' vision for PESSPA, understand the impact that it has on the development of their pupils and implement all interventions with enthusiasm
- The commitment of the school in achieving a REAL active 30 minutes for their pupils each day

A massive congratulations to everyone for the hard work and dedication.



Violinist's Christmas Performance

UNCRC Article 29 – goals of education

What a fabulous treat today when our violinists – who have been working with Mr Stokoe from Durham Music Services all year – performed to the whole school with a selection of Christmas songs.

A wonderful Rights Respecting Gold ethos demonstrated by all; we are very proud of you all.



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.

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

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.

Elf Run for St Cuthbert's Hospice

Thank you to everyone for taking part in our Christmas Elf Run in aid of St Cuthbert's Hospice. We had lots of fun joining in a whole school warm up with Leanne Kemp before all taking part in our charity run. Thank you very much for all of the kind donations.

Thank you to our Sports Leaders for once again helping to ensure the PE event ran smoothly.





Artist of the Half Term

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This half term we chose Jake as our artist of the half term. This half term Picasso was our artist and Jake was very inspired by this and created some super artwork.

Well done Jake!



KS2 Nativity Performance Bethlehem

We are super proud of all of the children in KS2 who put on an amazing show for their loved ones. Every child sang and performance brilliantly. All little stars! Well done and a Merry Christmas.



The Big Sing

This afternoon, we were lucky enough to join Durham Music Services online live for a Christmas Carol service. We even saw our violin teacher, Mr Stokoe! We had lots of fun singing along and even learned some new songs.

UNCRC Article 29 – education must develop every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full.

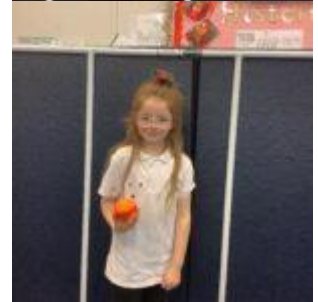


Christingles

All children each made their own Christingle for our Christingle service on Tuesday. Everyone was able to explain what each part of the Christingle represents and we had a lot of fun practising our singing to perform our own acoustic version of Light of the World in our service.

UNCRC Article 14 – every child has the right to believe and practise a religion.





Class 4 and 5 Ukulele Performance

We had to chance to perform a blues song we have been learning with Mr Ray from Durham Music Services on ukulele for the whole school! We are so proud of Class 4 and 5 for their confidence, their fantastic ukulele playing and their beautiful singing along to Jingle Bells.

Well done everyone!

UNCRC Article 28 – every child has the right to an education.



Our Sixth Week Highlights in Class 1...

This week we have enjoyed exploring our topic even further by looking at Polar climates and how different animals survive there. We have compared this to the climate of our country and talked about how different animals live in different parts of the world.

We have looked in detail at the Christmas Story and discussed why Christmas is so important to many Christians today.





Thank you for your support this year and for all of the lovely gifts, cards and well wishes. Have a fantastic Christmas and New Year from Mrs Lee and all of the staff at Nettlesworth Primary School.

We will see you all back at school on Thursday 5th January 2023