



**Nelson Primary School**  
Inspiring Ambition, Achieving Success

# Newsletter

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## Attendance

Reg	Average
Rec	90.3
Year 1	93.5
Year 2	92.8
Year 3	94.4
Year 4	96.3
Year 5	95.8
Year 6	93.6
Nursery AM	76.3
Nursery PM	81.1
School Average	90.8

Week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
Well done to Year 4 who has the highest attendance percentage. I have highlighted years 1, 2, 3 as well Nursery AM and PM and Reception and as their attendance is far too low. Please remember to send your child to school every day.

Dear Parents/ Carers

What a wonderful week this has been! Every child in the school and our whole community getting together to achieve so much. The Christmas performances have all been magnificent and the turnout for the Children's university graduation ceremony was superb, Ms Cull and I were so proud to see so many of our children with certificates, diplomas and even degrees. Particular well done to Hashani who gained a POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA. Thank you all for joining in with our events this week. I hope you will join me in thanking all the staff for their hard work in making our Christmas productions so special.

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

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – 100% Attendance Treat and Christmas lunch

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas parties. Children may wear party clothes on this day

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Last day of term  
**PLEASE NOTE that owing to the building project starting in January we will be closing at 1.30pm on this day**

21st Dec – 4th January - School closed - Christmas Holiday



## 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.

Danushka Kandasamy M1-2 Times Table Titan  
Aayan Duha M4-4 Times Table Titan  
Thilakshan Raveendran T1-5 Times Table Titan  
Upton Walpole T9-3 Won a gold medal in a judo competition

## Senior Choir Perform at West Ham Parish Church

The Christmas season is always a busy one for our Senior Choir. On Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December they joined some professional musicians and the All Saints Chorus to put on a wonderful concert at West Ham Parish Church. As usual, senior choir were wonderful and a particular well done to all of those children that performed solos at the concert.



## Children's University Graduation

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, 31 children from Nelson graduated from the Children's University. These children had achieved enough credits in their passports to earn certificates. The ceremony took place at the London Stadium (West Ham FC). The children collected their certificates with pride and then had the opportunity for photographs in the stadium. Thank you to all of the parents who have supported their children in earning stamps.



## Senior Choir sings at the Houses of Parliament

15 members of the senior choir had the amazing opportunity of performing at the Houses of Parliament on Wednesday evening. They joined with NewYVC choir, with whom they are partnered with, and sang in front of Baroness Coussins and Mark Hendrick MP. They were performing at an event put on by the British Council. It was an incredibly proud moment for Nelson.



# Christmas Performance Special

