



Nelson Primary School
Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success

Newsletter

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Attendance

Reg	Average
Rec	94.5
Year 1	94.0
Year 2	96.8
Year 3	95.9
Year 4	96.0
Year 5	96.3
Year 6	96.2
Nursery AM	91.1
Nursery PM	90.0
School Average	95.7

Spring Term 2017
Well done to year 2 who has the highest attendance of 96.8 percent. I have highlighted Nursery AM, as well as Nursery PM, Reception and year 1, as their attendance is far too low. Please remember to send your child to school every day.

Dear Parents/ Carers

This is the first newsletter of the Summer Term. We are looking forward to a successful period of testing followed by some really creative projects.

I am very proud of two of our teachers who ran the London Marathon last Sunday. Both Mr Dye and Ms Pollius ran very well indeed for their various charities.

Our work week session for parents was very successful on Tuesday and those who took part were very excited about their prospects for the future – thank you to all those who took part.

Fiona Cullen
Head Teacher

Term Time Leave:

Changes in the law mean that the Head Teacher no longer has discretion to allow pupils to take term time leave. If you take your child out of school for any reason you will receive a fine for £60 per child per parent. This means that the mum will be fined £60 for each child and the dad will be fined £60 for each child.

The government monitors school attendance. They look at persistent absence. If your child has attendance of 90% or less they are deemed persistent absences and we are asked to follow this up and refer to the Local Authority who could take you to court. At court the penalty is either a very large fine £1000 or imprisonment. Please avoid keeping your child off school unless they are very sick and certainly **DO NOT TAKE THEM OUT OF SCHOOL WHEN THE SCHOOL IS OPEN.** Please wait until the holidays

Dates for your diary

Monday 1st May - SCHOOL CLOSED BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 8th May 2017 to Thursday 11th May 2017 – Year 6 SATS tests

Monday 22nd May – Friday 28th May Work Week (details to follow)

Monday 29 May 2017 to Friday 2 June 2017- SCHOOL CLOSED Half Term.

Thursday 8th June - School closed to children as the school is a polling station.

Wednesday 5th July - Showcase Evening

Wednesday 19th July – Year 6 Presentation Evening

Thursday 20th July - LAST DAY OF THE SUMMER TERM



Roll of Honour

This is a special board next to Ms Cull's office. If a child does something special outside school or becomes a times table titan their photograph will be displayed for everyone to see.

Faizah Begum M2-4 – Times Table Titan
Ishaq Imad M4-4 Times Table Titan
Nyah & Kai Cheung Completed a Swimathon for Marie Curie
Jihaan Elmi M2-4 Times Table Titan
Farrukh Zulfiqar M8-6 – Captain of Newham Cricket Team – runner up in cup final
Mubashar Zulfiqar T2-5 – runner up in cricket cup final
Siraj Qureshi T4-5 Runner up in cricket cup final
Ahmed Qureshi M6-6 runner up in cricket cup final

Toys in school

We are very concerned that children have been bringing spinners into school. This is a problem because they are being bought and sold by the children amongst themselves. It is very important that you do not allow your child to bring any money into school. Also, please talk to your child about this and ensure they understand that school isn't the place for buying and selling toys. Anybody found doing this will be in serious trouble.

English Conversation Club for parents and carers

Every week starting on Wednesday 26th April 14.00 – 15.15

This weekly drop-in session offers the chance for you to practise conversational English with other parents and carers. We use different activities such as games, quizzes, pictures, role-plays, online resources to get talking and the sessions are friendly and fun. There are no exams or assessments, you don't have to be able to attend every week and you can bring a younger child with you if you need to. **Come along if you feel nervous or awkward about speaking English – these sessions should help you to improve your confidence. If you have any questions please ask to speak to Jenny Wheeler, Family Support Worker.**

Attendance Challenge

We monitor attendance every week and I would like to set a challenge to every class. The class with the most weeks at 100% will win an outdoor play session after half term, with another in the last week of term in July. This does mean that everyone in your child's class must come to school every day.

Year 6 Boy becomes World Class Karate Champion

Ibrahim in Year 6 spent some of his Easter Holiday representing the country in an international karate competition held in Malta. We are delighted to announce that he was the winner. This is excellent news and we are all extremely proud of Ibrahim. I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating him for this tremendous achievement and putting Nelson Primary School well and truly on the map! Ibrahim is also on the school Roll of Honour



Nelson Pupils- mascots for Leyton Orient

Due to our continued fundraising efforts for St Joseph's Hospice some members of senior choir were invited to attend a football match at Leyton Orient. They got to carry flags onto the pitch representing the hospice, watch the match and were even allowed to take a penalty on the pitch at half time. They all had a great time especially as Leyton Orient won the match!



Help your child do well in their tests

Many of your children will be doing their National tests this term. Year 1 will be doing the Phonics Screening Test, Year 2 will be doing KS1 SATs and Year 6 will be doing KS2 SATs. Years 3, 4 and 5 will also have end of year tests.

It is very important that they are prepared for the tests. We will do our best to teach them well and prepare them for what to expect, however, they do need to have support from home too.

- Please ensure your child **comes to school every day and is on time.**
- Please ensure that your child **sleeps for at least 11 hours every night.**
- Please ensure that your child has a **drink and something to eat before they come to school.**
- Please ensure that your child has **time to exercise** (preferably outside) every day. This should be for **at least half an hour.**
- Please ensure that your child **completes all the homework tasks that are set.** In the time leading up to the tests **they will be given extra work to do.**
- Please ensure that your child **reads every day for 15 minutes.**
- All children in years 4, 5 and 6 **must know their times tables up to 12x12.**

Thank you for your support – together we can help your child be the best that they can be.

BBC Radio 2 500 words competition

Congratulations to Rahma who is through to the next round of this competition. There were 131,798 entries so it is a tremendous achievement to get through to the second round. Also Rahma is on the school Roll of Honour.



Year 4 discover Fair Trade

M3-4 went to visit Sainsbury's in Beckton to find out more about why Fair Trade is so important. The children say they learned a lot about why people should buy fair trade produce and how it helps the farmers.



Wigmore Hall Visit

We were very excited that some of pupils were invited to attend a Special Concert at Wigmore Hall in London. This is a very famous concert hall and everyone who attended had a great time.

