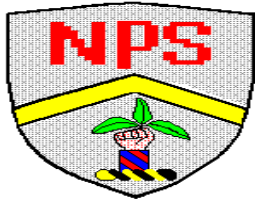


Autumn Term Newsletter



KS2 SATs Assessments

The 2023 end of Key Stage 2 national curriculum tests will be held in the week beginning Monday 8th May 2023.

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

Tuesday 9th: English grammar, punctuation and spelling papers 1 and 2

Wednesday 10th: English reading

Thursday 11th: Mathematics papers 1 and 2

Friday 12th: Mathematics paper 3

Come on England 21.11.22

UNCRC Article 31 – leisure, play and artistic culture

What a fabulous afternoon we have all had supporting England in their opening World Cup game against Iran in Qatar. Rights Respecting Gold ethos was demonstrated by all our children and well done for a brilliant win.

A great big thank you to Sarah for making a super lunch to help us show our support too. Delicious!





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

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

Tue 6th Dec- Class 4/5 Christmas Nativity Performance 2pm

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

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

Fri 9th Dec- Christmas Fair
1.30pm

Tue 13th Dec- Christingle Service
2pm

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.

Children in Need 2022

We were proud to
support **Children in Need** by
dressing in Spots and Pudsey
clothing in exchange for a
donation for this wonderful
charity. Altogether we raised a
huge **£121** – thank you to

everyone who donated

The School **Sports**

Leaders designed some
amazing **SPOT**acular games to
play with the children in their
teams on Friday afternoon in the
school hall – there was; 4 in a
row, dominoes, SPOT the
difference between the teachers,
Pudsey Pointillism Art and
Twister.

The children loved playing the
games and everyone received a
prize for taking part, a massive
thanks to the School Sports
Leaders for helping!

We also had 3 prizes for the most
SPOTTY children in the school;
our nominees are below and the
overall winners were: Lucas,
Jacob and Pudsey....or should

we say Lilly







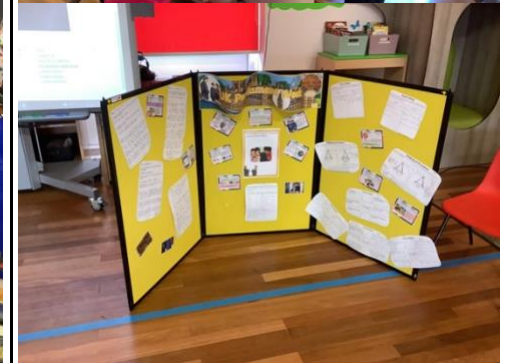
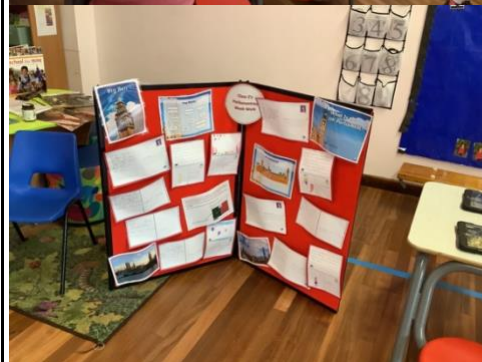
Parliamentary Week

UNCRC Article 12 – respect for the views of the child

What a wonderful week our children have had participating in a variety of debates and learning

about the roles and responsibilities Parliament has in order to ensure the needs of our country are met. We are delighted with the work our children have produced and we also welcomed our parents into school on Friday to showcase our work and ask them on their opinions on our debates during a Parliamentary Coffee Morning.

Rights Respecting Gold ethos demonstrated by all.





Walk and Talk

Well done to Ava and Amelia for achieving an award for their hard work on their Walk and Talk Home booklets. Your hard work was recognised by the Walk and Talk team too!



Chester le Street Police Santa in a Van!

Great news ... Santa will be visiting Nettlesworth Community Centre Carpark on Friday 9th December with Chester le Street Police. Don't miss him!



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Class 2's Speed Watch with PCSO Dean and PCSO Sam

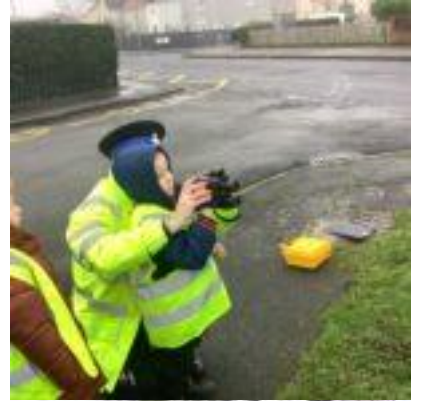
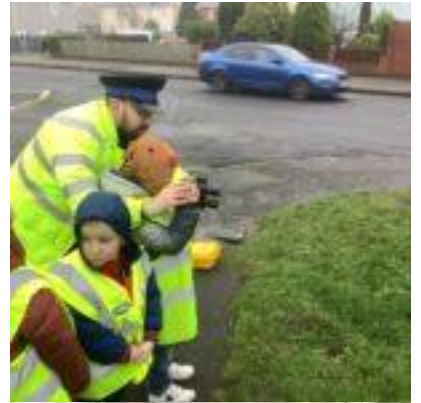
Today we worked with PCSO Dean and PCSO Sam to track the speed of cars outside of our school. Dean and Sam told us all about the importance of road safety and driving at the correct speed limit. We then used the speed gun to monitor the speed of traffic outside of school. Dean



spotted a van driving too fast ... the driver got a warning to slow down!

Back in class we created posters reminding people to slow down.







Class 1's Oral Hygiene Workshop

UNCRC Article 24: Every child has the right to the best possible Healthcare.

We have also had the first of our ORAL HYGIENE visits this week and in the first session we have been learning how we can look after our teeth. We talked about

Foods that are good as snacks,

Foods that are not good snacks with lots of sugar in (therefore these should be kept to only eaten at mealtimes)

Brushing our teeth twice a day,

Going to the dentist. The children loved dressing up as the dental nurse, dentist and patient – I can see some future careers in dental hygiene in Class







Chester-le-Street Christmas Lights

Well done to Lilly, who was a winner of the Christmas Colouring Chester-le-Street's light Switch Competition. Lilly and her family were invited to turn the Christmas lights on at Chester-le-Street and collect her prize. Congratulations we are really proud of you.

The Wheely Good Challenge at Beamish Museum

Today, Class 4 went on a very special trip to Beamish Museum to take part in the Science Wheely Good challenge! The children learned the basics of using K'Nex and then were set the challenge of constructing any type of wheeled vehicle they wanted! They worked in their teams to complete this challenge, allowing them the opportunity to generate ideas with their teamwork, build their models and test them in front of the class!

After our fantastic construction session, we had a walk around the 1900s town where Miss Owens led us through the sweet shop, The Co-Op and along the terraced street of Ravensworth Terrace. Along the way we were constantly spotting things that could be made out of mighty metals – the fillings in the dentist were made out of gold and even lead!

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







It's Christmas!!!

UNCRC Article 31 – take part in a range of cultural activities.

Today the children had lots of fun decorating our classroom in Class 3. We put baubles on our tree and made Christmas paper chains. We had lots of fun playing in Santa's Grotto and choosing our first day of advent!





