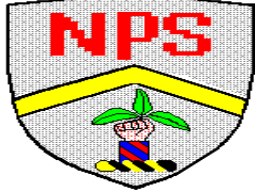


# SummerTerm Newsletter



## Curriculum Engagement Visit with Adam Bushnell

UNCRC Article 31 – Take part in a range of activities.

We had a visit from the fantastic Adam Bushnell. In Class 3 to launch their topic 'Land Ahoy!' They had the opportunity to create their very own pirate flag, treasure map and imagine what it would be like to be a pirate. The children used some fantastic adjectives to describe their drawings and had the chance to look at some excellent pirate artefacts. This linked well to their pirate topic and allowed the class to gain some brilliant ideas for stories they will be writing in Literacy!





## 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, 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.

Being frequently late for school means lost learning:

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

## Lateness to School

School starts at **8:45 am**. Your child will receive a late mark if they arrive after this time. If your child arrives after the register closes at **9.15 am** they will be given an unauthorised late mark. Persistent Unauthorised late marks will result in a referral to the Local Authority School Improvement Officer for further intervention and enforcement action may be taken.

**Please can you ensure children arrive at school for 8.45am. Thank you so much to parents/carers for your continued support.**

## Holidays in Term Time

**We have seen a large increase in requests for holidays in term time. Due to this, our school attendance has fallen from 96.7% to 95.5%. Our school attendance target is 96%. This target is National Average. Ofsted evaluate school attendance and a low attendance can affect school's Ofsted judgements. Just to remind parents and carers that as of 1<sup>st</sup> 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/Emails

We regularly send texts to parents with details of events happening in school or just reminders. We are now also sending emails. Thank you for your patience while we are updating this. Letters have been sent out explaining our new systems. Please notify school if you haven't received any texts/emails in the last week. Your contact details may need updating.

## School Website

Please continue to look at our school website on [www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk](http://www.nettlesworth.durham.sch.uk) for diary dates, latest news, celebrations, advice and information.

## Soccer Aid UNICEF 2023

We had lots of fun taking part in football skills to help raise money for our annual Soccer Aid event.

The sports leaders did an amazing job of organising and delivering the whole event for our school.

Two final treats ... slush and watching a football match. Sports leaders v Teachers. A clean 4 – 1 win to the leaders ... well done!





*Diary Dates*

**W/B Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June-** Year 1 Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 Multiplication Times Tables Check

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June-** New Reception Starters Visit 1

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June-** Sports Day- 2pm

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June-** New Reception Starters Visit 2

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June-** New Reception Starters Visit 3

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June-** Year 5/6 Quidditch Festival

<p><b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June-</b> New Reception Starters Visit 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Class Swap Day</li> <li>- Hermitage Secondary transition Day</li> </ul>	<p><b>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September-</b> Children return to school</p>	<p>your child's absence a letter will be sent requesting details of the absence or our Parent Support Advisor will come out and visit to see if you need any support. If this is not returned and still no reason for the absence is provided the absence will be marked as unauthorised.</p>
<p><b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June-</b> Hermitage Secondary Transition Day</p>	<p><b>Further letters/details will follow about each event</b></p>	<p>Only head teachers can authorise absence and it is at their discretion as to whether the reason provided is acceptable or not.</p>
<p><b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June-</b> Framwellgate Moor Transition Day</p>	<p><i>Absences</i></p>	<p>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.</p>
<p><b>Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July-</b> School Summer Fayre 1pm-3pm</p>	<p>By law, all children of compulsory school age must get a suitable, full-time education. As a parent/carer, you are responsible for making sure this happens. <b>Once your child is registered at Nettlesworth Primary School, you are responsible for making sure your child has regular and punctual attendance at school.</b></p>	<p>The minimum acceptable level of school attendance is 96%. <b>We believe as a school that identifying poor attendance early as well as working in partnership with parents we can significantly improve attendance and prevent a child becoming a persistent absentee and involvement with the Local authority.</b> Below outlines the procedure that we follow to support and improve attendance:</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July-</b> Year 5/6 Residential to Robinwood</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Class 1 Summer Showcase</li> </ul>	<p>The Local Authority (LA) is responsible for making sure that parents/carers fulfil their responsibilities, and the school must tell the LA if your child is regularly absent from school. As a parent/carer, you are committing an offence if you fail to make sure that your child attends school regularly. You run the risk of being prosecuted by the LA if your child's attendance is poor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Notice to Improve Letter - sent home to indicate to parents/cares that attendance is starting to decline. This will be sent to students below 96% attendance.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July-</b> End of Year School Reports to Parents/Carers</p>	<p><b>Reporting School Absence</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical Evidence Request Letter - sent home to request medical evidence to be provided to support absence, without this future absence will be marked as unauthorised. <b>This could be in the form of an appointment card or proof of medication given by the doctor</b></li> </ul>
<p><b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July-</b> Parents Open Evening</p>	<p>We appreciate there may be times your child is unwell or unable to attend school. As a parent you have a responsibility to:-</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parents/carers to be invited to attend a school attendance</li> </ul>
<p><b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July-</b> Year 6 SATS Results</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Contact school on the first morning of absence, providing a reason for their absence.</li> <li>○ Keep school informed on a regular basis if your child is absent for a long period.</li> <li>○ Provide medical evidence if this has been requested by the school</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July-</b> TT Rockstars Day</p>	<p>If school are not informed and unable to contact you via telephone regarding</p>	
<p><b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July-</b> Class 5 Summer Showcase 2pm</p>		
<p><b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July-</b> Arts/Culture Day</p>		
<p><b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July-</b> Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Year 6 Prom 4.30-6.30pm</li> </ul>		
<p><b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July-</b> Picnic with Parents/Carers 12pm</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- End of Term</li> </ul>		



meeting to discuss concerns and set targets to improve attendance.

- If your child's attendance falls to 90% or below, this is considered, by the Government, to be persistent absence. Where attendance falls below 90% and there are unauthorised absences a referral will be made to the Local Authority School Improvement Officer for further intervention and enforcement action may be taken.

Jo Tennis Visit

Today we had a very special visit from Jo, from LTA, she told us all about what she has achieved over the years. We thanked her for helping us to update our tennis equipment in school as well as putting on a tennis demonstration of skills. She was very impressed!

Thank you to Mr Beveridge for organising the visit and teaching us all the amazing skills!



Durham Dash

A massive well done to the 8 children who represented our school at the Durham Dash on Wednesday. They all ran a race around Beamish Museum, competing against 28 other schools from around County Durham.

We are all so proud of them and their determination to run even though the temperatures were warm!

Well done!





### Class 2 and 3 Buddhist Temple Visit

Class 1 and 2 had such an amazing time at the Buddhist Temple in Newcastle. We enjoyed viewing the artefacts and listening to stories of the origin of the Buddhist religion. We then took part in a meditation session as well as visiting the relaxation garden.



### Eco Coffee Morning

We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our first Eco Friendly School Coffee Morning. It was a massive success and we were able to raise £153.50, which will go

towards us buying equipment to help us reduce our carbon footprint as a school.

A great BIG thank you to Ross, for donating plants to school. This is part of our mission to increase the amount of indoor plants we have in school. All of our rooms now look amazing!



And not forgetting Mrs Burton and Mrs Lofthouse, thank you for baking and donating cakes and your time!

### Class 1's Balance Ability

Class 1 have had so much fun working with Coach Darren over the last two sessions to learn skills in how to ride a balance bike. Five of the class received pedals in their first session too which was amazing!

Well done Class 1





Bee Helpful – Chartwells / Bumblebee Conservation Trust – 26.5.23

## UNCRC Article 31 – leisure, play and artistic culture

A fabulous well done to our Bee conservation winners who all created a poster to raise their awareness on how we can all help save and enhance our bees.

Bikeability – 26.5.23

## UNCRC Article 31 – leisure, play and artistic culture

Rights Respecting Gold ethos demonstrated by all our children for your efforts. All our children entered the competition and 1 child was chosen as a winner from each class.



A wonderful well done to all our children in Class 5 who participated in their Bikeability and achieved their Level 1 and 2 certificates.

We are very proud of you all.

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Well done to Amira for being our overall winner.

